

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of May 18, 2021

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CONSENT CALENDAR:	Allison Kripp	allison@densonlb.com		Thank you for this conversation about Homeless Court for LB I look forward to the presentations by both our city prosecutor and health department. I have participated in a few homeless court as a volunteer in other cities and it is a very successful program. Wanted to leave a message and reminder to our council members that moving forward that there will be larger conversations that will happen in regards to equity and the reasons why charges have occurred for those experiencing homelessness. I encourage our city Council members to include our continuum of care board members and service providers in this conversation. The service providers have the boots on the ground experience and leadership to help with the future conversations in regards to homeless court. Also, Wanted to use this as an opportunity to remind our council members that the COC has the experience is to work with your offices in regards to all challenges for those experiencing homelessness in your districts. Thank you	5/11/2021
2. (21-0427) Recommendation to adopt resolution moving 2022 municipal election dates on a temporary, emergency basis to align with the State of California's election dates. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Aligning local elections with state and Federal elections massively increases participation and reduces costs. Please support this motion and seek a long-term resolution that preserves this simplified calendar for elections.	5/17/2021
7. (21-0432) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including amendments, with SVM, LP, of Arlington Heights, IL, to purchase as-needed gift cards to be issued as supportive services for residents in training or seeking employment services, in a total amount not to exceed \$245,000, for the period of November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. (Citywide)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		This is absurd to be spending \$245,000 on gift cards. Who is monitoring the cards given out. Why are they being given out... Pacific Gateway needs funds to modernize their employment services, not gift cards	5/12/2021

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<p>12. (21-0438) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. ITB FS21-026 and award contracts to Southern Counties Oil Co., dba SC Fuels, of Orange, CA, Patten Energy Enterprises, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, and Cummins, Inc., dba Cummins Sales and Service, of Columbus, IN, for the purchase of petroleum products, in an annual aggregate amount of \$250,000, with a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$37,500, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$287,500, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contracts, including any necessary amendments; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Fleet Fund Group in the Financial Management Department by \$110,500, offset by payments from other Departments through the Fleet Memorandum of Understanding. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Padric Gleason Gonzales</p>	<p>padric.gleason@gmail.com</p>		<p>The burning of petroleum products only further harms our community with ground-level toxins and climate-harming carbon. While the city fleet currently needs "5,600 gallons of various types of petroleum products," I encourage this Council to accelerate plans to transition to a green fleet and put an end to the expenditure of public dollars on fossil fuels.</p>	<p>5/17/2021</p>

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<p>15. (21-0440) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Long Beach Unified School District, to reimburse the City of Long Beach an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to provide staffing and other services to conduct a 10-week summer swim program, ensuring appropriate coordination given COVID-19 restrictions, at the Belmont Plaza Temporary Pool, Silverado Pool, Cabrillo High School Pool, Jordan High School Pool, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Pool, from June 17, 2021 through August 22, 2021; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group by \$40,834, and in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group by \$9,166 in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by reimbursement revenue. (Districts 3,6,7,9)</p>	<p>Padric Gleason Gonzales</p>	<p>padric.gleason@gmail.com</p>		<p>This funding should be spent with an equity lens in mind. Amazingly, even swimming has a horrific racist past in America. For decades, black and brown bodies were denied access to public swimming infrastructure and POC swimmers were systematically harassed and even attacked in swimming pools. As a result, there's not only an understandable hesitancy, but also a skills gap as generations of black and brown swimmers were denied equitable programming. To correct this historic harm- to convert this to an antiracist policy- the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department should develop culturally appropriate outreach and proactively expand programming in underserved areas. While Belmont Pool may be the flagship public swimming pool in Long Beach, the residents in that neighborhood require less public expense to become skilled swimmers. Don't be lazy here. Invest where the need is most.</p>	<p>5/17/2021</p>
<p>22. (21-0451) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt resolution amending the Master Fees and Charges Schedule. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Lucy Johnson</p>	<p>lucyjohanson1@gmail.com</p>		<p>I respectfully ask this item be pulled. Before adopting these fees, there needs to be 1) public outreach *and input* about the proposed fees, and 2) 2 columns showing previously approved fees and the % increase/decrease for each. I am particularly concerned with the Special Events & Filming application and permit fees charged to local nonprofit organizations, as well as "rental" fees of publicly owned properties such as the beaches. The beaches are owned by citizens, not the City. I also object to the comments on p.754 of the Fee Study on 5/4 agenda pertaining to recovery of operating costs at the Belmont pools. The recommendation was to charge more to the local nonprofit swim/water polo clubs using Belmont pool versus increasing the already too low fees charged to general public individual users of the pool. Increase lap swimming fees for adults of all ages, start charging fees for seniors in the water exercise classes. Item needs more discussion with public.</p>	<p>5/18/2021</p>

