



Minutes
Redondo Beach City Council
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Open Session –Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION - None

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo announced there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

There were no public comments on Closed Session items and Non-Agenda items.

F. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: 4:31 p.m.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo announced items to be discussed in Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to recess to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. to conduct Closed Sessions attended by City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Human Resources Director Dianne Strickfaden and Outside Labor Negotiator Laura Kalty. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

F.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:

Redondo Beach Professional and Supervisory Association, Redondo Beach City Employees Association, Teamsters, and Management & Confidential Employees

- F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach
Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board
Case Number: 20STCP03193**

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.
Case Number: 23STCP00426**

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive
Case Number: 23STCV10146**

- F.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive
Case Number: 23STCP02189**

- F.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

**In re 9300 Wilshire LLC
Bankruptcy C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

- F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

Name of case:

City of Redondo Beach, a California Charter City; City of Carson, a California Charter City; City of Torrance, a California Charter City; City of Whittier, a California Charter City; City of Del Mar, a California Charter City v. Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as California Attorney General, State of California; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive
Case Number: 22STCP01143

- F.9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION** - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

Yes, in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive
Case Number: 23TRCP00325

- G. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

- H. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein,

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney
Mike Witzansky, City Manager
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

- I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky noted there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

- J. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein adjourned to the Regular City Council meeting.

6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

- A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

- B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi,
Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein,

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Brand

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk
Mike Webb, City Attorney

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein led in the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned today is “Talk like a Pirate Day”; spoke about an upcoming compost giveaway at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on October 1, 2023; announced the District 1 community meeting will be held the second Saturday of October and addressed the upcoming Spooktacular fest at Riviera Village.

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported attending the RBPB Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and attending an event at the Air Force Base honoring POWs and MIAs; thanked the RBFD for letting her go on a ride-along; commented on the dedication ceremony for the Ito Family Open Space and thanked Community Services for putting it on.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about a recent fatal accident on Artesia Boulevard and Rindge; noted he has contacted Public Works to move ahead with the necessary changes to make the intersection safer and announced the District 4 community meeting will be next Wednesday, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Behrendt announced the District 5 community meeting on September 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reported the District 2 community meeting will be in mid-October and an announcement will be made regarding the specific date and time.

E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve the order of agenda as presented. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

F. AGENCY RECESS - None

G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

G.1. For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the City Council Meeting

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo announced Blue Folder Items for Items No. J.1., H.15., H.24., H.25., M.1. and N.1.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to receive and file Blue Folder Items. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR AND REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: NONE

H.4. PAYROLL DEMANDS

CHECKS 29291-29327 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,595.97, PD. 9/15/23

DIRECT DEPOSIT 268315-268892 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,080,095.50, PD. 9/15/23

EFT/ACH \$8,191.86, PD. 9/1/23 (PP2318)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEMANDS

CHECKS 110503-110748 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,421.72

REPLACEMENT DEMANDS 110500-110502

CONTACT: WENDY COLLAZO, FINANCE DIRECTOR

H.5. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY FOR HABITAT RESTORATION AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UPPER AND LOWER POND AREAS AT HOPKINS WILDERNESS PARK

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

H.6. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVITAS FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) CONSULTING SERVICES TO RENEW THE EXISTING RIVIERA VILLAGE BID AND TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF FORMING A NEW BID FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARDWALK TENANTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000 AND THE TERM AUGUST 15, 2023 TO FEBRUARY 29, 2024

CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

H.7. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE PIPE CLEANING AND EQUIPMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE SEWER LINE CLEANING AND ROOT REMOVAL SERVICES FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$948,895

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

H.8. ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-096, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$51,244 FROM THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REPLACEMENT FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT DIGITAL VOICE RECORDING SYSTEM

APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GOSERCO, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DIGITAL VOICE RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S DISPATCH CENTER THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (CMAS) FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$51,244, UTILIZING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REPLACEMENT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

H.9. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH COAST PAINTING, INC. TO REPAINT THE AVIATION GYMNASIUM FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$40,595, INCLUDING A 15% CONTINGENCY

