

Patrick O'Donnell, Chair
Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Chair
Tonia Reyes Uranga, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 2:03 P.M., Chair O'Donnell called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs; Julia Brown, Government Affairs Analyst, Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney; and Dina Lopez, City Clerk Specialist.

Councilmembers O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Present:

Councilmembers Reyes Uranga

Absent:

1. 08-0822 Recommendation to approve the State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of February 13, 2008.

A motion was made by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to receive and file the State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of February 13, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

2. 08-0823 Recommendation to receive and file report from staff regarding the current State Legislative Session.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

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Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued his staff report.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

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A dialogue ensued.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued his report.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

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Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was moved by B. Lownethal, seconded by O'Donnell, to receive and file, and forward an update on the State Legislative Session to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

3. 08-0824 Recommendation to receive and file report from staff on the State Budget.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued his report.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to receive and file the report on the State Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

4. 08-0825 Recommendation to receive and file report from staff on status of AB 2593 (Adams) and forward discussion from committee as appropriate to the full City Council.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued his report.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell, to receive and file the staff report, and forward the communication onto the full City Council as a part of the State Legislation Committee Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

5. 08-0826 Recommendation to review and discuss support for Senate Bill 691 (Calderon) regarding scrap metal theft and forward discussion from committee as appropriate to the full City Council.

Julia Brown, Government Affairs Analyst, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

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Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

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A dialogue ensued between Chair O'Donnell and Julia Brown, Government Affairs Analyst.

Julia Brown, Government Affairs Analyst, spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell, to receive and file the staff report, and forward a request to support SB 691 (Calderon) to full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

6. 08-0827 Recommendation to review and discuss support for Senate Bill 1420 (Padilla) regarding nutritional information availability for consumers and forward discussion from committee as appropriate to the full City Council.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, introduced Julia Brown who provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Dr. Julie Bolton, Public Health Physician Contractor, Long Beach Health, and Human Services, spoke.

A motion was made by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell, to receive and file the staff report, and forward a request to support AB 1420 (Padilla) to full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

7. 08-0828 Recommendation to receive and file report from staff and review and discuss status of Metropolitan Transportation Authority/Los Angeles County Sales Tax initiative.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

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Chair O'Donnell spoke.

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A dialogue ensued.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell stated that this item will be continued to the next meeting of the State Legislation Committee.

Councilmember B. Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by O'Donnell, seconded by B. Lowenthal, that the item be laid over to the next meeting of the State Legislation Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

8. 08-0829 Recommendation to review and discuss sober living homes or “six packs” as referred from full City Council, with discussion including but not limited to current laws, City lobbying efforts, and public safety, health and code enforcement issues involved with these facilities.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O’Donnell spoke

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Chair O’Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair O’Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by O’Donnell, seconded by B. Lowenthal, to receive and file the staff report, and forward communication as a part of the State Legislation Committee report to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O’Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

9. 08-0831 Recommendation to receive and file report from staff on the status of SB 974 (Lowenthal) regarding container fees.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, provided a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O’Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O’Donnell, to receive and file staff report, and forward communication as a part of the State Legislation Committee report to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yes: 2 - O’Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

10. 08-0830 Recommendation to review and discuss proposal to sponsor legislation regarding public notifications appearing on internet news sites.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, spoke regarding a request of direction to take on this issue from the Committee.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by O'Donnell, seconded by B. Lowenthal, to receive and file the staff report, and request staff to monitor the item and report back to the Committee at the next meeting of the State Legislation Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - O'Donnell and B. Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - Reyes Uranga

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.

There were no public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:04 P.M., there being no objection, Chair O'Donnell declared the meeting adjourned.