CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4:00 PM

Gary DeLong, Chair Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair Suja Lowenthal, Member



CALL TO ORDER (4:05 PM)

At 4:05 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (4:05 PM)

Councilmembers DeLong and O'Donnell

Present:

Councilmembers Lowenthal

Absent:

Also present: Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney; Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO; Mario Beas, Executive Director, Civil Service; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 10-0288 Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Budget Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Chair DeLong, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and O'Donnell

Absent: 1 - Lowenthal

SECOND ROLL CALL (4:06 PM)

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal **Present:**

2. 10-0119 Recommendation to review the Civil Service Commission's budget request for Fire Recruitment and Battalion Chief Recruitment.

Mario Beas, Executive Director, Civil Service, gave a brief staff report.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Chair DeLong, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

3. 10-0290

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the pros and cons of developing a 2-year budget for Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Committee Member Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to develop a rolling biennial (two-year) budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

No: 1 - O'Donnell

4. 10-0291

Recommendation to discuss options to ensure year-end balance of Special Advertising and Promotions Fund.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

5. 10-0292

Recommendation to discuss options to ensure year-end balance of Prop H Fund.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Braden Phillips, Administrative Bureau Manager, Police Department, spoke.

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Larry Goodhue, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to request that departments work with Financial Management to identify savings in their budgets to provide for the remainder of the year within Prop H to provide for the additional funding, and that Prop H funding remain intact, with no deficits and with incremental costs absorbed in their budgets. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

6. 10-0293

Recommendation to receive and file a report on Fiscal Year 2010 parking citation revenue performance.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, introduced Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations, Public Works.

Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations, Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Committee Member Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and Lowenthal

7. 10-0294

Recommendation to discuss revenue opportunities associated with public private partnerships for parking related activities.

Michael Placencia, William Blair & Company, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Steve Hopkins, Hopkins Real Estate Group, spoke.

Vice Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Committee Member Lowenthal, to establish an internal workgroup regarding parking related activities. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

No: 1 - O'Donnell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:04 PM)

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

ADJOURNMENT (5:04 PM)

At 5:04 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.