

**eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of August 9, 2022**

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<p>IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO AB 361 (GOV. CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)-(2))</p> <p>JOIN VIA ZOOM, PLEASE DIAL: (213) 338-8477 / MEETING ID: 925 0703 9875 <a href="https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/j/92507039875">https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/j/92507039875</a></p>	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.		Why aren't all City meetings like this? Be consistent	8/9/2022
<p>4. (22-0914) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with Bay Area Community Resources, on behalf of the California Climate Action Corps Program, for the placement of two California Climate Action Fellows (Fellows) in the Office of Sustainability and Development Services Department, at no cost to the City of Long Beach, for the period of September 2022 to December 2023. (Citywide)</p>	Padric Gleason	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I write in support of this motion because climate change is an emergency and, frankly, the City's actions do not reflect the urgency of the crisis. The CAAP is more than two years overdue, the Sustainability Office is understaffed and ineffective, and budgets continue to overfund wasteful projects like road repair without bike lanes, buildings with gas hookups, and more and more fossil fueled vehicles. These two young climate fellows will hopefully contribute to meaningful change. It's literally the least this Council can do.	8/6/2022
CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING:	Pat Lynch	p.a.lynch@earthlink.net		<p>Questions re: Fire Department Engine 17: (1) Given the City's stated policy of using structural funding for on-going operating expenses, why is Engine 17 again being described as having "temporary" funding? During FY22 budget hearings, Councilmember Supernaw pleaded with his colleagues to stop the year-by-year funding of this on-going expense. A SAFER grant does NOT represent structural funding, as the City can turn it down if it is offered, as it did recently.</p> <p>(2) Why is Engine 17 even the topic of discussion? Please see the independent consultant's study of the LBFD that provides the latest data that show why Engine 17 is nowhere near the top of the list of possible company or station closures. Please stop using Engine 17 as a perennial budget bargaining chip during budget season.</p>	8/9/2022

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7. (22-0917) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the departments of Fire, Police, and Parks, Recreation and Marine. (Citywide)	Kate Sachnoff	ksachnoff6@gmail.com		The Long Beach Alliance for Food and Fitness, in recognizing the crucial role of parks in the health of our residents, supports the vision, improvement and expansion of park facilities and programs in of the FY23 budget. Investments in the big things like tree plantings, swimming pools, and increased senior exercise classes and day camps make a substantive difference in communities, especially lower income areas and environmental hot spots. The less glamorous investments like bottle hydration stations, lighting, & restroom upgrades are equally important. Kudos to PRM on their accomplishments, including staff training on Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, the new Community Garden collaborative, the new food hub partnership with Food Finders, facilitating legal services and English Classes, and providing space for urban agriculture though Sowing Seeds of change. We look forward to working together and hope to see more of these kinds of activities and investments in FY23.	8/9/2022
7. (22-0917) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the departments of Fire, Police, and Parks, Recreation and Marine. (Citywide)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.		Why is the Animal Shelter being ignored? They are at capacity, limited hours and cats are being left on the streets. They need to raise their fees with other cities and have an action play for funding..This is a crisis	8/9/2022
7. (22-0917) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the departments of Fire, Police, and Parks, Recreation and Marine. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason	padric.gleason@gmail.com,		This budget spends 3x more to rebuild the police academy than it does on Project Homekey, which is the city's premier shelter program for homeless people. It expands the police department by adding new officers rather than reallocating existing headcount to put more officers on bikes. I'm exhausted to see just how much we spend on policing. It's TOO MUCH. Stop expanding the police. Stop approving more officers. Stop funding more and more police-led programs. Definitely stop approving abusive overtime. LISTEN to the community- we want dollars for health, infrastructure, education, and quality of life, not on police.	8/6/2022

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<p>9. (22-0920) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing regarding an economic subsidy associated with the First Amendment to Sales Tax Incentive Agreement No. 32687 with Alant Corporation, dba Circle Porsche Audi, a California corporation, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53083; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to implement the First Amendment to Sales Tax Incentive Agreement No. 32687 with Alant Corporation, a California corporation, for the expanded Circle Porsche and Audi dealership located at 1855 North Lakewood Boulevard. (District 4)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Interesting	8/9/2022

