

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Harry Saltzgaver, President
Frank Martinez, Vice President
Arthur Levine, Secretary



Robert Shannon, Commissioner
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA & FINAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING - 9:00 A.M.

The Water Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Water Commission agenda. Agenda items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The agenda items were considered in the order presented.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Water Commission meeting was called to order by President Saltzgaver at 9:02 A.M. in the Board room at the Administration building.

FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Lynn Wite led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant, Sandra Fox took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Also present: Chris Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations' Sandra Fox, Executive Assistant to the Board.

Commissioners Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Present:

Commissioners Robert Shannon

Excused:

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Saltzgaver opened the public comment period. As there was no public comment, the public comment period was closed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Saltzgaver reviewed the General Manager evaluation process with the Board. He advised them to review the General Manager Accomplishments document, complete the evaluation and bring those documents back to the next Board meeting on December 19, 2019. He advised he would compile the evaluation documents, and the Board would meet in closed session on January 9, 2020 to begin the evaluation.

He then reported that a second meeting of the Board would be called for a special closed session which would take place at 10:00 A.M. today.

He reported that the joint meeting with the Water Replenishment District (WRD) was scheduled for December 20, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the WRD headquarters in Lakewood, CA.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner reminded the Board of the Belmont Shore Christmas parade that would take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019. He noted that the float had been built by staff and was in the Operations Yard if the Board wanted to see it. He advised that all staff members had been invited to take part in the parade.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [19-103WA](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Water Commission meeting held August 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused: 1 - Robert Shannon

2. [19-104WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-38-18 for the 47th Street Sewer Improvement Project (SC-0360) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Lucas Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$728,680.00.

BUREAU: Engineering

Mr. Verceles provided the staff report for the project.

Mr. Garner spoke.

President Saltzgaver inquired about the timeline for the project.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Mr. Verceles responded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused: 1 - Robert Shannon

3. [19-105WA](#) Recommendation to consider request for Sponsorship of the Centro C.H.A. Inc. 22nd Annual Nuestra Imagen Leadership Awards Celebration to be held on December 11, 2019.

BUREAU: Executive

Mr. Garner provided background information regarding the sponsorship request. He noted this request had just been received, and that the event was taking place in six days.

Ms. Fox advised that the option to purchase an ad was no longer available as the deadline for submittal had passed before the request had been received by the Water Department.

Commissioner Levine commented on the lack of timeliness for submittal of the sponsorship request.

Commissioner Martinez advised he agreed with Commissioner Levine's comments.

Commissioner Cordero noted that at least three of the Board members would not be able to attend the event since it conflicts with a conference they are attending.

President Saltzgaver also spoke regarding the late submittal of the request.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to deny the sponsorship request. Commissioner Levine seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve recommendation. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 0 -

No: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused: 1 - Robert Shannon

4. [19-106WA](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Long Beach Water Department Water Resources Plan.

BUREAU: Business - Water Resources

Mr. Wang and Mr. Falagan reviewed a presentation with the Board regarding the Long Beach Water Department Resources Plan.

Commissioner Martinez expressed gratitude for staff's planning for the future with this plan.

President Saltzgaver commented regarding the timeline for water resources projects.

Mr. Anthony made comments regarding these future projects. He advised that all projects would be presented to the Board for individual approval.

Commissioner Martinez spoke regarding the possibility of joint projects with surrounding agencies.

Mr. Wang responded.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Commissioner Levine inquired if this report was submitted to any government agency.

Mr. Wang responded.

Commissioner Cordero spoke about the importance of working regionally. She recommended that staff consider holding additional workshops regarding the plan.

President Saltzgaver requested that Mr. Garner, Mr. Falagan and Mr. Wang keep the Board updated when changes might be considered for the plan.

Commissioner Martinez spoke about updating the Strategic Plan and incorporating the Water Resources Plan in that plan.

Mr. Falagan spoke about upcoming Metropolitan Water District and Department of Water Resources recycled water projects.

He thanked staff from Water Resources, Engineering and Finance for their

help in developing the plan.

President Saltzgaver asked if population increases had been considered when developing the plan.

Mr. Wang responded.

Mr. Garner spoke about future water demands.

Commissioner Martinez spoke about population increases.

Mr. Falagan spoke regarding future updates to the plan timeline.

A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused: 1 - Robert Shannon

5. [19-107WA](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Port of Long Beach water system transfer.

BUREAU: Business - Water Resources

Mr. Wang provided a report on the Port of Long Beach water system transfer.

Commissioner Levine inquired about the future financial impact for the Long Beach Water Department regarding this transfer.

Mr. Wang responded.

Mr. Levine made additional comments.

President Saltzgaver inquired how the water bill would be handled for the Port and their tenants after the transfer took place.

Mr. Wang responded.

Mr. Garner thanked Mr. Wang and Mr. Falagan for their work on this project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Gloria Cordero

Excused: 1 - Robert Shannon

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

President Saltzgaver called for any Standing Committee referrals.

Commissioner Martinez announced he was calling for a Finance Committee to be scheduled on January 23, 2020 at 8:00 A.M.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to schedule a Finance Committee meeting on January 23, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. Commissioner Cordero seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 absent (Shannon) vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cordero advised that Metropolitan Water District had agreed to co-sponsor the upcoming Long Beach Water Department Facilities Water Efficiency workshop for hotels. She suggested this event could be hosted at the Maya Hotel. She advised a date had not yet been set.

President Saltzgaver called for a motion to excuse Commissioner Shannon from the December 5, 2019 Board meeting.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to excuse Commissioner Shannon from the December 5, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Cordero seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 absent (Shannon) vote.

President Saltzgaver reminded the Commissioners regarding the Long Beach Water Department holiday party that is scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. He advised the Board he was continuing the tradition for the Board to greet the employees before the party begins.

Commissioner Levine inquired about the unfinished facilities survey.

President Saltzgaver advised this item had been discussed in a previous closed session that Commissioner Levine had been absent from. It was determined that staff would schedule a briefing with Commissioner Levine regarding this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M. to the Special Meeting, Thursday December 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Board Room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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