

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH  
REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

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**4:30 P.M. - SPECIAL MEETING**

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**4:30 P.M. - SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**A. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

**B. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

*For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Disaster Council Meeting*

**B.1.** [For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Disaster Council Meeting](#)

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**C.1.** [APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2020.](#)

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**C.2.** [APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.](#)

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**C.3.** [APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DISASTER COUNCIL MINUTES:](#)

[A. APRIL 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING](#)

[B. APRIL 23, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING](#)

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

**D. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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**E.1.** [For eComments and Emails Received from the Public](#)

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**F.1.** [SUMMARY OF CITY EMERGENCY ORDERS AND UPDATED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2020](#)

**F.2.** [STATUS OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS/CAPACITY AND COVID-19 TESTING EFFORTS](#)

**F.3.** [STATUS OF COUNTY/CITY RECOVERY PLANNING EFFORTS](#)

**F.4.** [FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Disaster Council has not been scheduled. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled as the need arises.*

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# Administrative Report

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B.1., File #20-0959

Council Action Date:5/27/2020

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## **TITLE**

*For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Disaster Council Meeting*



# Administrative Report

C.1., File #20-0960

Council Action Date: 5/27/2020

**To: REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL**

**From: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

## **TITLE**

APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2020.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) SS  
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH       )

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*Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk*

Date: May 21, 2020



# Administrative Report

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C.2., File #20-0961

Council Action Date:5/27/2020

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# Administrative Report

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C.3., File #20-0966

Council Action Date: 5/27/2020

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**To: REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL**

**From: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

**TITLE**

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DISASTER COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. APRIL 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

B. APRIL 23, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of Disaster Council Minutes

**APPROVED BY:**

*Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A Virtual Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Disaster Council was called to order by Chair Brand at 3:01 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Brand, Vice Chair Hoefgen, Witzansky, Kauffman, Metzger, Semaan, Stratton, Gausche-Hill, Keller, Bakaly, Knoll, Elder, Ahn (signed in via teleconference at 3:31 p.m.), Sharifi, Alderson, Sanford, McKenzie

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Michael Webb, City Attorney  
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

## **SALUTE TO FLAG**

Chair Brand led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

### **A. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Chair Brand announced there will be no roll call votes on matters of routine but rather will be recorded by consensus; addressed the purpose of the Disaster Council; acknowledged City Officials, present and discussed the format for the meeting.

Motion by Chair Brand, seconded by Member Sharifi, to approve the Order of the Agenda. Motion carried, unanimously, by consensus.

### **B. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIAL**

#### **B.1** *For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Disaster Council Meeting*

Vice Chair Hoefgen discussed Public Participation items as part of Blue Folder Items which were distributed by the City Clerk earlier.

Motion by Member Elder, seconded by Assistant Director Witzansky, to approve the Blue Folder Items. Motion carried, unanimously, by consensus.

### **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **C.1.** APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL REGULAR OF APRIL 9, 2020.

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

#### **C.2.** APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano announced there were no public comments received on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Member Sharifi, seconded by Member Bakaly, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried, unanimously, by consensus.

**D. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE**

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**E.1. *For Receive & File Documents Received from the Public at the Disaster Council Meeting***

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read an email into the record, received from Wayne Craig wherein he suggests that Members of the Disaster Council should not be political appointees and opined the City Manager has excluded well-qualified individuals to represent Redondo residents; felt that the North Redondo Beach Business Association should not be represented over other Redondo Beach business associations, alleging they have refused to provide proper financial documentation and have engaged in illegal, political fundraising. He noted that Riviera Village Business Association was omitted from the Disaster Council; stressed that they need to be represented and suggested members who would bring expertise and value to the Disaster Council.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read an email from Mel Samples, registering a complaint about accessibility to the streaming video.

There were no other public comments.

Chair Brand reported the Disaster Council is prevented from commenting on comments regarding non-agenda items.

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**F.1. OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL**

**F.2. CITY OF REDONDO BEACH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

**F.3. DISCUSSION OF THE ANTICIPATED DURATION OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS - ADVISING MEMBERS OF THE DISASTER COUNCIL**

Vice Chair Hoefgen provided an overview of the Redondo Beach Disaster Council; thanked Members for their willingness to serve; noted the purpose of the Council is to assist the City in response to the COVID-19 crisis; addressed actions taken by the City so far to protect City employees and residents; spoke about the process for choosing members and commented on the Disaster Council's collective charge. He deferred to attending health professionals to comment on the anticipated duration of the pandemic and whether the City should change its message from, "Safer at Home" to "Stay at Home".