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.10. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-097, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO ADD THE POSITION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS / INFRASTRUCTURE SUPERVISOR**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.11. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH COAST PAINTING, INC. TO REPAINT THE DECORATIVE METAL SAIL STRUCTURES ON THE PIER FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$129,088, INCLUDING A 15% CONTINGENCY, UTILIZING \$92,773 OF DEDICATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS AND \$36,315 OF SURPLUS HARBOR TIDELANDS FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE HARBOR DREDGING PROJECT ACCOUNT**

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-092, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING \$36,315 FROM THE HARBOR DREDGING PROJECT TO THE PIER DECORATIVE SCULPTURE SAILS PAINTING PROJECT

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.12. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERTSON RECREATIONAL SURFACES TO REPLACE THE PLAYGROUND SURFACE AT ANDERSON PARK FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$162,685**

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- H.13. This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Nehrenheim for separate discussion.**

- H.14. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH QUISITIVE, LLC FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES FOR MICROSOFT M365 DIGITAL WORKPLACE, SECURITY, SINGLE SIGN ON, AND ENDPOINT MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.15. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LEWIS STANLEY, INC. DBA MINUTEMAN PRESS OF REDONDO BEACH, LLC FOR PRINT AND COPY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,988.69 FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.16. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-094, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH**

ADOPT BY 4/5ths VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-095, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$155,000 IN STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS TO THE CITY'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS FUND APPROVE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) FOR THE

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000 FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CONTACT: JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

- H.17. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE TWELVE-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 30, 2023**

CONTACT: MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER

- H.18. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ON BEHALF OF THE UCLA CENTER FOR PREHOSPITAL CARE, TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF EMT AND PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,978.80 AND THE TERM AUGUST 20, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2028**

CONTACT: PATRICK BUTLER, INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

- H.19. A This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Behrendt for separate discussion.**

- H.20. This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Nehrenheim for separate discussion.**

- H.21. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-093, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOOK OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF RECREATION COORDINATOR**

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- H.22. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CRISP ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR PRINT AND COPY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.23. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH NC COMMUNICATIONS FOR LOW VOLTAGE CABLING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS/DATA CENTER SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,999, FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

CONTACT: MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

- H.24. This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Obagi for separate discussion.**

- H.25. APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) FOR USE OF ALLOCATED COUNTY LOCAL JURISDICTION FUNDS TO LEASE MOTEL AND SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) BEDS FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$235,150 FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2024. ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-098, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$235,150 IN LOCAL JURISDICTION FUNDS FROM THE SBCCOG TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND FOR A MOTEL AND SRO BED LEASING PROGRAM.**

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Nehrenheim pulled Items No. H.13. and H.20. from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Obagi pulled Item No. H.24. from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Behrendt pulled Item No. H.19. from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

There were no public comments on the remaining Consent Calendar items.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented except for Items No. H.13., H.19., H.20. and H.24. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Resolutions No. CC-2309-096, CC-2309-097, CC-2309-092, CC-2309-094, CC-2309-095, CC-2309-093 and CC-2309-098.

I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H.13. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3260-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, COASTAL LAND USE IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGN REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH OBJECTIVE RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND DETERMINING SUCH AMENDMENTS AS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION; AND

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3259-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ZONING AND LAND USE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGN REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH OBJECTIVE RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND DETERMINING SUCH AMENDMENTS AS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

CONTACT: SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

In response to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question, City Manager Witzansky reported City Council approved by resolution the Objective Design Standards and this item is the action to implement and align the ordinance with that act; spoke about ensuring the City remains in good standing with State Housing regulations and noted the item was pulled in order to allow the full Council to consider it.

Councilmember Nehrenheim referenced the Housing Element; spoke about there being time to establish Residential Housing Guidelines; stated he is in favor of sending the item back to the Planning Commission to work through the issues that were previously brought up and noted he would like to stay with the October 2024 deadline and ensure there are no issues with HCD or possible lawsuits.

Mayor Pro Tem Nehrenheim invited public comments.

