

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of May 5, 2020

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15. (20-0376) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Investment Advisory Agreement No. 33749 with Chandler Asset Management, Inc., of San Diego, CA, for investment advisory and management services, to include authorization for as-needed trading and managing of short and intermediate investment portfolios, increasing the annual amount by \$168,000, for a revised annual amount not to exceed \$468,000. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						You seriously couldn't find a company here in Long Beach to do this for a lesser fee? And why in the world are we increasing payments to anyone when we have no income? That's not your fiduciary duty. Decrease payments starting NOW.	5/5/2020
16. (20-0377) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a permit with the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for use of space in the Billie Jean King (BJK) Main Library, for a period of five years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (District 2)	Kate Azar	kate@lbplfoundation.org						The Long Beach Public Library Foundation would like to thank Director of Library Services Glenda Williams, City Manager Tom Modica, Mayor Robert Garcia, and the City Council for your consideration in this matter. The Library Foundation is honored to serve the city's nationally recognized library system and provide funds for programs, technology, and educational resources utilized by hundreds of thousands of residents every year. In 2019, the Library Foundation contributed \$1,576,435 directly to Library enhancements. This is a 52% increase over what we contributed in 2018 showing our increasing capacity to fundraise for the Library. In 2020, we will celebrate 25 years of supporting the Library and look forward to many more helping to provide resources to students, families, job seekers, veterans, those with disabilities, those without an internet connection at home, and everyone else who visits the Library to grow, learn, create, and connect.	5/4/2020

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20. (20-0381) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 35258 with SiteOne Landscape Supply, of Cleveland, OH, and Contract No. 35216 with American Landscape, Inc., of Canoga Park, CA, for the supply and installation of Calsense irrigation controller upgrades, to increase the aggregate contract amount by \$484,004, for a revised total aggregate contract amount not to exceed \$2,074,101. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						NO INCREASE IN PAYMENTS TO ANYONE UNTIL THERE IS SUFFICIENT INCOME TO VALIDATE SUCH EXPENSES. WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE???	5/5/2020
25. (20-0386) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and provide input and policy direction to staff on next-step strategies for the City's emergency response to COVID-19. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>Very much look forward to a robust discussion by each council district.</p> <p>As I have brought to the attention of my councilperson, expanding testing and tracking are the two most obvious next-strategies for effective City emergency response.</p> <p>(1) Testing: Long Beach has done well so far. To effectively track the extent of infection and transmission, we must expand testing capacity to the entire population, and reliably scale up with each phase of re-opening business and facilities in town.</p> <p>(2) Tracking: The City's COVID-19 Digital Dashboard is useful. To effectively trace transmission, LBH&HS should be tracking place-type and location by assessor parcel, occupation (NAICS or SIC), demographic data at ACS 1-year level since the 2020 Census is ongoing, time-series data, etc.</p> <p>I like the idea of having the city check mitigation plans for businesses through each phase of reopening, as well as the idea of having a COVID-19 mitigation scorecard posted in each business.</p>	5/5/2020

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25. (20-0386) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and provide input and policy direction to staff on next-step strategies for the City's emergency response to COVID-19. (Citywide)	Laura Brewer	longbeachlaurab@aol.com						All businesses should be allowed to open with precautions for infection ie sanitation measures, masks (except for customers in restaurants) limiting the number of people in the establishment including restaurants (start at 50%). Open beaches and bike trails with social distancing of family groups. Continue to quarantine nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Those that are high risk (elderly or with comorbidities) have the personal choice to quarantine or go out with PPE. BY PROLONGING OPENING OF BUSINESSES YOU ARE PROLONGING THE LIFE SPAN OF THIS DISEASE. . . YES YOU ARE FLATTENING THE CURVE BUT YOU ARE ALSO LENGTHENING THE CURVE . . . WHICH WOULD ENSURE ECONOMIC COLAPSE!	5/5/2020

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27. (20-0388) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to evidence (i) a loan by the City of Long Beach to the Aquarium of the Pacific Corporation of up to \$2,154,000, from the Tidelands Operating Fund Group, (ii) the acceptance of the prepayment of an existing 2017 loan by the City to the Aquarium, and (iii) the prefunding of the Challenge Grant by the City to the Aquarium; and, approving related documents. (District 2)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>How the City manages Tidelands fund obligations and requirements this year will be crucial for the upcoming business cycle.</p> <p>The Aquarium of the Pacific is one of the most important local institutions we have for education and engagement in the life sciences. I am generally supportive of it.</p> <p>But in this moment, where captial projects such as the Belmont Pool rebuild may have to be re-thought as Tidelands Funds have substantially diminished, we need more transparency and accountability, even with our most cherished institutions.</p> <p>Any approval of funding or debt-service reduction, now or in the future, should be contingent upon public access to the Aquarium of the Pacific's governing board meetings, as well as the minutes of their previous meetings.</p>	5/5/2020
27. (20-0388) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to evidence (i) a loan by the City of Long Beach to the Aquarium of the Pacific Corporation of up to \$2,154,000, from the Tidelands Operating Fund Group, (ii) the acceptance of the prepayment of an existing 2017 loan by the City to the Aquarium, and (iii) the prefunding of the Challenge Grant by the City to the Aquarium; and, approving related documents. (District 2)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						<p>THIS IS NO BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH, TO WHOM YOU ARE BEHOLDEN TO ACT IN A FIDUCIARY MANNER, SOMETHING YOU REFUSE TO DO. NO LOANS. PERIOD. YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE TENETS OF GOVERNMENT.</p>	5/5/2020

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29. (20-0390) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Sections 2.69.070 and 2.69.110 relating to Civil Defense, and declaring the urgency thereof, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>I do not support the City Council giving up its authority to check the actions of the City Manager's office in updating Health Orders or other emergency orders that the City Council gave informed consent to on 3/10/20.</p> <p>This is not a good precedent to set.</p> <p>I shudder to think how many future discussions and decisions of the council - say, on oil and gas extraction and long-term structural investments and commitments - could be hampered by the provisions of emergency orders that weren't well thought out, or by design deprive citizens of having a choice of whether to support or even participate in.</p>	5/5/2020
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