CITY OF LONG BEACH
JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND HOUSING
AUTHORITY MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020
TELECONFERENCE, 4:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL

Mary Zendejas, 1st District
Jeannine Pearce, 2nd District
Suzie Price, 3rd District
Daryl Supernaw, 4th District
Stacy Mungo, 5th District
Dee Andrews, Vice Mayor, 6th District
Roberto Uranga, 7th District
Al Austin, 8th District
Rex Richardson, 9th District

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mary Zendejas, 1st District
Jeannine Pearce, 2nd District, Vice Chair
Suzie Price, 3rd District
Daryl Supernaw, 4th District
Stacy Mungo, 5th District
Dee Andrews, 6th District
Roberto Uranga, 7th District
Al Austin, 8th District
Rex Richardson, 9th District, Chair
Thomas Hudson, Tenant Commissioner
Maria Tanzer, Tenant Commissioner

Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

JOINT MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

SPECIAL MEETING

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Housing Authority minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. Please consult the time stamps to determine the order in which business was addressed.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:34 PM, Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Robert Garcia.

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ROLL CALL (4:36 PM)

Councilmembers Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga,
Present: Austin, Richardson, Hudson and Tanzer

Also present: Thomas Modica, Acting City Manager; Rebecca Garner, Acting Assistant City Manager; Charles Parkin, City Attorney; Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney; Laura Doud, City Auditor; Monique De La Garza, City Clerk; Pablo Rubio, City Clerk Analyst.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 20-0261

Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to Temporarily Suspend Termination of Housing Assistance Payments from March 4, 2020 through May 31, 2020. (Citywide)

A motion was made by Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilwoman Price, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin, Richardson, Hudson and Tanzer

ORDINANCE (4:39 PM)

2. 20-0255

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.100, relating to a temporary prohibition on evictions due to COVID-19 and declaring the urgency thereof, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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Councilwoman Price spoke.

Councilmember Richardson spoke.

Councilmember Pearce spoke.

Councilwoman Mungo spoke.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Councilmember Richardson spoke.

Councilwoman Zendejas spoke.

Councilmember Uranga spoke.

Vice Mayor Andrews spoke.

Councilman Supernaw spoke.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilman Austin spoke.

Councilwoman Zendejas spoke.

Councilmember Pearce spoke.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Councilmember Richardson spoke.

Councilman Supenaw spoke.

Councilwoman Mungo spoke.

Vice Mayor Andrews spoke.

Councilmember Uranga spoke.

Councilman Austin spoke.

Councilmember Richardson spoke.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Price, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to approve recommendation to declare an emergency to exist. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin and Richardson

Excused: 2 - Hudson and Tanzer

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Price, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to approve recommendation to declare Emergency Ordinance No. ORD-20-0010, with the following changes:

Page 1, Line 14, to read:
"WHEREAS, despite sustained efforts, COVID-19 remains a threat, and many residential and commercial tenants and housing providers have experienced, or will soon experience, sudden income loss resulting from COVID-19 and/or governmental response thereto; and"

Page 1, Line 18, to read:
"WHEREAS, such income loss will impact some tenants' and housing providers' ability to pay rent or mortgages when due, leaving such tenants and housing providers vulnerable to eviction and possible homelessness or foreclosure, respectively; and"

Page 1, Line 22, to read:
"WHEREAS, such impacted tenants who cannot pay rent in full are encouraged to pay as much rent as possible to reduce the amount owed upon expiration of the temporary prohibition on evictions; and"

Section 8.100.030.A.1 to read:
"...the basis for the eviction is non-payment of rent which became due between March 4, 2020 and May 31, 2020..."

Section 8.100.030.B.1 to read:
"...notify the owner that the tenant may not be able to make its rental payment (or portion thereof); and …"

Section 8.100.030.B.2 to read:
"… Notwithstanding the foregoing, a tenant which received a pay-or-quit notice served on or after March 4, 2020 but before March 25, 2020…"

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Section 8.100.040 to read:
"… If you cannot pay your rent due to a loss of income or medical expenses resulting from COVID-19, you need to notify and provide supporting documentation to [provide owner or agent contact information] immediately…" read, and adopted as read and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

   Yes: 9 - Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin and Richardson

   Excused: 2 - Hudson and Tanzer

   Enactment No: ORD-20-0010

NEW BUSINESS (5:31 PM)

3. 20-0263   eComments received for the Joint Meeting of the City Council and Housing Authority meeting of Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

        This Agenda Item was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:31 PM, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting.

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