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<p>11. (22-0922) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$200, offset by the Third Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library for their Celebrate Our Librarians event; and</p> <p>Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$200 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	8/9/2022
<p>15. (22-0926) Recommendation to refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee for consideration of renaming a section of Channelview Park to Ashlee's Park in memory of Ashlee Armond.</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	8/9/2022

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<p>16. (22-0927) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,420, offset by the Second Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide contributions of:</p> <p>Â· \$520 to Casa Guerrero for their Back to School event on August 28, 2022, 8am - 2pm</p> <p>Â· \$500 to Zaferia Business Association for transportation for the Happy Sundays free music festival on August 28, 2022, 12pm - 9pm</p> <p>Â· \$200 to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library to support their librarian appreciation event</p> <p>Â· \$200 to Dave Van Patten to support mural restoration costs</p> <p>Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,420, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	8/9/2022
<p>17. (22-0928) Recommendation to adopt resolution requesting the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to call, provide and give notice of a General Municipal Election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held in the City of Long Beach on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 and include the proposed Charter amendment to a vote of the qualified electors residing within Long Beach Unified School District Boundaries (LBUSD) to align the Long Beach Board of Education's primary election date with the State's primary and general election dates held in even-numbered years; directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the Charter amendment; and providing for the filing of primary and rebuttal arguments and setting rules for the filing of written arguments regarding a proposed Charter amendment to be submitted at said election. (Citywide)</p>	Padric Gleason	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I write in support of this amendment. Consolidating elections increases participation and simplifies the obligations for citizens to participate in our democracy. By synchronizing elections, candidates and petitioners have the ability to form meaningful coalitions and reach a wider audience. When more citizens participate, more perspectives are included and reflected in policy decisions and outcomes.	8/6/2022

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<p>20. (22-0930) Recommendation to adopt resolution requesting the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to call, provide, and give notice of a General Municipal Election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held in the City of Long Beach (City) on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and include the proposed Charter amendment to a vote of the qualified electors of the City relating to consolidating the City's public utilities under Article XIV; directing City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the Charter amendment; and, providing for the filing of primary and rebuttal arguments and setting rules for the filing of written arguments regarding a proposed Charter amendment to be submitted at said election. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Corliss Lee</p>	<p>corlisslee@aol.com</p>		<p>Combining gas and water depts is posed as saving money. I'm told a new department head position will be added and there will still be director level management for gas and for water making 3 executive level positions where now there are 2. That does not save money. Cross training employees does not save money either when you have to equalize their pay (water employees currently higher paid than gas). If there is 3 hours of work on water and 3 hours of work on gas, that is 6 hours of work, no matter who performs it. I'm skeptical of the motivation to do this merger. It seems the city is accustomed to creaming money out of the water dept. and having that practice halted (by 2 lawsuits) has resulted in another scenario that will be used to siphon money to the general fund. Please deny this charter amendment.</p>	<p>8/9/2022</p>

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24. (22-0934) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, subcontracts and subsequent amendments, including amending the award amount, with the Board of State and Community Corrections, California Violence Intervention and Prevention Cohort 4, to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$3,919,232, for the Long Beach Activating Safe Communities Program from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025, with the option to extend the agreement for an additional one-year period at the discretion of the City Manager; and  Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$3,919,232, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason	padric.gleason@gmail.com		It strikes me that, even in this health-focused program for violence PREVENTION, the biggest single line item is for the police. This is yet another example of the culture of over-policing and how the LBPD consumes massive budgets time and time again. Police don't prevent crime, they respond to it, react to it, sometimes investigate it, and rarely solve it. While I support this motion, I object to the excessive reliance of police action in this community and the disproportionate funding that's sent to the police department.	8/6/2022
31. (22-0950) Recommendation to adopt resolution to ratify City Manager's Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding the serious and imminent threat of monkeypox virus (MPV). (Citywide)	Padric Gleason	padric.gleason@gmail.com		To say that monkeypox has rocked my community is an understatement. The last two months have- for me, my friends, and family- included fear, misinformation, confusion, a clamoring for rare vaccines, agonizing waits for test results that take way too long, and several panicked false alarms.	8/6/2022