

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
MARY ISLAS, PRESIDENT  
November 18, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Mary Islas, Douglas Haubert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer  
Sharon Hamilton, Acting Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst  
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**Vice President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO RETURN TO CLASSIFIED SERVICE:** **ADELINA PELC, CLERK TYPIST III to CLERK TYPIST III**

The Secretary presented communications from Cynthia A. Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission authorization to return Adelina Pelc to her former classified position of Clerk Typist III. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Donna deAraujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the request to revert Adelina Pelc to classified service, be approved, pursuant to Section 69 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO REINSTATE  
ELIGIBLE LIST:**

**MICROBIOLOGIST**

The Secretary presented a communication prepared by Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer requesting Commission approval to reinstate the eligible list for Microbiologist, retroactive to its expiration date of October 14, 2009, and extend the eligible list to April 14, 2010. Ms. Dzodin briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the request to reinstate the eligible list be approved in accordance with Section 26 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REVISED ORDER OF LAYOFF:**

The Secretary presented a communication from Patrick H. West, City Manager, with revisions to the August 12, 2009 order of layoff. Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer, briefed the Commission regarding the deletions of four Police Detectives in Investigations to the order of layoff. Ken Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations – Human Resources, also briefed the Commission regarding the revisions to the order of layoff, and informed the Commission that the Police Department continues to work on their budget. He also mentioned that further revisions to the order of layoff will be necessary, with the early retirement incentive program. It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried to approve the revised order of layoff with the deletion of four Police Detectives in the Investigation Bureau. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Safety Dispatcher – 526 Applied, 100 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING  
ELIGIBLE LIST:**

**SENIOR PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the subject eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**RETIREMENTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Margo Berdanis/Geographic Information Systems Analyst III/Harbor Department  
Josephine Balderian/Clerk Typist III/Police Department  
Christopher Sutt/Police Sergeant/Police Department  
Beatriz Perez-Iglesias/Nutrition Aide I/Health Department  
Jon Zimmerman/Equipment Mechanic I/Public Works

**RESIGNATION:**

**ANTONIO RIMOT/SCHOOL GUARD/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject resignation be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**TRANSFERS:**

The Secretary presented a staff report, prepared by Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer, requesting that the transfers be approved. Commissioner Karatsu asked how do we know if the departments are in agreement. The Secretary mentioned that in the staff report all parties are in agreement. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following transfers between departments be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Jill Casey/Administrative Analyst III/Financial Management to Administrative Analyst III/Airport  
April Turnbull/Administrative Analyst III/Harbor Department to Administrative Analyst III/Airport

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer presented the Commission with the new edition of the CSI: Long Beach Civil Service Informer.

Melinda George, Deputy Director, conducted her Civil Service 101 Training that was held, Tuesday, November 17, 2009. She stated that five employees attended. She mentioned that Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst administered the General Maintenance Assistant Performance examination yesterday with the help of

Donnell Russell, Clerk Typist. There were five stations in the performance examination and the examination went well. She thanked Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst on a good job with the Public Safety Dispatcher examination and working with P.O.S.T. on this very difficult examination.

The Secretary thanked staff for the plant, cards and support that staff gave him during this difficult time of the passing of his mother. He also thanked staff for the support at his mother's funeral and was proud to have such a supportive staff and great Civil Service Department family.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission; Vice President F. Phil Infelise adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

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**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
MARY ISLAS, PRESIDENT  
December 2, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Mary Islas, Douglas Haubert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer  
Sharon Hamilton, Acting Executive Assistant  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**Vice - President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Saafir asked that Commissioner Infelise pass the gavel to Commissioner Karatsu. It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that dismissal hearing 01-D-89 minutes of September 23 & 30, 2009, October 21 & 28, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Jeanne Karatsu abstained, as she was not present.

