

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of July 5, 2022

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	diana lejins	dianalejins@yahoo.com		While saying the Pledge at council, please remember when there is such a disparity in open space/parkland between east/west Long Beach, it is strictly hypocrisy. Equity in this city is just an empty word.	7/3/2022
1. (22-0727) Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute an Amendment to Agreement No. 35523 for legal services with the firm of Jarvis, Fay & Gibson, LLP, to add an additional \$20,000, in the matter of Diana Lejins; Angela Kimball v City of Long Beach, Case No. 18STCP02628.	diana lejins	dianalejins@yahoo.com		<p>This city has become nothing less than a Chicago-by-the Sea.</p> <p>Why should the taxpayers continue paying for gross mistakes of the city attorney's office. Let the city attorney's office take it out of their own inflated budget along with the Measure M \$800,000+ plaintiff attorney fees.</p> <p>The taxpayers are being penalized in the form of general fund grabs which equal reduced services and higher fees/taxes/parking tickets. We already have some of the highest taxes in the nation.</p> <p>Also, why are we spending so much \$\$ farming out work that the city attorney should be handling? What purpose does he even serve? It seems like the taxpayers have become his personal piggy bank.</p> <p>The big elephant-in-the-room question is...how much have this firm</p>	7/3/2022
2. (22-0728) Recommendation to adopt resolution Setting the Days and Hours of Operation for Parking Meter Zones 1 and 1A Pursuant to Section 10.28.130 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. (District 3)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		<p>Dear Councilmembers: On the topic of parking... there is a public perception among neighbors who drive that parking enforcement was reduced due to the pandemic, and so driver behavior has deteriorated accordingly. Put simply, people believe they'll get away with bad parking, so they ignore parking rules more often. This is particularly true when it comes to double parking in the street and blocking bike lanes, both of which create dangerous situations for riders and cyclists. As a non-driver, I use bike lanes every day. And every day, I have to swerve into and out of traffic due to illegal parking. I would like to see increased/restored parking enforcement so that I can ride safely in the street during my morning and evening commutes. Enforcement is important.</p>	6/27/2022

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9. (22-0735) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a vehicle demonstration agreement, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC, of Whittier, CA, to demonstrate an all-electric, rear-loading refuse truck, at no cost to the City of Long Beach, for a period of 90 days, with the option to renew for two additional one-month periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Dear Councilmembers: I strongly support this motion because it's a tangible investment in climate action. I've previously scolded this Council for approving gasoline and diesel-powered vehicle purchases, which lock in emissions for decades. By contrast, this demonstration project will help to scale up the adoption of new technologies by providing market validation and performance data for EV manufacturers and distributors. Vote yes for this low-lift climate action.	6/27/2022
10. (22-0736) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with Quinn Company of the City of Industry, CA, for the purchase of a 375-kilowatt emergency generator and trailer, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Sourcewell, (formerly the NJPA), of Staples, MN, with Caterpillar, Inc., contract 120617-CAT, in a total amount not to exceed \$289,983, inclusive of taxes and fees. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		<p>Even with its CARB certification and pollution-reducing modifications, I still write in opposition to this diesel-powered engine on the basis that climate change demands we pursue alternative solutions. Purchasing fossil fuel-powered equipment like this generator today locks in emissions for the entire life cycle of the product.</p> <p>As an alternative, I encourage the Council and City Staff to explore reducing the Customer Service Call Center and Gas Services Dispatch Division's reliance on grid energy (thus reducing risk of outage) and consider energy storage solutions that would provide additional benefits beyond just emergency power (for example demand management). As an example, Tesla's Powerwall provides 13.5kWh of backup energy storage.</p>	6/27/2022

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<p>11. (22-0737) Recommendation to receive and file Contract No. 36227 with the Illumination Foundation, of Orange, CA, to provide operation services of the Project Roomkey program, a 47-unit property located at 1500 East Pacific Coast Hwy that is currently being used as interim housing for people experiencing homelessness and in a COVID-19 high-risk category, in a total amount not to exceed \$412,807 from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, made pursuant to Chapters 2.69 and 2.85 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) and in response to the proclaimed emergency for COVID-19. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Padric Gleason Gonzales</p>	<p>padric.gleason@gmail.com</p>		<p>Project Roomkey should continue to be scaled up to provide our unhoused neighbors with access to shelter and ancillary services such as healthcare, counseling, and social reintegration. Please support this motion.</p>	<p>6/27/2022</p>
<p>16. (22-0741) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents with the LA84 Foundation to accept Learn to Swim 2022 grant funds in the amount of \$15,000, for summer aquatics programs targeting economically disadvantaged youth at Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool, Silverado Pool, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool, from July 6, 2022 through August 26, 2022; and, execute all necessary documents to implement and administer the grant including any amendments. (Districts 3,6,7)</p>	<p>Jason Avila</p>	<p>jason.avila@gmail.com</p>		<p>Glad to see increased traffic enforcement. I would ask the council to put this with thoughtful, safe, street design. 7th, for example, is designed for high speeds - I'm especially concerned with the new playground in Recreation Park that is adjacent to 7th. Enforcement is meaningless if the maximum speed is high.</p>	<p>7/3/2022</p>