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill, Medical Director, L.A. County EMS, reported people need to have access to food and other items; agreed that people are safer at home; noted challenges with complete lockdowns; urged the public to practice social distancing when away from home and discussed difficulties in predicting how long the virus will last.



Member Dr. Stratton, Medical Advisor to the Redondo Beach Fire Department, agreed with Member Dr. Gausche-Hill's comments; believed "Safer at Home" is still an appropriate message; noted the need to be realistic in terms of expectations and messaging and urged the public to continue with social distancing protocols, wearing masks and washing hands often. He discussed the importance of flattening the curve and availability of testing relative to the duration of the virus.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill noted the number of EMS calls have gone down, substantially, including for serious illnesses like heart attacks and strokes, as people are afraid to go to hospitals for fear of being infected with COVID-19. She discussed the importance of messaging to let people know if they are really sick, it is acceptable to get emergency transport to the hospital.

City Attorney Mike Webb noted "Safer at Home" means different things to different people and stated that while the messaging is important, it is more important to define, clearly, what is meant.

Member Bakaly introduced Dr. William Kim, Chief Medical Advisor, Beach Cities Health District, discussed the importance of encouraging social distancing while still staying connected and reported that stress and anxiety have risen, making the messaging even more important in terms of defining "Safer at Home".

Dr. William Kim discussed the anticipated duration of COVID-19 noting there are many things in the mix including testing, masks, the "Safer at Home" messaging, hand-washing and social distancing. He added that the "Stay at Home" message, as defined by Chair Brand, is more like the "Safer at Home" messaging.

Assistant Director Witzansky referenced a recent Stanford study regarding herd immunity and asked how that data could disrupt the analysis in terms of rolling back the various restrictions and returning to normalcy.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill discussed looking at the prevalence and who is and is not immune noting that type of population-based testing would be extremely useful to allow those who appear to be immune to return to work. The challenge is that the length of that immunity is unknown and there have been reports out of China that reinfection could occur. She noted the need to develop algorithms on how to use the available data in order to have a return-to-work policy.

Member Elder asked about what could be done to gain access to tests.

Member Bakaly reported there is a public testing site at the Galleria which conducts approximately 250 tests per day and hoped those tests could be expanded in the near future.

In reply to Chair Brand's question regarding the accuracy of the mouth-swab tests, Dr. Kim reported the nasal swab has about a 28% false negative rate and reported people who are symptomatic with negative test results are encouraged to stay at home and get retested if they continue to be ill. He added that newer platforms may have a better sensitivity and the medical industry is excited about the prospect of expanded testing.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill discussed two tests, that are not widely distributed, that have better profiles than the tests being currently used including one by Abbott and another by Cellex and believed those will be a game-changer, once there is wide distribution.

Member Bakaly added those tests are being pressed at the State level.

Vice Chair Hoefgen discussed the State's order requiring members of the public to wear masks except in limited circumstances; noted the State's order does not have jurisdiction in the City and as a result, he is in the process of issuing a similar order and reported the County is considering issuing a similar order.

Assistant Director Witzansky asked about specific metric changes relative to impacts on hospitals and ICUs that would result in a rollback of some of the social distancing restrictions.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill noted a scarcity in ICU beds and ventilators; reported hospitals and systems are working together to ease some of the COVID-19 surge and once there is data that the number of patients being admitted and ventilated are going down, then medical professionals can begin to think about opening up those beds.

Member McKenzie asked about the availability of demographic information related to groups that are the hardest hit and Dr. Kim reported there are no hard studies, but the elderly seem to be the most affected.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill listed COVID-19 resources including CDC.gov, the L.A. Public Health website and reported that children seem to be the least affected.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read an email from Mel Samples noting the importance of consistent messaging.

There were no other public communications.

#### **F.4. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

Vice Chair Hoefgen addressed the City's significant losses of revenue and reported the City is in discussion with all Departments relative to their budgets and asking them to prepare reduction plans. He added the private sector has been most-hit and asked for input from the Council.

Member Elder discussed impacts to the hospitality industry; reported Los Angeles County is running about 30% occupancy; stated many hotels have closed and/or furloughed staff; spoke about other relevant metrics and noted the industry is looking forward to reopening.

Member Alderson thanked BCHD for the COVID-19 testing site in the Galleria and City staff for their efforts in getting that done; reported every tenant has closed, except for food operators; noted more than half of their tenants have asked for rent forgiveness and stated duration will impact their ability to collect rent from their tenants.

Member Elder spoke about cancellations, refunding deposits and efforts to relocate/reschedule groups that cancel to future bookings.

Member Knoll discussed impacts to the Chamber of Commerce; agreed many businesses are now in a zero-revenue situation; reported pick-up orders were high at the start but are starting to decrease and indicated the Chamber is trying to be as proactive as possible; addressed launch a website, redondotogo.org, with information about businesses that are still in operation and offering local resources.

Member Sharifi provided an overview of impacts to the real estate industry noting business is down about 80%; referenced guidelines issues by the California Realtors Association and reported lately, his work has been to intervene between landlords and tenants to discuss the possibility of a rent-deferral program.

Member Sanford discussed issues related to business interruption and insurance, noting all claims have been denied as there have been no physical losses to property. He addressed efforts by the restaurant industry in terms of salary cuts and furloughs; felt that getting a sense of long-term consequences would be helpful and spoke about worst-case scenarios and getting back to work and noted economic impacts will be felt long after restrictions are lifted.

Member Dr. Stratton opined that changes will probably last into next year; felt restrictions will last until late May or throughout summer and noted there will be a gradual return to normalcy. He added that herd immunity is still far but with hotter and drier weather, the virus may attenuate.

Member Bakaly discussed rebuilding, as a nation, while the threat is still present and stated a strategic framework is needed to phase back operations, based on medical data, in a regional approach.

Member Ahn reported Northrup-Grumman has implemented telecommuting and flex time; reported being in contact with the Department of Defense to address Federal customers; noted sustainability of long-term measures are not doable, but they have disaster recovery plans in place. He addressed challenges in terms of needing to supply customers and stressed the need for a regional approach in terms of an economic framework to restart normal operations.

Member Bakaly provided information regarding the BCHD Hotline whereby they offer resources and help to seniors and residents.

Chair Brand noted the testing site at the Galleria is an example of cooperation and coordination and reported it is extremely valuable.

Member Knoll agreed that the worst is yet to come; noted all industries will be impacted and discussed SBA loans.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read an email from Steven Diels, Redondo Beach City Treasurer, with recommendations regarding items the Disaster Council should consider.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger read an email from Mel Samples recommending scheduling an emergency meeting of the Budget and Finance Commission.

There were no other public communications.

Chair Brand noted any member of the Budget and Finance Commission is encouraged to contact the City Manager, Council or the City Clerk with comments.

Vice Chair Hoefgen discussed preparation of the budget; reported comments are welcomed; noted the budget process is a very public process and spoke about challenges in reinstating one commission over another.

#### **F.5. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL**

Vice Chair Hoefgen noted the need for flexibility in terms of scheduling future meetings and reported members will notified of upcoming meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Member Witzansky, seconded by Member Sharifi, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m. The motion carried, unanimously, by consensus.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A Virtual Special Meeting of the Redondo Beach Disaster Council was called to order by Vice Chair Joe Hoefgen at 3:03 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Vice Chair Hoefgen, Witzansky, Kauffman, Semaan, Stratton; Gausche-Hill, Keller, Bakaly, Knoll, Elder, Ahn (departed at 4:04 p.m.), Sharifi, Alderson, Sanford, McKenzie, Silverstrom, Ketchum

Members Absent: Chair Brand, Metzger

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Michael Webb, City Attorney  
Vickie Kroneberger, Chief Deputy City Clerk

## **SALUTE TO FLAG**

### **A. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

The Disaster Council approved the order of the agenda, by consensus, without objection.

### **B. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIAL - None**

### **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **C.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL REGULAR OF APRIL 23, 2020.**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

#### **C.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.**

**CONTACT:** ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

City Clerk Eleanor Manzano announced there were no public comments received on the Consent Calendar.

The Disaster Council approved the Consent Calendar, by consensus, without objection.

### **D. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE**

### **E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

City Clerk Manzano announced there were no public comment received under Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

## **F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

### **F.1. OVERVIEW OF THE DISASTER COUNCIL AND UPDATED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2020**

Vice Chair Hoefgen welcomed new Members Silverstrom and Ketchum; addressed the Disaster Council's first meeting on April 9, 2020; provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases and related deaths County-wide and City-wide; reported all of the closures in place two weeks ago remain in effect; addressed requirements for face coverings and social distance and noted the City's orders mostly mirror the County's orders.

Member Dr. Stratton reported currently, the City continues in the response phase but noted it is time to start thinking seriously about the recovery phase; stated hospitals in the County are stabilized; addressed capacities; indicated the economic costs are becoming onerous for everyone and believed consideration should be given to start opening up parks, beaches, the pier, using public health messaging to continue social distancing and safety protocols.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill shared Los Angeles County data being tracked including the number of acute-care beds available, the burden of COVID-19, ICU beds and capacity and availability of ventilators. She agreed with Member Dr. Stratton in terms of starting to open for economic recovery but with an eye on public safety; noted concerns about a secondary spike and supported a phased-in approach to recovery.

