

Rae Gabelich, Chair
Gary DeLong, Vice Chair
Tonia Reyes Uranga, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 4:38 P.M., Chair Gabelich called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Gabelich and Reyes Uranga

Present:

Councilmembers DeLong

Absent:

Also present: Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development; Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; Cristyl Meyers; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 09-1002 Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Economic Development and Finance Committee of Tuesday, December 16, 2008.
A motion was made by Chair Gabelich to approve recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Economic development and Finance Committee of Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 2 - Gabelich and Reyes Uranga
Absent: 1 - DeLong

2. 09-0704 Recommendation to discuss an Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO).

Chair Gabelich gave opening remarks and requested that Councilmember Garcia to give an overview of the Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO).

Councilmember Reyes Uranga objected to the request based on a ruling by Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney during the Budget Oversight Committee proceedings.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Reyes Uranga, Councilmember Gabelich and Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich requested to set the threshold at \$100,000 and exempt businesses with fewer than 25 employees, Non-Profits and Religious Organizations.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Lori Lofstrom, Chairman, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Larry Goodhue spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, spoke.

Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Garcia spoke.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke regarding a memo from the City Attorney's Office regarding Brown Act requirements.

Chair Gabelich requested that this item be laid over to a future date.

3. 09-0796

Recommendation to discuss local authority and regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries.

Chair Gabelich requested that Vice Mayor Lerch join the Committee at the dais.

Chair Gabelich gave an overview of the item.

Christyl Myers, Deputy City Attorney, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development, spoke.

Tom Reeves, City Prosecutor, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Tom Reeves, City Prosecutor, spoke.

Vice Mayor Val Lerch spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Tom Reeves, City Prosecutor, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Richard Residine spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Vice Mayor Val Lerch spoke.

William Britt spoke.

Mike Mendleson spoke.

John Deats spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Al Paccino Nunez spoke.

Todd Cameron spoke.

An unidentified man spoke.

Wes Boyce spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Dorian Bolick spoke.

Hellen Bush spoke.

Jay Day spoke.

BeBe Jimenez spoke.

Mark Zervie spoke.

Mark Mickelary spoke.

Matthew Abrams spoke.

Sharif Issa spoke.

An unidentified man spoke.

Mark Adams spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mohammad Aiello spoke.

Tall Paul spoke.

Mark Adams spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Gabelich requested that this agenda item be laid over to a future date.

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

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

Councilmember Reyes Uranga requested feedback from staff prior to the next committee meeting.

Christyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Gabelich declared the meeting adjourned.