Mr. Pinzler urged Council to consider 2314 Grant Avenue; felt this is a matter that needs to go back to the Planning Commission, with City Council advice and stated it is time for Council to look out for residents versus developers.

Doug Boswell, District 3, commended the Planning Commission's work to get things right; acknowledged there may have been errors; believed that with additional time and the right advice, the Planning Commission will get it right.

Holly Osborne, District 5, spoke about development of "McMansions" and urged Council to limit them.

Councilmember Obagi summarized actions taken so far on this item and warned that if the City does not pass its Objective Residential Standards, it will lose out of thousands of dollars of grant money.

City Attorney Webb clarified Council's action and next steps.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein spoke about ensuring the item is done right; discussed the possibility of grant extensions and felt there is no rush to push this through.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to approve Item No. H.13., as presented.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to delay the implementation, review implemented ordinance and send the matter back to the Planning Commission to develop recommendations for City Council review by May 2024 with updated recommendations to be fully reviewed by Council and HCD, where needed.

Kyle Johnson, via Zoom, spoke in favor of approving Item No. H.13. and noted the need for State grant monies and for the City to build much-needed housing.

There were no other public comments on this item.

City Attorney Webb explained the allowances under the Substitute motion and the impacts.

The Substitute motion failed, 2-3, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi
ABSENT: None

The original motion carried, 3-2, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi
NOES: Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Ordinance No. 3260-23 and 3259-23.

H.19. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMPLETE PAPERLESS SOLUTIONS, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (CPS) FOR LASERFICHE SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION LICENSE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$207,874 AND THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 31, 2026

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK
JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
MIKE COOK, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTIONSEAN
SEAN SCULLY, ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Behrendt stated he will be abstaining from voting on this item.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve Item No. H.19., as presented.

The Motion carried, 4-1, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Behrendt

H.20. APPROVE THE SALES ORDER UPDATE TO MODIFY THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS, LLC FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF A SECOND SEAGRAVE FIRE ENGINE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,143,254

ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION CC-2309-091, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$108,826 FROM THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND TO THE PUBLIC WORKS 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS (PUMPER)

ADOPT BY 4/5THS VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION CC-2309-090, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$34,428 FROM THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET TO PURCHASE NEW FIRE ENGINE MOBILE RADIOS FOR THE NEW PUMPER

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

In reply to Councilmember Nehrenheim's question, City Manager Witzansky explained the increased costs for this item.

Interim Fire Chief Patrick Butler spoke about the acquisition of the second Seagrave and discussed replacing radios and other apparatus.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to approve Item No. H.20., as presented.

The Motion carried, 5-0, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Ordinance No. CC-2309-091 and CC-2309-090.

H.24. APPROVE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING AND OPERATION OF THE REDONDO BEACH EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER (PALLET SHELTER).

CONTACT: MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Obagi noted the report made reference to a fourth agreement but did not see one attached to the packet; asked for a copy of it and about what the City is contributing financially to the homeless effort.

City Attorney Webb reported the third agreement with the County ends at the end of this month; spoke about receiving money from many sources and stated the agreement extends the program for another year under the same terms.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein opened public comments for this item.

Brianna Egan, via Zoom, expressed support for the City's Homelessness Response Program and congratulated the City, Council and City staff for their excellent work.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to approve Item No. H.24., as presented.

The Motion carried, 5-0, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Lina Carrillo, President, Redondo Beach Professional and Supervisory Association (PSA), shared emails from residents commending a Public Works Manager and member of PSA; referenced the City's own salary study showing that Teamster employees are paid an average of 18% below market for their respective positions across other public sector agencies; urged City Council to do right by its employees and invest, immediately to bring salaries to market levels.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file Lina Carrillo's documents submission. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Ron Maroko, District 3, thanked Michelle Pineda for organizing the recent Ito Family Open Space Dedication and Michael Klien for his excellent work.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to receive and file Ron Maroko's submission. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Ron Maroko thanked Council for passing the resolution regarding the Ito Family Open Space and mentioned that his public records request is closed.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmember Kaluderovic, Public Works and Traffic Engineering for addressing a problems in a nearby intersection.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein closed this portion of the meeting.

