

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair  
Vice Mayor Val Lerch, Vice Chair  
All Members of City Council



## CALL TO ORDER

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At 3:32 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL

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**Councilmembers** Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga,  
**Present:** Gabelich, Andrews, Lerch and Garcia

Also present: Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager; Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Mayor Foster presiding.

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1. [09-1019](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Charter Amendment Committee of Tuesday, January 9, 2007.  
**A motion was made by Councilman Andrews to receive and file the minutes of the Charter Amendment Committee of Tuesday, January 9, 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:**
  - Yes:** 8 - Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Gabelich, Andrews, Lerch and Garcia
  - Abstain:** 1 - Reyes Uranga
  
2. [09-0945](#) Recommendation to discuss whether or not the Charter Amendment Committee shall refer to the City Council for consideration the following Charter reforms for placement on a ballot for decision by the voters of the City of Long Beach:
  - a. A Charter amendment to create a "Rainy Day" reserve in the City's budget. In any given year when revenue growth is in excess of five (5) percent over the previous year, 50 percent

of the excess will be placed into a reserve. During lean fiscal times, the City would be able to withdraw up to 50 percent of the reserve funds in a given year, but no more than the revenue decline from the previous year. The reserve would be capped at 40 percent of General Fund.

Vice Mayor Lerch gave a brief overview.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

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

Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

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

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

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

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

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

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

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

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

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

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Councilman Andrews spoke.

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

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Lerch that this agenda item be laid over to a future date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich, Andrews, Lerch and Garcia

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.  
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Larry Goodhue spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
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At 4:33 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.