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18. (22-0743) Recommendation to receive and file the application of Beach Restaurant Group Incorporated, dba Gaucho Beach, for an original application of an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License, at 780 East Shoreline Drive. (District 1)	Linda Scholl	lscholl2011@gmail.com		Originally approved to be open only till 6 pm. No liquor. Then closed by 10 pm. Now is hard liquor really needed in a residential area with many thousands of residents on the beachwalk? We think there is enough hard alcohol. We donâ€™t need more liquor around residences, do we?	7/3/2022
27. (22-0752) Recommendation to direct City Manager to invest in Community Policing by working with Long Beach Police Department to provide options in the FY23 budget for structural funding of the Neighborhood Walks program, and Direct City Manager to work with Long Beach Police Department to provide options in the FY 23 budget for an expansion of LBPD's "Bicycle Beats" program, including assigning at least 25 more officers to the program.	Mario Solis-Marich	mario@targetedtech.org		I enthusiastically support this initiative. The entire city benefits from stronger relationships between police officers and the community. These types of efforts create stronger ties in addition to providing public safety.	7/5/2022

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28. (22-0753) Recommendation to authorize the Long Beach Police Department to continue the use of military equipment as outlined by California Assembly Bill (AB) 481. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Oppose. Please reference correspondence/comments received from Greg Buhl and Steven Downing. This item should not be approved as written or proposed, and where is the evidence that the investments in these tools has led to appreciable drops in crime, by type of activity?	7/5/2022

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28. (22-0753) Recommendation to authorize the Long Beach Police Department to continue the use of military equipment as outlined by California Assembly Bill (AB) 481. (Citywide)	Savannah Benton	savannah.m.benton@gmail.com		Our police department, which is rife with scandal and abuse and brutality complaints should NOT Have access to military equipment. The acquisition of military equipment and its deployment in our communities adversely impacts the public's safety and welfare, including increased risk of civilian deaths, significant risks to civil rights, civil liberties, and physical and psychological well-being, and incurment of significant financial costs. Military equipment is more frequently deployed in low-income Black and Brown communities, meaning the risks and impacts of police militarization are experienced most acutely in marginalized communities.	7/5/2022
28. (22-0753) Recommendation to authorize the Long Beach Police Department to continue the use of military equipment as outlined by California Assembly Bill (AB) 481. (Citywide)	Alicia Albertson	albertsonalicia@gmail.com		<p>According to AB 481, the public is entitled to knowledge of all military grade equipment in possession by the police and discussion of its purpose. We need a public forum to discuss each item in LBPd's possession to determine when/whether they should actually be allowed to use it. These items threaten civilians. AB 481 is meant to allow us a voice in how our police departments access and utilize this type of equipment.</p> <p>If council approves this letter, it grants authority to LBPd to use their current equipment including tear gas, which has been restricted by AB 48. The police chief states they have never used the equipment, but during 2020 BLM protests I saw two bearcats. It was terrifying. We need FULL accountability for LBPd. I am afraid of the police and I need reassurance that I will be safe from them. I am afraid for my neighbors who are not white like me.</p> <p>Please hold a public forum and do not grant LBPd this blanket approval.</p> <p>Alicia Albertson Alamitos Beach</p>	7/5/2022

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29. (22-0754) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP), to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$3,973,140, and execute all documents necessary to implement the grant for the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Phase 2 Project (Project); Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I strongly support LB-MUST and all efforts to capture stormwater and improve water quality in Long Beach. Heal the Bay's recent report on beach health proved that Long Beach has high water quality during the summer and winter dry seasons and an "F" rating in wet conditions. This is because our waterfront receives the runoff of 82 municipalities along the L.A. River and San Gabriel River. The least we can do is reduce our contribution to the toxic runoff that enter our recreation areas.	6/27/2022
PUBLIC COMMENT:	NB Dozier	nathaniel.dozier@gmail.com		N. Dozier (District 2 Resident) I want to take a moment and thank the city for hosting the "Day Trip Music Festival" which was held at the Queen Mary Waterfront a couple of weekends ago on June 25-26. It was a wonderful kickoff to the summer season and the event was extremely well organized and curated. I met people who came to our city from all over the world just to attend the event, and they were all falling in love with Long Beach! Also, a special thank you to the Long Beach Police Department for making their presence known and ensuring everyone had a safe space to have a great time in (although I doubt there were any major issues, it was a very peaceful, fun, and well-behaved crowd). It was truly a memorable weekend in House music heaven!	6/29/2022

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38. (22-0764) Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with the Long Beach Police Chief to identify options to retain existing police officers and hire additional police officers to staff the Traffic Enforcement Unit in the City of Long Beach; and Request for an update to the City Council on the current status of the Long Beach Police Department Traffic Enforcement team.	Michael Clemson	mclemson@gmail.com		<p>When it comes to making streets safer for people walking, biking or even driving, enforcement is the last thing that we should be looking at. Illegal speeding is up *everywhere* in the city, and we cannot afford enough police to be everywhere at all times.</p> <p>This is the most expensive way to deal with this problem, it covers the least ground and it only protects people when the police are there, which can only be a few hours of the day. Instead of looking at reactive solutions we should be building safer streets. If we want to stop speeding stop building streets that encourage speeding. Give people alternatives to driving that are safe, convenient and reliable so that we can reduce the number of cars on the road. Build smaller intersections that are too small for side shows.</p> <p>Building a better city will solve these problems better than hiring more police who cannot respond to a problem this large and widespread.</p>	7/5/2022
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