K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Kaluderovic reported speaking with the public, City staff and Councilmember Obagi regarding Item No. L.1.

Councilmember Obagi spoke with the public, Councilmember Kaluderovic, City staff and the Mayor regarding Item No. L.1.

Councilmember Behrendt reported speaking with Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein and the public regarding Item No. L.1.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein spoke with Councilmember Behrendt, the public, City staff and Mayor Brand regarding Item No. L.1.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2 (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE (RBMC) PERTAINING TO SERVICE STATION REGULATIONS REGARDING GENERAL FOOD SALES. CONSIDERATION OF FINDINGS/EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT (CEQA), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINDINGS THAT SAID ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS OF EXISTING REGULATIONS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15060(C)(2), 15060(C)(3), AND 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES, AND THAT THE CODE AMENDMENTS ARE NOT A “PROJECT” SUBJECT TO SECTION 15378(B)(5).

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Open the public hearing, take testimony from staff and other interested parties, and deliberate;**
- 2. Close the public hearing; and**
- 3. Consider Introducing the below Ordinance:**

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3263-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 10-2.1602 PERTAINING TO GENERAL FOOD SALES, INCLUSIVE OF BEER AND WINE, AT SERVICE STATIONS

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, to open the public hearing. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Assistant to the City Manager Smude narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the ordinance and proposed amendments.

Discussion followed regarding prohibiting the sale of single-use containers to address potential for on-site consumption, prohibiting alcohol to be served in a tub of ice, the Planning Commission’s rationale for denying the item, shelving alcohol in the most discreet place possible, combining Conditions of Approval c and d and objectifying it, having coolers locked until a cashier verifies the person accessing the cooler is of age, advertising and signage.

Councilmember Nehrenheim discussed the number of licenses for on-premises and off-site consumption, the effects of higher density of alcohol sales in a community; noted he would not be in favor of lifting the ban and addressed benefits versus gains.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted the purchase of alcohol by minors is illegal; believed this is an undue burden on a specific type of business and felt this ordinance will allow those business to be creative and successful.

In response to Councilmember Behrendt's questions, City Manager Witzansky addressed the Conditional Use Permit process and Acting Community Development Director Scully discussed special use regulations; addressed existing anomalies in the current ordinance; noted the threshold to qualify as a liquor store is 50% of the square footage and spoke about being more restrictive than the current regulations.

Discussion followed regarding Code Enforcement, addressing violations of the CUP, termination and the revocation process, ensuring the hours of operation and compatible with surrounding uses and dealing with loitering and other nuisances.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this item.

Michael Grady, Independent and Tire Pros, adjacent to the subject service station, reported the station is struggling, financially, because of what is happening with gasoline; spoke in support of the ordinance adding that if it does not pass, his neighbor will likely go out of business and thanked City Council for the time spent on this matter.

Bashir Shahimf, Mobile Station owner, spoke about diversifying his store to see ice cream and sandwiches; discussed increasing gas prices and the move to electric vehicles and urged Council to approve the item to enable him to continue in business.

Don Szerlip provided a listing of police calls for service from specific service stations in the City; listed businesses for which he requested similar information; opined the City is discriminating against one specific station; urged Council to approve the ordinance and expand the changes to the Coastal zone.

Samuel Mauritanian spoke about his many requests to operate his gas station the same as others in the City; discussed changes in laws including cannabis and reported he uses large magnetic locks for increased security.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about the number of alcohol sales occurring in District 1 and discussed increased vacancies along Artesia Boulevard.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to close the public hearing. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Discussion followed regarding the process for revocation, defining nuisance, history of revocations of liquor sales permits and the definition of loitering.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3263-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 10-2.1602 PERTAINING TO GENERAL FOOD SALES, INCLUSIVE OF BEER AND WINE, AT SERVICE STATIONS with the following amendments to the Conditions of Approval: The Conditional Use Permit, when issued for general food sales shall always include a condition to the effect of, if there are instances of nuisances arising from the general food sales, including but not limited to loitering, panhandling, harassment of neighbors or noise problems, that should be a basis for revocation of the CUP, in addition, the display area or storage shelves for alcohol shall be concealed to the maximum extent possible to avoid visibility of alcohol sales from the entry to the store or the outside, amending Item J to include "or from

the entry of the service station” and that any additional conditions identified through the CUP process shall be complied with.

