### CITY OF LONG BEACH CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006 HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL 3846 CALIFORNIA AVENUE, 7:00 PM

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Chair All Members of City Council



### **FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

## **CALL TO ORDER (7:23 PM)**

At 7:23 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (7:23 PM)

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Schipske, Gabelich and

Present: Lerch

Councilmembers DeLong and Reyes Uranga

**Excused:** 

Also present: Assistant City Manager Chris Shippey; Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon; City Prosecutor Tom Reeves; Consultant James Johnson; City Clerk Larry Herrera; and City Clerk Specialist Gloria Harper.

Mayor Foster gave opening remarks.

Councilwoman Gabelich welcomed everyone on behalf of the Eighth District.

Councilmember Lerch welcomed everyone on behalf of the Ninth District.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Agenda Items were considered in the order presented, except for Agenda Item No. 4, which was considered prior to Agenda Item No. 1.

**1.** 06-1296 Recommendation to receive a presentation from Tom Reeves, City Prosecutor, regarding the City Prosecutor's responsibilities during Civil Service Commission Appeals.

City Prosecutor Tom Reeves spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

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Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

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Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Felix Gonzalez, Long Beach resident, spoke.

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Mayor Foster spoke.

#### No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

- **2.** <u>06-1193</u> Recommendation to deliberate on the Role of the Council relative to:
  - a. Full-Time versus Part-Time Council;
  - b. Term Limits;
  - c. City Council Compensation; including discussion of:
    - 1. Independent Commission; and
    - 2. City Council Compensation set at 50% of Mayor's.
  - d. Creation of a Chief Legislative Analyst.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Laurie Angel, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Doug Drummond, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

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Consultant James Johnson spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

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Consultant James Johnson spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Assistant City Manager Christine Shippey spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Assistant City Manager Christine Shippey spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Laurie Angel, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Lou Nelson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

John Deats, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Doug Drummond, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Frank Dual, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Lerch spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

**3.** <u>06-1277</u> Correspondence from Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske relative to charter change to provide the City Council with power to conduct investigations.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

**4.** <u>06-1318</u> Correspondence from James Johnson, Consultant relative to the "History of Elections" and Charter Comparison Charts.

Consultant James Johnson presented a report on the "History of Elections."

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:48 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

# **ADJOURNMENT (8:48 PM)**

At 8:48 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.