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Patrick Goddard	patrickfgoddard@gmail.com		<p>Thrilled that there is a skate spot included in the Lincoln Park project.</p> <p>However, I'm very disappointed in the proposed design of the skatepark (as viewed in document in presentation to parks commission in Dec.)</p> <p>Proposed design of skate spot is generic, and cookie-cutter. Nothing in this design is unique from current LB or other skateparks in region. As an example, there is no "signature piece" that gives the skate spot a one of a kind, unique aspect that appeals not only to skaters, but instills a sense of pride in the community as a whole.</p> <p>Lincoln Park will be a crown jewel public park for the city, and the skatepark should have an inspired design like everything else.</p> <p>Would Council, Public Works and PRM, allow the community to provide input to Spohn Ranch and Clark Construction to improve on the design? Many of us residents are passionate skate enthusiasts who would love the opportunity to provide input on this design.</p> <p>Patrick Goddard - LB Resident</p>	5/16/2021
23. (21-0452) Recommendation to request City Manager to develop a plan to allow restaurant and other related service industry parklets and outdoor dining spaces to remain open beyond June 30, 2021 program expiration date. Such plan should include community outreach to residents, Business Improvement Districts and other stakeholders and create options for both extensions and permanent parklet structures.	Brian Cochrane	bcscribe@gmail.com		<p>The creation of the parklet dining option came during a pandemic crisis moment and afforded a lifeline to some local businesses, but proper vetting of the spaces and impact on neighborhoods and their residents was never done in any form. There are some area that a simply inappropriate for permanent parklet use due to noise and parking impacts for those living adjacent and nearby. Businesses at Belmont Pier (Belmont Brewing Company, Primal Alchemy, especially) have unfairly harnessed adjacent public space to the substantial detriment of the hundreds of residents living within earshot. Efforts to speak with owners and managers have been rudely ignored and rebuffed. Between the excess of loud patrons coming to the site, queueing up loudly and then smoking and shouting outside after leaving, a regular influx of motorcyclists parking illegally adjacent, and delivery trucks offloading at all hours of the day, the impact to longtime residents has been a major loss to quality of life.</p>	5/18/2021

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28. (21-0457) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.	Jessica Stern	jesrstern@mac.com		<p>Sorry if this is a duplicate--not sure if my first comment successfully submitted.</p> <p>I live at 3218 Stevely, and my property abuts the area proposed for this study. I support the City competing a feasibility study, but in reading a couple such studies and seeing different approaches I want to request that the following components be required of this study: 1) The community feedback portion of the study should ACTIVELY seek the opinions of the community members who will be most impacted. Simply holding a meeting is not sufficient. Surveys would be one way. 2) Some feasibility studies provide a variety of options and work through the costs and benefits of several options. I would like to request that this feasibility study contain a number of different alternatives for consideration.</p>	5/18/2021
28. (21-0457) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.	Theresa Hew	lthew1@yahoo.com		<p>Walking paths and open space are welcome in our community but they come with serious responsibilities. Surely you know this walking path puts pets and humans right in the heart of urban coyote territory where they den. This will create a public safety hazard if not addressed with the DFW for wildlife management. Warning signs alone will NOT suffice if dens are not removed from that area. Contact the mayor of Downey to find out about the woman whose leashed dog was attacked by a pack of seven coyotes at Treasure Island Park along the L.A. river three summers ago. She walked by a coyote den in the brush on a walking path like the one being proposed. She and the dog were surrounded by seven coyotes and the dog taken off the leash and killed in front of her. She herself was nearly bitten. These scenarios are not rare in this country and must be addressed BEFORE with proactive measures put in place. If you need information on this tragic event, contact me lthew1@yahoo.com</p>	5/18/2021
28. (21-0457) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.	Sandra Babayan	usbabayan@gmail.com		<p>Who is paying for this and what public and private entities have interests on this project? The resident's homes along this proposed public space will be significantly affected by the day to day use of this area. No residents have been involved in the outreach for this feasibility study. We are concerned about noise nuisances and who will be making sure this area is safe 24/7? Is there going to be security for it? While the El Dorado park roads and infrastructure are falling apart do we need this expenditure?</p>	5/18/2021

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28. (21-0457) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.	les unger	lesunger562@gmail.com		The idea for creation of open park space and walking path are both positive and welcome. HOWEVER, if the public has unlimited 24 hour access to this area between Wardlow and Spring, there will be no way to eliminate homeless and other unsavory elements from occupying the area unless police actively patrol the area at various times on a daily basis. Outside access would be required to be monitored daily and secured at day's end (7-8:00pm) for the safety of those two dozen or so residents who's homes border this property.	5/16/2021
28. (21-0457) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.	Rochelle Kramer	rochelle@ranchostyle.com		I am in favor of this study. Rochelle Kramer	5/15/2021
29. (21-0458) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$30,000,000 in loan and grant funds available through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program; and Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents and agreements necessary to apply for and utilize these funds for the construction of the Union affordable housing project proposed for development at 1401 Long Beach Boulevard. (District 1)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I strongly support this motion! Long Beach needs to massively increase our production of affordable housing and increase density along transit routes. Zoning, planning, and improvements along Long Beach Boulevard make this site an exceptional candidate for affordable housing. The site is located 3 minutes' walk from the nearest light rail station and outdoor amenities along 14th Street. Please approve.	5/17/2021