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO  
CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS – ARTICLE VIII  
SECTION 115(3)**

**Requesting Exception to Article II, Section 7 of the  
Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications  
and Requirements for Gas Field Service Representative,  
Limiting Applications to City Employees and Laid Off City  
Employees**

The Secretary presented a staff report, prepared by Mario R. Beas, Executive Director, requesting Commission approval

for an exception to Article II, Section 7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications and Requirements, for Gas Field Service Representative, as an open-competitive examination, limiting applications to City employees and City employees terminated due to layoffs in 2009. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to approve the Exception to Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Section 115(3), Article II, Section 7 – Qualifications and Requirements. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Gas Field Service Representative  
Special Services Officer

**EXAMINATION RESULT:**

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT – 125 Applied, 11 Qualified**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject examination result be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Refuse Operator, to be extended for two months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineer  
Civil Engineering Assistant (12/17/08, 06/10/09, 06/17/09)  
Environmental Specialist Associate (06/10/09, 06/24/09)  
Personnel Assistant  
Police Recruit  
Public Health Nutritionist (12/17/08, 06/03/09, 06/10/09, 06/24/09)  
Refuse Operator (**2 months**)  
Senior Equipment Operator – Backhoe  
Special Services Officer (06/03/09, 12/17/08, 06/24/09)  
Water Treatment Operator (06/10/09, 06/24/09)

12/02/09

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**RETIREMENT:**

**JON ZIMMERMAN/EQUIPMENT MECHANIC I/PUBLIC WORKS**

The Secretary presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jon Zimmerman, Equipment Mechanic I, Public Works, in recognition of 32 years of dedicated service to the City and citizens of Long Beach. Vernon Helbig, Acting Superintendent from his department was present and spoke on his behalf.

**RETIREMENTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Jody Cobbley/Special Services Officer III/Police Department  
Michael Green/Police Officer/Police Department  
Matthew Mikkelsen/Battalion Chief/Fire Department

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer, thanked Suanne Swan, Beatriz Lacerda and all of staff for their help last week, while she was on vacation.

Melinda George, Deputy Director, presented Sharon Hamilton, Administrative Aide, with her ten-year service pin, and thanked her for her excellent service.

The Secretary informed the Commission that forecasting meetings are scheduled for this week and next week. He is meeting with departments to talk about staffing for the upcoming year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission, Vice- President Infelise adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

MRB:seh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
MARY ISLAS, PRESIDENT  
DECEMBER 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Mary Islas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst  
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**Vice President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2009, be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Haubert abstained from voting as he was not present.

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS – ARTICLE VIII SECTION 115(3)**

**Requesting Exception to Article II, Section 7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications and Requirements for Housing Specialist, Limiting Applications to City Employees and Laid off City Employees**

The Secretary presented a staff report, prepared by Mario R. Beas, Executive Director, requesting Commission approval for an exception to Article II, Section 7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications and Requirements, for Housing Specialist, as an open-competitive examination, limiting applications to City employees and City employees terminated due to layoffs in



2009. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried to approve the Exception to Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Section 115(3), Article II, Section 7 – Qualifications and Requirements. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE ORDER OF LAYOFF FOR POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

The Secretary requested that this item be pulled at the City Manager's request. He stated that the latest revised order of Layoff was for 25 positions in the Police Department. However, negotiations between the City and the Police Officers Association may result in five or less positions affected by layoffs. He stated that after January 1, 2010, the Police Department would know the actual number of positions that will be affected by an order of layoff. The City Manager knows that Civil Service Department staff is currently not working on the order of layoff. If needed, in January 2010, staff can initiate its work on the order of layoff. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried to removed item 3 from the agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Housing Specialist  
Public Health Nutritionist

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, except as noted otherwise. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Buyer  
Geographic Information Systems Technician  
Storekeeper  
Systems Support Specialist (12/10/08, 12/17/08)  
**(3 months)**  
Water Utility Mechanic **(1 month)**

**RETIREMENTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Karen Merritt/Clerk Typist II/Community Development  
Daniel Brooks/Police Sergeant/Police Department  
Robert Reed/Equipment Operator III/Public Works  
Wanda Sims/Registered Nurse II/Health & Human Services

**DISABILITY RETIREMENT:**

**LEESA MAHAFFEY/POLICE OFFICER/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject disability retirement be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Conrado Duran/Accountant I/Oil Properties  
Erika Ortiz/Police Officer/Police Department

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer, informed the Commission that she and Beatriz Lacerda, Payroll/Personnel Assistant, along with other City employees, attended a very informative Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA) training, which was conducted by the law firm of Liebert Cassidy and Whitmore.