The Motion carried, 4-1, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: Nehrenheim
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Ordinance No. 3263-23.

M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

M.1. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3262-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-1.01 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

CONTACT: LUKE SMUDE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Witzansky summarized the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein stated he opposes changing the time as he is concerned about people being able to participate in meetings.

Councilmember Nehrenheim reiterated his opposition to changing meeting times; spoke about community meetings and discussed making it easier for the public to participate in meetings.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted this item began with discussions to increase meeting efficiency and Council is still discussing the matter; suggested respecting the process and not keep bringing things up for discussion once they have been approved and stated if problems arise, the ordinance can be changed in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about people having a hard time attending meetings after work and urged City Council not to change the starting time to 5:00 p.m.

G.P. Suddeth, District 5, acknowledged challenges of working residents to attend meetings and opposed changing meetings to an earlier start time.

Doug Boswell, District 3, suggested changing the agenda so that popular or “hot” topics are heard earlier in a meeting and noted it is not a matter of start time, but what is on the agenda.

Wayne Craig spoke about the importance of allowing the public to speak.

Leslie Campeggi mentioned the City’s own employees in attendance, were unable to come to the meeting before 6:00 p.m.; opined that unless and until efficiencies are not improved among Council, it does not matter what time you start and voiced support for leaving the start time at 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Skiba, via Zoom, opposed changing Council meeting times.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about this being a small change; noted if it results in affecting people’s ability to

participate in meetings, it can be changed back and discussed the need for City Council to consider important matters earlier in the day, while fresh.

Councilmember Nehrenheim mentioned that not one person spoke in favor of this item.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, to ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3262-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-1.01 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

The Motion carried, 3-2, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi
NOES: Nehrenheim, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
ABSENT: None

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read title to Ordinance No. 3262-23.

N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CITY'S POSITION ON THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) C (GREEN) LINE EXTENSION TO TORRANCE PROJECT AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR CHARTERING A BUS TO THE OCTOBER 26, 2023 METRO BOARD MEETING

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Councilmember Behrendt announced the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) is a client of the law firm that employs him and neither he nor the firm have done any work on the C Line extension; stated he does not believe there is a legal conflict of interest, but out of an abundance of caution, recused himself from hearing the item and left the Council Chambers.

City Manager Witzansky thanked Nikki Negrete Mitchell and other members of the community for their work representing the cities and the community's interest; reported Metro has released additional information pertaining to the EIR including consideration of new alternatives, cost estimation and analysis and noted this is an opportunity for Council and residents to review the material and to act on the City chartering a bus to the October 26, 2023 Metro Board Meeting.

Public Works Director Semaan narrated a PowerPoint presentation with a review of the Metro C Line Extension Project and discussed the high-frequency bus and the no build options, travel time projections, introduction of a hybrid system, projected schedule comparisons, costing and timelines, local match requirements, the Metro C Line upcoming meetings and EIR timeline and asked Council to consider chartering a bus for residents to attend the October 26, 2023 Metro Board Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein invited public comments on this matter.

Janette Kurth, District 3, spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option; expressed safety concerns related to other options and specifically opposed the ROW option.

Colleen Villegas thanked Council for its support; spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and in opposition to the ROW option and urged Council for its continued support.

Bill Hall, District 3, listed risks and potential problems related to the ROW option and spoke in support of the

Hawthorne Boulevard elevated alignment for the Metro C Line Extension.

Ray Holler, Lawndale, noted the Hawthorne Boulevard option is more cost effective than other options; hoped City Council will continue to support it and discussed ridership, estimated cost comparisons.

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option; referenced Metro's claims that support for the Hawthorne options is an attempt to kill the project and urged City Council to support the Hawthorne option.

