

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



CALL TO ORDER

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At 3:36 P.M., Mayor Foster called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga and
Present: Lerch

Councilmembers S. Lowenthal and Gabelich
Absent:

Also present: Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon; City Clerk Larry Herrera; Consultant James Johnson; and City Clerk Specialist Gloria Harper

Mayor Foster gave opening remarks.

1. [06-1185](#) Recommendation to deliberate on Election Cycles and Alternatives:
 - a. Election cycle change;
 - b. Clarification of thirty-day residency requirement, to run from the close of nomination period; and
 - c. Recommendation to deliberate on the prohibition of individuals from being a candidate for two City offices during the same election.

City Clerk Larry Herrera addressed the committee regarding Election Cycle change.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

City Clerk Larry Herrera spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal and City Clerk Larry Herrera.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - B. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga and Lerch

Absent: 2 - S. Lowenthal and Gabelich

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes
Present: Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

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Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeLong, seconded by Councilmember S. Lowenthal, that this matter be approve recommendation to clarify that candidates meet the thirty-day residency requirement to run from the close of nomination period. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

James Johnson, Consultant, spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

James Johnson, Consultant, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Lerch spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember S. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, to approve recommendation to prohibit individuals from being a candidate for two City offices during the same election. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

2. [06-1191](#)

Recommendation to deliberate on the Office of Ethics or Ethics Commission.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Motion to approve recommendation to establish in the City Charter an Independent Office of Ethics.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Schipske and Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Substitute motion to explore the possibility of placing an Office of Ethics under the direction of the City Attorney Office by Ordinance or Charter, City Attorney's Office to report back to the committee within 45 days.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chief City Attorney Robert Shannon spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

A second substitute motion was made by Councilmember Schipske, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to delineate in the charter a Code of Ethics for elected officials, to be defined by Ordinance at a subsequent date and establish an Office of Ethics in the City Attorney's Office. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich and Lerch

3. [06-1196](#) Recommendation to deliberate on the topic relative to date of effect of Charter changes.

Mayor Foster requested that this item be heard at a future date.

4. [07-0026](#) Correspondence from James Johnson, Consultant entitled "Effective Date for Charter Changes."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee

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

ADJOURNMENT

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At 4:46 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.