Melinda George, Deputy Director, thanked Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, and staff who assisted her, for the excellent job they did in the administration of the Assistant Administrative Analyst examination. She informed the Commission that the examination had three testing components being conducted at the same time.

The Secretary informed the Commission that President Mary Islas will be submitting a letter of her resignation from the Commission on Friday, December 11, 2009, and that a farewell reception has been planned for her. He extended an invitation to all to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission,  
President Islas adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Beas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

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Karen Highberger, Chair  
Laura H. Brasser, Vice Chair  
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner  
Irma Hernandez, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner  
Harvey Keller, Commissioner  
Richard Powers, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:32 P.M.)

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At 5:32 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:32 P.M.)

[see media](#)

**Boardmembers** Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma  
**Present:** Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**Boardmembers** Richard Powers

**Absent:**

Also present: Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:33 P.M.)

[see media](#)

Commissioner Carmack led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:34 P.M.)

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09-018CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of October 12, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Chair Highberger, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Powers

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:35 P.M.)**

see media

There was no Director's Report given.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:35 P.M.)**

see media

**SWEARING OF WITNESS (5:35 P.M.)**

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Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:35 P.M.)**

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1. 09-017CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify an existing unmanned telecommunications facility at the Gaytonia Apartment Building, a designated landmark located at 212 Quincy Avenue. (District 3) (Application No. HP 09-0177, 0906-17)

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Lynn Van Aken, applicant's representative, spoke.

Mr. Van Aken responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

Jim Murphy, no address given, spoke.

Roger Ware, no address given, spoke.

Melissa Bellinger, 216 Prospect, spoke.

Vickie Pell, 208 Park Avenue, spoke.

Lynn Van Aken responded to public comment.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Lynn Van Aken responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**Absent:** 1 - Richard Powers

**COMMISSION TRAINING (5:57 P.M.)**

see media

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, who presented the training session regarding the Brown Act.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (6:21 P.M.)**

see media

There were no comments from the Cultural Heritage Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:21 P.M.)**

see media

At 6:21 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 14, 2009 - 5:30 P.M.

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Melani Smith, Chair  
Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

**Boardmembers** Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Melani  
**Present:** Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Boardmembers** Leslie Fernald Gentile  
**Absent:**

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner; Thelinjoris Roberts, Minutes Clerk.

### FLAG SALUTE

There was no flag salute given.

### MINUTES

09-055PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 15, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's report.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Van Horik, Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais, and Craig Beck.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

There were no witnesses sworn in.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. 09-054PL Approve recommendation and refer to the City Council for a Street Name Change from Oregon Avenue to West Coast Choppers Place for the street section between Anaheim Street and 12th Street. (District 1) (Application No. 0910-10)

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Smith spoke.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Craig Beck spoke.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.



A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Durnin and Craig Beck.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Craig Beck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**No:** 1 - Charles Durnin

**Absent:** 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

#### **STUDY SESSION - CEQA Training**

(ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

A dialogue ensued between staff and the Commission regarding agendizing the discussion of Planning Commission meeting times.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:25 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting and the Commission proceeded with the CEQA study session.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 19, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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Melani Smith, Chair  
Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:08 PM)

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At 5:08 p.m., Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:08 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie  
**Present:** Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Hungerford, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:09 PM)

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Commissioner Durnin led the flag salute.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)

[see media](#)

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:14 PM)

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There was no public comment given.

### SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:14 PM)

[see media](#)

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:14 PM)**

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1. 09-056PL Recommendation to approve finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for several public right-of-way vacations bounded by Broadway, 3rd Street, Magnolia Avenue, and Maine Avenue. (District 1) (Application No. 0910-07)

Commissioner Blair recused herself from the item.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Chair Smith.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith and Donita Van Horik

**Abstain:** 1 - Becky Blair

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2. 09-057PL Recommendation to approve finding of conformity with the adopted General Plan for a public right-of-way vacation of the alley east of Temple Avenue and North of 14th Street. (District 4) (Application No. 0910-01)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Mark Hungerford, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Mark Hungerford responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**STUDY SESSION - Aquarium of the Pacific Expansion (5:27 PM)**

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Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the study session regarding the Aquarium of the Pacific expansion project.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, presented the study session and introduced Aquarium of the Pacific staff.

Jerry Schubel, Director of the Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Scott Shell, project architect, spoke.

Jerry Schubel responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Jerry Schubel responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Scott Shell discussed the proposed site plan.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Durnin and Mr. Schubel.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Scott Shell and Commissioner Gentile.

Barbara Long, Aquarium of the Pacific, responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Scott Shell responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Aquarium staff responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Aquarium staff responded to a comment from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mr. Schubel and Ms. Long responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Mr. Schubel responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Scott Shell responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Smith spoke.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:11 PM)**

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Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:13 PM)**

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At 6:13 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 3, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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Melani Smith, Chair  
Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Phil Saumur, Commissioner  
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:06 PM)

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At 5:06 p.m., Vice Chair Durnin called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:06 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van  
**Present:** Horik and Becky Blair

**Boardmembers** Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith  
**Absent:**

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Rich Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:06 PM)

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Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:07 PM)

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09-058PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of November 5, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 2 - Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:08 PM)**

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There was no Director's Report given.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:08 PM)**

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**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:09 PM)**

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Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:10 PM)**

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1. 09-061PL Recommendation to deny the appeals and uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision to approve a Local Coastal Development Permit to allow the import of 1,000 cubic yards of soil to re-establish and maintain the cap over the existing landfill at 6400 Loynes Drive in response to California Coastal Commission Emergency Permit 5-09-068-6. Also approved was weed abatement to comply with a Fire Department order. (District 3) (Application No. 0904-15)

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Jeff Winklepleck responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham spoke.

Craig Beck responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Sandie Van Horn, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Mary Parsell, appellant, representing the El Dorado Audubon Society, spoke.

Brenda McMillan, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Heather Altman, appellant, spoke.

Pat Towner, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Elizabeth Lambe, appellant, representing Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, spoke.

Joan Hawley McGrath, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Cindy Crawford, appellant, representing Our Town-Long Beach, spoke.

Mary Suttie, appellant, spoke.

Thomas Marchese, appellant, spoke.

Thomas Marchese responded to queries from Vice Chair Durnin.

Granada Cage, 235 Loma Avenue, spoke.

Anne Cantrell, address on file, spoke.

Mike Ruehle, 160 La Verne Avenue, spoke.

Larry Goodhue, address on file, spoke.

Kerrie Aley, address on file, spoke.

Monsignor Sean Flannagan, 252 Granada Avenue, spoke.

Charles Hoganson, applicant's representative, spoke.

Ty Garrison, biologist representing the applicant, spoke.



Charles Hoganson, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Charles Hoganson and Vice Chair Durnin.

Ty Garrison responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Elizabeth Lambe responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Charles Hoganson responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Heather Altman spoke.

Craig Beck spoke.

Richard Anthony and Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between staff and Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fox and Richard Anthony.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Vice Chair Durnin spoke.

Craig Beck spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation with an amendment that a condition of approval be included requesting that staff work on a remediation plan for the property and bring it back to the Commission within a period of 90 days. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Absent:** 2 - Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

**COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:04 PM)**

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There were no comments from the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:04 PM)**

At 8:04 p.m., Vice Chair Durnin adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 17, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.

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