Don Szerlip, District 4, spoke about the importance of the project; asked that Council support it, at least through the City of Torrance; objected to the City chartering a bus to provide transportation for residents to the Metro Board meeting and suggested that residents provide their comments, online.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about her work on this matter; discussed efforts to unfairly misinform and mislead the public regarding the preferred option and urged City Council to support the Hawthorne Boulevard elevated alignment option and chartering a bus to the Metro Board meeting.

Rose Rodriguez, Lawndale, spoke about Torrance misrepresenting information and a faulty survey misleading the public and voiced about support for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Brian Naguchi, District 4, believed that building the rail along the ROW will destroy the community; discussed environmental impacts and safety concerns; shared recent incidents related to transient people in connection with the Transit Center and expressed support for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Nassima Daroui, Lawndale, begged City Council to continue to advocate for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Chelsea Schreiber, Lawndale, reported the City of Lawndale has booked a charter bus for residents to attend the Metro Board meeting; noted the Lawndale residents support the Hawthorne Boulevard option and stressed the importance of being there and showing the Metro Board the people that will be impacted by their decision.

Matthew Lewis, District 5, expressed support for the Hawthorne Boulevard option; spoke about minimizing impacts on people living near the ROW; referenced the Metro Board's choice of a Locally Preferred Alternative in October and stated residents need to let the Board know they should use the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Holly Osborne spoke about Metro lacking in transparency and technical integrity and discussed discrepancies, omissions and errors in the DEIR report.

Doug Boswell, District 3, urged City Council to convince Metro to select the Hawthorne Boulevard Elevated option for the extension of the Metro C Line and spoke about the importance of residents, City Council and City staff moving forward in one voice.

Jennifer Dodge spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option; listed problems with the ROW option and commented on the Torrance survey.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to grant Jennifer Dodge a 30-second extension for her comments. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Jennifer Dodge urged City Council to stay the course and advocate for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Jeep Suddeth sang in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option for the Metro C Line Extension.

Wayne Craig spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and suggested reaching out to Councilmembers in Torrance to discuss the matter and urged Council to stay the course.

Sam Range, Los Angeles, spoke about the importance of having the project built quickly and efficiently; discussed the need for more urgency and avoid a tunnel vision approach; mentioned the Hawthorne option may have the project go back into study mode and requires the acquisition of new property in the Hawthorne alignment and commented on the City chartering a bus to send a group of people to the Metro Board meeting.

Candance Nafissi urged City Council to allocate funds for transportation to the Metro Board meeting and hoped Council will send another letter to Metro indicating Redondo Beach residents are all on the same page in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Margarita Hussein, District 3, spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option; spoke about vibrations from trains causing damage to structures and urged Council to support the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Kyle Johnson, District 1, via Zoom, spoke in favor of the C Line extension and of the ROW option because of its affordability and timelines, agreed with Sam Range's comments; discussed the possibility of having a less favorable option approved and commented on Council's duty to represent all of the people and the options that are most popular.

Brianna Egan, District 1, via Zoom, spoke in support of the C Line extension; referenced a letter by Abundant Housing L.A.; noted it is alignment neutral; asked for Council support of the project; mentioned the goal should be to stop freeway expansion and highway widening in the South Bay and ask Metro to allocate the \$1.5 million from highway funds towards constructing the Hawthorne Boulevard Elevated option as well as provide specific mitigation for challenges along the ROW.

Matthew Horowitz, District 4, via Zoom, urged City Council to push for the Hawthorne Boulevard option for the Metro C Line Extension project.

Jill Love, District 4, via Zoom, spoke in support of the project and specifically, the Hawthorne Boulevard alignment option; referenced an email she sent to City Council and listed public safety concerns regarding the ROW option.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to grant Jill Love a 30-second extension for her comments. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

Jill Love listed mitigation measures suggested by Metro in connection with the ROW alignment and felt they are insufficient to address the negative impacts of the ROW option.

Avery Shaham, District 5, via Zoom, spoke in opposition to the City chartering a bus to send residents to Metro; discussed costs related to building the elevated Hawthorne Boulevard option; mentioned that 19% of residents support the Hawthorne Boulevard alignment and Metro's plan to build a "quiet zone" along the ROW and urged Council to support the at-grade, ROW alignment.

