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9. (22-1217) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute contract amendments, including a term extension to January 4, 2029, to Contract ML16017 for Local Government Match Program funding with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee through the South Coast Air Quality Management District. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		That's a lot of effort for a handful of "clean natural gas" vehicles -- the money would've been better spent on ZEV's, which unlike CNG's, deliver more goods than one.	10/18/2022
11. (22-1219) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP FM-22-157 and award a contract to John Gross, dba Financial Management and Systems Consulting, of Scottsdale, AZ, for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) embedded quality assurance and other sponsor support, in an amount not to exceed \$165,600, for a period of six months, with the option to renew for one additional six-month period, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		"There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation." That is a very interesting statement on this matter. After all the whole dog and pony show of a competitive bid and scoring system, it behooves to ask: Is John Gross an employee or a contractor?	10/18/2022
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15. (22-1223) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary for an Amended and Restated Lease with Bonseph Long Beach, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for City-owned property at 3605 East Spring Street at the Long Beach Airport. (Districts 4,5)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Let's see what those infrastructure investments look like...	10/18/2022
17. (22-1225) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for their Climate Resilient Grant Program for the El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project; if awarded, accept an amount up to \$1,500,000 for completion of the Duck Pond Restoration Project; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 4)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Pretty sure the Duck Pond isn't on the shortlist of impact investments for "climate resiliency" for the San Gabriel River Valley...	10/18/2022
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<p>18. (22-1226) Recommendation to find that all requirements of the final parcel map for the construction of a new 21-story mixed-use high-rise, containing 187 dwelling units, for the Broadway Block project, located at 330 East 3rd Street and 333 East Broadway, have been met; approve the final parcel map for Parcel Map No. 82965; showing a 10 foot width easement for public utility facilities, limited height easement and surface easement for public access, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute subdivision agreements; and</p> <p>Determine that the development project is within the scope of the previously certified Downtown Plan PEIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2009071006) and the Broadway Block Project Downtown Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum, and that no further environmental analysis is needed. (District 1)</p>	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		<p>Because I live close to this project, I've watched it reach "completion" in record time. The shoddy workmanship doesn't matter to this clowncil, because none of you will ever set foot inside, but it's a travesty. The bones of the building are uneven, the floors were all pre-made and palleted in place. It's just another eyesore in what was once a beautiful downtown with interesting buildings and plenty of open space. The new administration MUST DO BETTER. THIS PLACE SUCKS.</p>	10/18/2022
<p>19. (22-1227) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the Knight Foundation and/or the Long Beach Community Foundation, to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Technology and Innovation Department's Long Beach Collaboratory Program, for program activities including community engagement, technology deployment, and technology training; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Services Fund Group in the Technology and Innovation Department by \$150,000, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>"The Program will generate excitement around new technology and give communities the ability to design inclusive and sustainable technology solutions that work for them. The technology implemented through this program will catalyze additional funding for neighborhood improvements."</p> <p>Grant program funding for digital inclusion for... wait for it... wait for it... more grant applications for private monies to pay for basic public infrastructure (i.e. "neighborhood improvements").</p> <p>Does one need a degree to process this verbiage digitally, or is that included in the, um, training here?</p>	10/18/2022

