

Patrick O'Donnell, Chair
James Johnson, Vice Chair
Robert Garcia, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:33 PM)

At 3:33 PM, Chair O'Donnell called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:33 PM)

Councilmembers O'Donnell and Johnson

Present:

Councilmembers Garcia

Absent:

Also present: Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives; Diana Tang, Government Affairs Analyst; Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney; Carolyn Harris, City Clerk Specialist.

- 1. 12-0462 Recommendation to approve the minutes of the State Legislation Committee meeting held November 15, 2011.
A motion was made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and Johnson
Absent: 1 - Garcia

SECOND ROLL CALL (3:35 PM)

Councilmembers O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

Present:

- 2. 12-0464 Recommendation to receive and file a staff report on the current State Legislative session.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, gave an oral report.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember Garcia joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Johnson spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

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Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Member Garcia, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

Agenda Item No. 4 was considered prior to Agenda Item No. 3.

3. 12-0465 Recommendation to receive and file a staff report on the California State Budget.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, gave an oral report.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Garcia and Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Chair Johnson spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Member Garcia, seconded by Vice Chair Johnson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

4. 12-0466 Recommendation to support Senate Bill 1243 (Lowenthal) regarding bunker fuel and to forward recommendation to City Council for approval.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, gave an oral report.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

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Bill Pearl, Long Beach Report.com, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Chair Johnson spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Peter Carowdy spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

Keyata Woolworth spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Ron Costun spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Member Garcia, to support Senate Bill 1243 (Lowenthal) regarding bunker fuel and forward to City Council for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

5. 12-0467

Recommendation to receive and file a staff report and Committee discussion of Assembly Bill 678 (Pan) and forward discussion as appropriate to the City Council.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Bill Orton, representative on behalf of Senator Roderick D. Wright, spoke; and submitted a letter of support.

Cory Allen, representative on behalf of Assemblymember Ricardo Lara, spoke; and submitted a letter of support.

Rex Pritchard, President of Long Beach Firefighters Association, spoke.

Helen Ansel, representative on behalf of Senator Alan Lowenthal, spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

John Briscoe spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Member Garcia, seconded by Vice Chair Johnson, to support Assembly Bill 678 (Pan) and forward to City Council for their consideration and support. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

6. 12-0367

Recommendation for State Legislation Committee to review, deliberate and report to the City Council its findings and recommendations concerning the Homeowner Bill of Rights legislation currently pending in the California State Legislature.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Diana Tang, Government Affairs Analyst, presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Johnson spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Johnson and Diana Tang, Government Affairs Analyst.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Member Garcia, to take no position on Senate Bills 1470 and 1471; to support, if amended to include Federal protections, Senate Bills 1472 and 1473; and forward to City Council for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - O'Donnell, Johnson and Garcia

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:24 PM)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT (4:24 PM)

At 4:24 PM, there being no objection, Chair O'Donnell declared the meeting adjourned.

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