

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair
Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Chair
All Members of City Council



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (6:16 PM)

At 6:16 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

Mayor Foster gave opening remarks; a brief overview of the purpose of the Charter Amendment Committee Meetings; and encouraged the public to offer feedback through public testimony or via the web.

ROLL CALL (6:16 PM)

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and
Present: Lerch

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and Richardson
Absent:

Also present: Assistant City Manager Chris Shippey; Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon; City Clerk Larry Herrera; and City Clerk Specialist Dina Lopez.

Agenda Items were considered in the order presented, except for Agenda Item No. 4 and 5, which were considered following Agenda Item No 2.

1. [06-1249](#) Recommendation to deliberate on a presentation from Professor Raphael Soneshein.

Professor Raphael Soneshein spoke about Charter Reform.

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal and Professor Raphael Soneshein.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga and Professor Soneshein.

Councilmember Val Lerch spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Rae Gabelich spoke.

Professor Soneshein spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Rae Gabelich and Professor Soneshein.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske and Professor Soneshein.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Suja Lowenthal spoke.

Professor Soneshein spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Suja Lowenthal and Professor Soneshein.

Councilmember Val Lerch spoke.

Professor Soneshein spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

2. [06-1190](#)

Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of the Budget Process relative to:

- a. Setting a mandatory minimum staffing ratio based on population for public safety personnel.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske gave a brief overview of the agenda

item.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Assistant City Manager Christine Shippey spoke.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Bill Pearl, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Suja Lowenthal spoke.

Bill Pearl, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Rae Gabelich spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal spoke.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Richard Brandt, President of the Long Beach Fire Fighters' Association, spoke.

Councilwoman Rae Gabelich spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

3. [06-1191](#) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic relative to the Ethics Commission.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember O'Donnell, seconded by Vice Chair B. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - B. Lowenthal, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

4. [06-1247](#)

Correspondence from Councilmember Gerrie Schipske related to a charter provision to maintain parks in perpetuity.

Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske gave a brief overview of the agenda item.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Harry Saltgaver, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, spoke.

Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga requested the City Manager to prepare a response to the memo submitted by Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske relative to past practices on minimum staffing ratio based on population for public safety personnel.

Ann Cantrell, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

No action was taken on this Agenda Item.

5. [06-1248](#)

Correspondence from Councilmember Gerrie Schipske related to charter change to provide the City Council with power to conduct investigations.

This Agenda Item was laid over and will be considered at the December 11, 2006 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (8:07 PM)

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

Councilmember Gerrie Schipske spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:12 PM)

At 8:12 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.

