CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER/ TAJ GARDEN RETREAT, KUMARAKOM 1/404, KUMARAKOM, KOTTAYAM, KERALA - 686563, INDIA GUEST ROOM NO. 103, 3:30 PM

Gary DeLong, Chair Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair Vice Mayor, Suja Lowenthal, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:37 pm)

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At 3:37 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:38 PM)

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Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal **Present:**

Also present: Robert Shannon, City Attorney; Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO; Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources; Braden Phillips, Manager of Administration, Police Department; Alan Patalano, Fire Chief; Dina Lopez Wild and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialists.

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1. <u>10-1020</u> Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

A motion was made by Committee Member Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, that this matter be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

<u>see media</u>

2. <u>10-1012</u> Recommendation to receive and file an update on the labor negotiation process.

Debbie Mills, Director of Human Resources, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, that this matter be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

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3. <u>10-1013</u> Recommendation to receive and file an update on pensions.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, that this matter be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

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4. <u>10-1015</u> Recommendation to review alternatives for funding the Long Beach Municipal Band.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Larry Goodhue spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

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5. <u>10-1016</u> Recommendation to review and approve Fiscal Year 2011 Plan A & Plan B budget options for the following General Fund Departments:

City Attorney City Auditor City Prosecutor Fire Department Police Department Public Works

Chair DeLong spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to support Plan A for City Auditor, City Prosecutor and City Attorney departments. Plan B would not have additional cuts for those employees that have agreed that the contracted raises go into the employee pick up and the new tier of 2% @ 60. For employees not covered by this agreement, then Plan B cuts would be implemented; and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

Chair DeLong spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to approve recommendation to support the City Manager's recommendation for Plan A & B for the Police Department; and request that the Chief of Police come back to the committee with a plan on how the \$1.5 million will be used within the department, in lieu of an academy and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke regarding the School Crossing Guards.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Braden Phillips, Manager of Administration, Police Department, spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to approve the recommendation to support the City Manager's recommendation Plan A & B for Public Works Department; with the exception of the opportunity to contribute an additional \$400,000 to the General Fund to be allocated by the following recommendations:

1) Recommend that \$297,826.50 be used to offset and restore one pothole truck in Plan B; and

2) Recommend that \$102,173.50 be transferred back to Plan A to increase the amount of Measure R funding for repaying residential streets and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell to approve the recommendation to recommend to the full City Council to maintain the School Crossing Guard services in-house given that subsequent revenue sources are provided by the Police Department. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Braden Phillips, Manager of Administration, Police Department, spoke.

<u>10-1016</u> Recommendation to review and approve Fiscal Year 2011 Plan A & Plan B budget options for the following General Fund Departments:

City Attorney City Auditor City Prosecutor Fire Department Police Department Public Works

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Janet Shabow, International Aerospace Machinists representative, spoke.

Peachie Herman spoke.

Christa Indriolo, International Association of Machinists representative, spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Maria Vargas spoke.

Larry Goodhue spoke.

Alan Patalano, Fire Chief, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, that this item be laid over until the Budget Oversight Committee meeting of Monday, September 13, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

<u>see media</u>

6. <u>10-1017</u>

Recommendation to review and approve Fiscal Year 2011 budgets for:

Special Advertising & Promotions Fund Tidelands Fund

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Larry Goodhue spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Alan Patalano, Fire Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Sean Parker, President, Long Beach Lifeguard Association, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to approve the recommendation to support the City Manager's Special Advertising and Promotions Fund plan as amended by the Budget Oversight Committee and the City Council and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to approve a request from the Aquarium in the amount \$100,000 from the Tidelands Fund to be used to enhance the facility and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to support the Fire Chief's recommendation to restore \$16,000 for summer hours, lifeguard staffing and ride alongs plus restore an additional \$32,000 for summer weekday hours at the Lagoon, for a total of \$48,000 from the Tideland Funds Surplus and forward to the City Council due back on 9/14/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

<u>see media</u>

7. <u>10-1018</u> Recommendation to review and discuss the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, that this matter be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:46 PM)

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

ADJOURNMENT (4:47 PM)

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At 4:47 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.