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Blake Nicolai	blakenicolai@gmail.com		<p>I am a lifelong Long Beach resident and have met a number of people in my neighborhood who have been affected by one of these installations. The appeal process is not fair and equitable. There have been dozens of appeals and it is my understanding that every resident has been denied by their appeal officer. Our home will be impacted by one of these installations as well and the LB Public Works has told us that they will offer no consideration for the health implications, adverse aesthetic impact, decrease property value, etc. The only consideration they will give is if the City or the telecom company makes a mistake on the application for the installation. This program is not fair to the tax paying citizen as they are given an appeal, but there is no way or almost no way for the resident to win the appeal, therefore big telecom has the ability to place these poles wherever they want in our neighborhoods. We are in support of the appellant, Moira Hahn and Mark Hotchkiss.</p>	10/18/2022
PUBLIC COMMENT	Roger Holman	rholman@vipmail.com		<p>How can City Council approve an item that now (as of today, see below) has "Scientific evidence that invalidates health assumptions underlying the FCC and ICNIRP exposure limit determinations for radiofrequency radiation: implications for 5G"?</p> <p>Note that this report is "PEER REVIEWED" science and was just published TODAY. You may view this report at: https://rdcu.be/cXMrC</p> <p>CROWN CASTLE has long had an advisory in it's FORM 10-K SEC filings under "RISK FACTORS" that "... possible health risks associated with cellular or other wireless connectivity services and wireless technologies (such as 5G) may slow or diminish the growth of wireless companies and deployment of new wireless technologies, which may in turn slow or diminish our growth." and "We currently do not maintain any significant insurance with respect to these matters."</p> <p>How can City Council make a representation that this is safe for the neighborhoods? It is not possible. PROTECT THE LONG BEACH PUBLIC. DO NOT DENY THE APPEAL.</p>	10/18/2022

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<p>23. (22-1231) Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with the Long Beach Airport and stakeholders to establish a plan to reduce lead pollution and implement programs to transition to unleaded aviation fuels, and report back to City Council in 60 days.</p>	<p>Dave Shukla</p>	<p>dave.shukla@gmail.com</p>		<p>Support.</p> <p>Just to be clear, that's Support for this week's #23 (taking the lead out of avgas and other aviation fuel uses).</p> <p>Our Long Beach Airport is "the nation's second worst lead polluter among airports, emitting more than 1,500 pounds of lead each year."</p> <p>Not all too surprising for a town that elevates two of the most destructive individual organisms in natural history of the earth: Charles Kettering and Thomas Midgeley.</p> <p>However, wait for it... wait for it... Our town can do better!</p> <p>Just like all the other cities that have taken the lead out of their local airports.</p> <p>This is a good first step.</p>	<p>10/18/2022</p>
<p>24. (22-1232) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 33203 with KPMG LLP, a Delaware limited liability partnership, of Irvine, CA, for specialized services in connection with the annual financial audits, to increase the contract</p>	<p>Anne Proffit</p>	<p>anne@highpowermedia.com</p>		<p>We have a highly paid auditor who claims to be competent at her job. Why hasn't she performed any audits over the past few years? Why do we continually bring in outside sources to do work our highly-paid auditor and staff should be doing? This is a waste of - sorry - OUR MONEY.</p>	<p>10/18/2022</p>

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26. (22-1234) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code to increase the refund threshold for City Manager and City Attorney authorization to \$50,000. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Oppose.</p> <p>"Most importantly, increasing the refund threshold increases the timeliness of refund approvals and issuance of refunds."</p> <p>Most distressingly, increasing the refund threshold decreases the amount of staff time used for matters other than refund approvals and issuance of refunds, like following CEQA or scrutinizing the conditions of these CUP's (Conditional Use Permits).</p> <p>If there are CM's staff that have a working knowledge of the complex web of CUP's in their districts, it would be great to be put in touch with them about some the issues, notably with utilities, their unexamined approvals can create. I can't think of a single Council Member staff person capable so.</p>	10/18/2022
27. (22-1235) Recommendation to adopt resolution approving the 2022-2025 Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Firefighters Association. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		A MOU with the fire department's union? I thought they paid you for that? No more under the table dealings. Unfortunately for you, WE ARE WATCHING.	10/18/2022
29. (22-1243) Recommendation to request City Manager work with the City Attorney to draft a statement of solidarity with the women of Iran who are protesting their government in light of the killing of Masha Amini.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>This gesture would have been much more meaningful a month ago.</p> <p>As do policy choices that are more than symbolic gestures</p>	10/18/2022

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38. (22-1247) Recommendation to adopt resolution granting Councilmember Roberto Uranga a Leave of Absence from City Council Meetings. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		Mr Uranga had a stroke. He is neither physically nor mentally capable of doing the myriad of jobs you've given him. He should take more than a leave of absence while he recovers. He should RESIGN all of his commissions, appointments and certainly his clowncil position so that someone capable can do his job. He certainly can't.	10/18/2022