Member Bakaly reported City Council is reviewing a draft recover plan and deferred to Dr. William Kim for comments.

Dr. William Kim addressed hospital admissions and deaths noting a small drop in the admissions rate; opined that it would be best to stay within the County's and State's recommendations in terms of opening businesses back up; noted the need to caution and care and believed the City should continue doing what it is doing until there is a greater reduction in numbers.

In response to Member Ketchum's question regarding the impacts of sheltering in place, on domestic abuse, Member Dr. Gausche-Hill reported she has no hard figures but has heard that it has increased.

Member Police Chief Kauffman reported the Police Department has no data showing a large increase in domestic violence and noted that overall, there is a 25-30% decrease in Part 1 crimes and lately, traffic and calls for service have increased.

Member Asst. Director Witzansky asked about comparisons in hospital occupancy levels now and two weeks ago and asked about the appropriateness of continuing restrictions on specific at-risk populations. Member Dr. Gausche-Hill reported seeing a flattening of the curve but part of the problem with the data on hospitalization rates is that the patients stay in the hospital for a long time adding that the rate will increase slightly, over time, but it is not accelerating in such a way that hospitals will not get overwhelmed. She stated there is a skilled nursing facility in Costa Mesa with regional access so if hospitals cannot get patients repatriated back to their skill nursing facility because of COVID-19, they can be Fairview.

In terms of targeting restrictions to high-risk populations, Dr. Kim reported COVID-19 is not targeting specific age groups but older individuals with underlying health problems seem to be

more at-risk than younger individuals. However, younger individuals could still spread the disease.

Member Dr. Keller reported school is still in session through distance learning; commended teachers for stepping up to the challenge and noted teachers are anxious to get back to school, at the appropriate time.

Member Dr. Gausche-Hill added that, anecdotally, in other cities, it is reported that domestic violence is down.

Vice Chair Hoefgen requested copies of Member Dr. Gausche-Hill's slides to make them part of the official record.

The Disaster Council received and filed materials presented by Member Dr. Gausche-Hill, by consensus, without objection.

Member Silverstrom reported compliance has been good, especially with the presence of Law Enforcement; stated without the presence of Law Enforcement, individuals have been "herding" on the beaches; noted beach closures are a public health decision and the City will continue existing public health orders at least until May 15<sup>th</sup>; stressed they are working on the recovery phase, including limited access where physical distancing will be required and specific activities such as walking and running will be allowed. She added boardwalks and piers will remain closed, no programming, permitting or athletic events will be allowed and addressed limited access to parking lots specific vicinities. Member Silverstrom added they do not anticipate full opening of facilities until 2021.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Kroneberger announced there were no public comments received regarding this item.

Member Ketchum reported having about 5,000 customers in recreational boating and marines as well as self-storage, which are still open businesses. He believed there is increased pressure and frustration in terms of prohibitions; expressed concerns with the negative connotations of using language such as "restrictions" and the potential for civil unrest and disobedience and suggested trying to be positive in the language used.

## **F.2. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT BEACH CITIES COVID-19 STRATEGIC RECOVERY PLAN DATED APRIL 17, 2020**

Vice Chair Hoefgen commended Member Bakaly and his staff, from the Beach Cities Health District for their help; addressed discussions with them and neighboring cities; noted the importance of working collaboratively and referenced the draft Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan recently presented to the City Council for its review.

Member Bakaly presented details of the draft Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan; addressed the importance of a regional approach and creation of a dashboard for tracking key metrics; discussed the various phases and thresholds for action; noted dates are estimates; confirmed the ability to handle surges and reported a stage for reopening is the understanding that it may be necessary to return to earlier phases if there is a surge. He noted the most important action is to prevent a second wave; addressed processes that need to be in place before relaxing restrictions; discussed addressing at-risk, vulnerable populations; reported working with various Chambers to engage them in developing strategies for opening businesses and spoke about the need for additional input and next steps.

Member Asst. Director Witzansky spoke about opening City public areas and the need to work with Member Silverstrom and her department in the opening of recreational facilities and asked if May 15<sup>th</sup> is a realistic deadline for reopening facilities.

Member Silverstrom reported the Department of Public Health is working on dividing their recovery plan into five factions, based upon areas of business; added they hope to finalize a plan on Friday and hope to release it to the County and cities. She stated the Public Health Officer is aware of the public discontent with the restrictions on people's movements.

Member Asst. Director Witzansky noted the sooner good news gets to the community, the better.

Member Silverstrom added that in the areas where there has been little Law Enforcement presence, the activities observed have not been cognizant of the distancing mandates and people are not doing what they should be doing and reiterated the importance of a phased approach.

Member Ahn left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Member Asst. Director Witzansky stated that while there are bad actors out there, it is not indicative of what the broader citizenry is doing in terms of following the rules.

Member Public Works Director Ted Semaan referenced an assumption in the Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan that 96% of Los Angeles County will be exposed; asked how that will impact the recovery phase and whether there are benefits to doing mass testing.

Member Bakaly stated the plan used projections and modeling from one week ago; acknowledged they may have changed; reported that is why it uses conservative timing for recovery and addressed the availability and importance of testing.

Member Silverstrom clarified her comments regarding full opening of facilities by 2021 in terms of returning to normal operations and noted there is a large spectrum of activities that will be slowly phased in.

Member Ketchum referenced comments about all Beach Cities working together but expressed concerns that one may want to do something another city does not.

Member Bakaly explained they are suggesting coordination with other cities, with the understanding that cities can act independently.

Member Ketchum spoke about impacts to businesses, psychological impacts, a potential collapse of society and challenges in terms of coordinating with other cities. He addressed consumer confidence and the importance of positive messaging and communication in a successful recovery. He discussed the need for the City to help businesses by developing a positive uniform posting.

City Attorney Michael Webb felt the Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan is thoughtful and prudently phased but feared it will never come to fruition because the public will not allow it; noted increasing acts of civil disobedience and asked about the level of enforcement that will be needed for compliance. He addressed the governor's order relative to at-risk individuals staying home; noted data shows it is much more broad-based and asked



about the possibility of isolating those with chronic conditions and creatively loosening restrictions for people who are not high-risk.

City Clerk Manzano read email comments received from the public on this item from:

Mark Hanson, King Harbor Boater, noting that in the Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan, under the recovery phase, the recovery continuum includes mid-July to late-November but the thresholds for actions include safe vaccines, fall to spring and do not align. Additionally, the Federal Taskforce has been relaying a vaccine timeframe of 1 year to 1½ years and Mr. Hanson requested clarification of the apparent lack of alignment.

Sheila Lamb referenced comments from Member Ketchum; requested input from Law Enforcement and County Beaches and asked how the City will engage the community in a positive way to support from the public.

Joan Irvine reported reading about upcoming protests of beach closures and asked what the Redondo Beach Police Department is planning to address them.

Member Bakaly explained the timing projected in the Beach Cities COVID-19 Strategic Recovery Plan noted it is a range/goal; noted the need to engage the business sectors and reported the plan provides a framework for consideration. He added that any strategy developed needs to be focused on the at-risk population.

Member Police Chief Kauffman reported the department is placing close attention to beaches; noted they have reached out to some of the protest organizers; stated they will run the balance of enforcement, including protecting people's First-Amendment rights and encouraged the public to call the Department with questions or concerns.

Member McKenzie asked about strategies for addressing those experiencing domestic violence and/or abuse and Member Police Chief Kauffman noted differences in every city but reported in Redondo Beach, domestic violence cases resulting in an assault in April, were three and three in May and stated the number of domestic-violence related calls have decreased. He added the Department has domestic violence advocates that are still available and will respond to anyone in need of help.

### **F.3. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

Member Asst. Director Witzansky provided projections in terms of deficits in the General Fund and decreases in TOT and sales taxes, addressed cuts and the utilization of reserves and expressed concerns that long-term, the City will need to restructure the way it conducts business.

Vice Chair Hoefgen added the City Charter requires that the City release a draft budget by May 16<sup>th</sup> and all City Departments are working on various scenarios to present a balanced budget to minimize impacts to services.

Member Alderson discussed the testing site at the Galleria; reported they are still in a "zero-revenue" situation; stated they have reached out to all of their tenants who are looking forward to reopening their businesses but feared that as the restrictions continue, they will begin losing tenants. He referenced an application for repositioning the Galleria and reported those design efforts remain robust.

Member Knoll agreed with previous speakers; noted decreases in revenue by restaurants and zero revenue by retailers; believed there are ways to have a safe environment while conducting business and stressed the need to work together to make sure proper guidance is in place. He expressed concerns for small businesses and agreed with the need for clear and positive communication.

Member Sanford referenced State and Federal loans; reported a lot of the money has gone to large businesses and chains and suggested actions by the City that could help including the possibility of relaxing parking restrictions and considering creative ways for additional spaces for restaurants to maintain social distancing.

Member Sharifi addressed business closures; discussed uncertainties expressed by their clients; reported no one has reported receiving funding and asked about the possibility of opening the Library with limited hours or activities (i.e. to check out books).

Library Director Susan Anderson discussed access to the Library's digital resources and reported they are looking into a phased recovery plan with the possibility of opening up other services.

Member Knoll discussed SBA loans, the EIDL loan and the PPP program; encouraged businesses to apply and announced an upcoming survey for businesses.

City Clerk Manzano read an email from Mel Samples asking about forecasts, in the immediate- and long-terms, for losses in TOT and lease payments.

Member Asst. Director Witzansky stated this year (ending June 30<sup>th</sup>), the projected loss in TOT revenue is a little over \$4 million and \$4.5 million for next fiscal year and addressed property tax revenues and lease payments.

Member Elder agreed with Member Asst. Director Witzansky; reported she is working to understand increases in demand, now that the weather is nicer and offered to continue monitoring the situation and provide updates to the Disaster Council.

Member Silverstrom reported the County budget will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2020.

#### **F.4. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL**

Vice Chair Hoefgen reported another meeting has not been scheduled yet, but Members will be notified as the City continues to monitor the situation and calls for another meeting of the Disaster Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Disaster Council meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m., by consensus, without objection.



# Administrative Report

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## **TITLE**

*For eComments and Emails Received from the Public*



# Administrative Report

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## **TITLE**

SUMMARY OF CITY EMERGENCY ORDERS AND UPDATED CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE THE  
DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2020

## Summary of City Emergency Orders

From the Proclamation of Emergency on March 12, 2020 to May 12, 2020  
Items in **Bold** have been Implemented since April 21, 2020 and include  
Modifications made by the City Council on May 12, 2020

- Increased cleaning of restrooms and City Facilities utilized by the public, including deep cleaning and disinfecting of all high-touch areas, to inhibit the potential spread of the Covid-19/Corona Virus.
- Beginning March 13, 2020, the Anderson Park Senior Center, Perry Park Senior Center and Veterans Park Senior Center were closed until further notice. No classes, programs or operations will be held.
- Beginning March 13, 2020, Senior Excursions for the months of March and April, 2020 were cancelled. The cancellation has been extended indefinitely.
- From March 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020, all special events in the City and those at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center (RBPAC) for which the total occupancy exceeds 250 persons were cancelled. The cancellation was further expanded to include events of 50 or more and now includes full closure of the RBPAC for the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Similarly, the BeachLife Festival has been ordered postponed. Activities at RBPAC were cancelled through May 31, 2020. All Citywide Special Events were cancelled through May 31, 2020. **These cancellations have been extended through June 30, 2020.**
- All Recreation Spring Break Camps have been cancelled.
- Dissemination of best practices related to social distancing and good hygiene on the City website and other pertinent information for the prevention of community spread of COVID-19.
- Ordering the limiting of employee work-related travel.
- Preparing contingency plans for continuity of government in the event City employees contract COVID-19.
- Beginning March 15, 2020 Redondo Beach Libraries, both the Main and North Branch, and all associated programs and meetings were closed to the public until April 13, 2020. The timing of the closure is in parallel with the closure schedule announced by the Redondo Unified School District for Redondo Beach Public Schools and may be extended as necessary. These closures were extended through May 15, 2020. **These closures have been extended through June 30, 2020 unless appropriate infection control measures can be implemented consistent with Los Angeles County guidelines to allow for curbside library material pick-up.**

- Beginning March 15, 2020, the Riviera Village Sunday Farmers Market and the Veteran's Park Thursday Farmers Market have been cancelled until April 30, 2020. This cancellation has been extended through May 31, 2020 unless an operating plan can be implemented for each site that meets current LA County Health Officer Order requirements for Farmers Market Operations.
- The Perry Park Teen Center was closed beginning March 16, 2020 through April 13, 2020. No classes, programs or operations will be held. This closure was extended through May 15, 2020. **This closure has been extended through June 30, 2020.**
- All Recreation after school program operations and after-care activities were cancelled beginning March 16, 2020 through April 13, 2020. This closure has been extended to August 19, 2020, per the RBUSD school year calendar.
- Beginning March 17, 2020 all Redondo Beach City Offices and counters including those at City Hall, the Public Works Yard, Community Services Office, Police Department, and Fire Department were closed to the public.
- City Management and Department Directors are working to install alternative systems and procedures to temporarily transition core municipal services and enable public access via telephone, e-mail, or other web-based technology. Limited Plan Check services have been made available on an appointment basis via the Community Development Department. Updated information will be provided on the respective City Departmental web pages.
- The Redondo Beach Police and Fire Departments will continue to respond to calls for service and have incorporated response protocols to safeguard employees and the public to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Fire Inspection services for residential and commercial buildings have been suspended until further notice.
- The Redondo Beach Public Works Department and City contractors will continue to perform maintenance and repair work within the City – e.g. street repair and park maintenance.
- Street sweeping enforcement has been suspended until further notice.
- Meetings of the following Advisory Commissions have been suspended until April 30, 2020:
  - Budget and Finance Commission
  - Harbor Commission
  - Historical Commission
  - Library Commission
  - Preservation Commission
  - Public Art Commission
  - Public Safety Commission

- Public Works Commission
- Recreation and Parks Commission
- Suspension Appeals Board
- Youth Commission

The suspension was extended through May 31, 2020 except for the Harbor Commission and Budget and Finance Commission. **The suspension has been extended through June 30, 2020 except for the Harbor and Budget and Finance commissions.**

- The City's Information Technology Department has been exploring how meetings of the City Council and the Planning Commission can be made accessible to the public and to elected/appointed officials via web or teleconferencing.
- On March 17, 2020 and March 19, 2020 respectively, the following methods of public participation were made available prior to and during the City Council and Planning Commission Meetings:
  1. Via E-Mail in Advance of the Meeting -- Submit e-mail comments to the City Clerk (cityclerk@redondo.org) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Submittals after this time will not be duplicated and provided to members in advance of the meeting.
  2. In Person at the Meeting – The City Council Chambers will be reconfigured to ensure social distancing among members of the public and participating City Council/Planning Commission members. Space will be limited for in person participation. Seniors and individuals with underlying chronic conditions or those who are ill are encouraged to use alternate methods to provide public comment.
  3. Via Telephone During the Meeting
- Beginning March 31, 2020, and consistent with the Governor's temporary modifications to California public meeting requirements under the Brown Act, no in-person attendance will be allowed at City Council and Planning Commission Meetings. Opportunities for public participation have been revised to include the following:
  1. Via E-Mail in Advance of the Meeting -- Submit e-mail comments to the City Clerk (cityclerk@redondo.org) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
  2. Via Webinar – Members of the public can participate in the Zoom Meeting via real-time e-comments for specific agenda items. Meeting format is subject to change.
- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 all gatherings of 50 individuals or more are prohibited. All gatherings not prohibited must follow Los Angeles County Health recommendations such as social distancing and access to

hand washing facilities. This Order was revised to prohibit all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events through April 24, 2020. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been rescinded and replaced by the Order issued by Los Angeles County.**

- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 all restaurants in Redondo Beach must close their dining rooms to the public and limit their services to only preparing and offering food to customers via delivery service, via pick up for take-out dining only, or via drive thru (further described in the March 16, 2020 City Manager Order). This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been rescinded and replaced by the Order issued by the County of Los Angeles.**
- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020, Bars and Nightclubs that do not serve food, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Movie Theatres, Live performance Theaters, Bowling Alleys and Arcades have been closed (further described in the March 16, 2020 City Manager Order). This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been rescinded and replaced by the Order issued by the County of Los Angeles.**
- For the period March 16, 2020 through June 16, 2020, utility shut offs and late penalties for the non-payment of utility bills and late payment penalties for parking violations are prohibited (further described in the March 16, 2020 City Manager City Order).
- Beginning March 16, 2020, for the duration of the Emergency Period, a temporary moratorium on evictions has been implemented for the non-payment of rent or mortgage payments by residential and commercial tenants/occupants impacted by the COVID-19 crisis (further described in the attached March 16, 2020 City Manager Order). The Order grants a defense in the event that an unlawful detainer action is commenced in violation of the Order. The duration of the Emergency Period is unknown at this time and will be determined when the City Manager, in his capacity as Emergency Services Director, declares its end and the City Council ratifies his action. The Los Angeles County Emergency Order currently runs through April 19, 2020. The County Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order is superseded by the Order issued by the State of California and has been rescinded by the City.**
- Beginning March 20, 2020, operational changes were made to the Beach Cities Transit system and the Wave dial-a-ride program. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been extended through June 30, 2020.**
- For the period March 20, 2020 through April 24, 2020, City Park Playgrounds are closed to the public. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been extended through June 30, 2020.**



- For the period March 20, 2020 through April 24, 2020, Wilderness Park is closed to the public. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been extended through May 31, 2020.**
- Per the City Manager's March 26, 2020 Emergency Order, beginning March 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM through April 24, 2020 (**now through June 30, 2020 except as noted below**) at 12:00 AM, the following City spaces, parks and facilities are closed to the public:
  1. The Redondo Beach Pier, International Boardwalk and Parking Structures, except at designated locations for the purpose of picking up food at restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service. The exception is also extended to employees of any commercial businesses at the Pier that are considered Essential Businesses under California and Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Orders and any deliveries to those businesses.
  2. The Esplanade, as defined as the sidewalk and parking spaces along the west side of the street from the City's southern boundary with the City of Torrance at Calle Miramar to Knob Hill Avenue, and the Parking Lot adjacent to Miramar Park in Torrance. **The Esplanade sidewalk has been reopened. The parking spaces along the west side of the street and the Parking Lot adjacent to Miramar Park will reopen on May 26, 2020.**
  3. Veteran's Park and Parking Lots, including the public parking areas adjacent to the Elks Lodge.
  4. All public walkways, stairways, ramps, and paths that provide access to the Beach. **These beach access points will be reopened, except for the stairs at Avenue C, concurrently with Los Angeles County's reopening of the Beach for exercise and ocean water activities on May 13, 2020.**
  5. The coastal bluff trail between Knob Hill Avenue and George Freeth Way.
  6. The Pedestrian Path adjacent to the Los Angeles County Beach Bike Path between the City's southern boundary and the Redondo Beach Pier.
  7. All walkways and stairways that provide access from private residential properties to the Redondo Beach Pier and International Boardwalk.
  8. George Freeth Way, including the street, sidewalk and parking.
  9. Czuleger Park, except for the purpose of ingress and egress to residential properties adjacent to the Park. **Czulegar Park has been reopened.**
  10. Redondo Bike Path Parkette and Parking Lot.
  11. Moonstone Park.
  12. The Sidewalk, Bike Path, and Public Parking on the west side of Harbor Drive. **The Bike Path and Sidewalk on Harbor Drive have been reopened.**
  13. The Personal Watercraft Hand Launching Facility and the access road behind Seaside Lagoon. **The Personal Watercraft Hand Launching Facility will be reopened on May 15, 2020 with the implementation of social distancing and new operational requirements as determined by the Waterfront and Economic Development Department.**

14. The Public Boat Hoist located in the Redondo Beach Marina. **The Boat Hoist will be reopened on May 15, 2020 with the implementation of social distancing and new operational requirements as determined by the Waterfront and Economic Development Department.**
15. The Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, except at designated locations for the purpose of picking up food from restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service. The exception is also extended to employees of any commercial businesses at the Pier that are considered Essential Businesses under California and Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Orders and any deliveries to those businesses. **The exception will be extended to Boat Hoist and Personal Watercraft Hand Launch Facility users effective May 15, 2020.**
16. Aviation Park.
17. The North Redondo Beach Bike Path from Robinson Street to Felton Lane. **The North Redondo Beach Bike Path has been reopened, with the exception of the portions of the Path near Artesia Blvd. that are impacted by construction.**
18. The Dog Park at Dominguez Park. **The Dog Park was reopened on May 9, 2020 with the implementation of social distancing, face covering, and new operational requirements as determined by the Recreation and Community Services Department.**
19. City Park Basketball Courts.
20. City Park Tennis Courts. **Tennis Courts will be reopened concurrently with Los Angeles County's reopening of tennis court facilities with new social distancing requirements as determined by the Recreation and Community Services Department.**

This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **Except for the items modified above, this Order has been extended through June 30, 2020. If Los Angeles County re-opens its beaches for leisure activities and its coastal bike path before June 30, 2020, Order Numbers 1-12 and 15 above are rescinded as of the date of County beach leisure activity and bike-path re-opening.**

- For the period March 28, 2020 through April 24, 2020, the baseball fields at Dominguez, Alta Vista and Perry Parks are closed to the public. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been extended through June 30, 2020.**
- Further described in the City Manager's April 9, 2020 Emergency Order (which is attached), for the period April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM through April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM, workers and customers of certain businesses and essential service providers such as grocery stores, laundromats, restaurants, and hotels must wear face coverings while performing their work, visiting the businesses or receiving the service. This Order was extended through May 15, 2020. **This Order has been extended through June 30, 2020.**

- The opening of Seaside Lagoon, scheduled for May 23, 2020, has been postponed indefinitely. Reservations for facility rentals at Seaside Lagoon have also been postponed indefinitely.



# Administrative Report

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**TITLE**

STATUS OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS/CAPACITY AND COVID-19 TESTING EFFORTS



# Administrative Report

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**TITLE**

STATUS OF COUNTY/CITY RECOVERY PLANNING EFFORTS



# Administrative Report

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**TITLE**

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE REDONDO BEACH DISASTER COUNCIL