Matt Wehner, via Zoom, spoke in support of the project and the hybrid alignment option.

Nancy Skiba, District 4, via Zoom, noted it is not unusual for trains to derail and spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Liam Wash, District 5, via Zoom, urged City Council to support the project and voiced support for the ROW option.

Kurt Canfield, via Zoom, spoke about increased fear; discussed challenges with assessing risk and commented on City Council marrying itself to an outcome.

Ana Magdesian, District 4, via Zoom, spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and in opposition to the ROW option.

Karen Ruby, via Zoom, spoke about Metro estimates being incorrect in terms of the preferred option and noted the proximity of schools under the ROW option.

Zheng Ling, District 3, via Zoom, spoke in support of the project; noted the ROW option is more time and cost effective than other options and felt residents should find their own transportation to the Metro Board meeting.

City Clerk Manzano reported receiving 17 eComments: 14 in support, 2 neutral and 1 opposed to the project.

Paul Taylor, Lawndale, spoke in support of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and noted the ROW would be too disrupting and in the long run, would be more costly.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein closed public comments on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein advocated for the Hawthorne Boulevard option; spoke about the City of Torrance using tax money for mailers advocating their position; discussed elements that would add to ridership and commented favorably on chartering a bus to the meeting.

Councilmember Obagi agreed with the Hawthorne Boulevard option and chartering a bus to the Metro Board meeting; thanked Nikki and Kevin Mitchell, Holly Osborne and Ray Holler for their activism; spoke about two BNSF trains crashing into each other and a proposal to establish an in-house Police Department; noted that haste makes waste, that the project should be done the right way and addressed the COG's position and ridership. Additionally, he addressed sending a revised letter to Metro, advocating for Hawthorne Boulevard as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), focusing on the benefits of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and problems with the ROW option; suggested removing the questions from the draft letter or changing them into statements and using the arguments made by the "No on the ROW" group, Mr. Holler and Dr. Osborne and supported chartering a bus to the Metro Board meeting.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about his process for considering the matter; discussed ridership through commercial areas; referenced a documentary that is factually incorrect; addressed doing the project, right; displayed a video of a train on the ROW; talked about increased density in the Galleria focus area and voiced support for the Hawthorne Boulevard option.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted the Hawthorne Boulevard option brings an economic center to residents and suggested using public transportation to attend the Metro Board meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein, to direct staff to send a revised letter to Metro, advocating for Hawthorne Boulevard as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), focusing on the benefits of the Hawthorne Boulevard option and problems with the ROW option, removing the questions from the draft letter and changing them into statements and using the arguments made by the "No on the ROW" group, Mr. Holler and Dr. Osborne and approve chartering a bus to the Metro Board meeting.

The Motion carried, 4-0, with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Kaluderovic, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein
NOES: None
ABSENT: Behrendt (Recused)

O. CITY MANAGER ITEMS - None

P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS

P.1 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein announced this item is tabled until the first City Council meeting in October.

Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF - None

R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

R.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:

Redondo Beach Professional and Supervisory Association, Redondo Beach City Employees Association, Teamsters, and Management & Confidential Employees

R.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach

Case Number: 22TRCP00203

R.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board

Case Number: 20STCP03193

R.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.

Case Number: 23STCP00426

R.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Case Number: 23STCV10146

R.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Name of case:

9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo

**Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive
Case Number: 23STCP02189**

- R.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:
In re 9300 Wilshire LLC
Bankruptcy C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

- R.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:
City of Redondo Beach, a California Charter City; City of Carson, a California Charter City; City of Torrance, a California Charter City; City of Whittier, a California Charter City; City of Del Mar, a California Charter City v. Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as California Attorney General, State of California; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive
Case Number: 22STCP01143**

- R.9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:
Yes, in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive
Case Number: 23TRCP00325**

S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 p.m.

T.1. Adjourn in Memory of Kimberly Wachholz, Former City Employee from the City Clerk's Office

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m., in Memory of Kimberly Wachholz, Former City Employee from the City Clerk's Office, to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein so ordered.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk