

Tonia Reyes Uranga, Chair  
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair  
Suja Lowenthal, Member



**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:03 P.M. Chair Reyes Uranga called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers** Reyes Uranga

**Present:**

**Councilmembers** O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

**Absent:**

Also present: Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; Suzanne Frick, Director, Planning & Building; Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer; Alfre Vaille, Planning & Building Administrative Intern; James Kuhl, Manager, Environmental Services Bureau; and City Clerk Specialists Gloria Harper and Dina Lopez.

Chair Reyes Uranga gave opening remarks and opened the floor for discussion only, as there was not a quorum.

07-0235 Recommendation to receive a status report on temporary entertainment license for music as "accessory" for use at Grand Openings.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

07-0646 Recommendation to receive a report on the Stakeholders Meeting regarding polystyrene use and related issues; and

Angela Reynolds, Planning Officer gave a staff report and responded to questions.

07-0647 Recommendation to receive a report on the Stakeholders Meeting regarding the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Program.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

#### SECOND ROLL CALL

Councilmember S. Lowenthal joined the meeting.

**Councilmembers** Reyes Uranga and S. Lowenthal

**Present:**

**Councilmembers** O'Donnell

**Absent:**

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Agenda Item 4 was considered at this time.

#### THIRD ROLL CALL

Councilmember O'Donnell joined the meeting.

**Councilmembers** Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

**Present:**

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Jeff Benedict, Noise Control Officer, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Diane Leijins, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Jeff Benedict, Noise Control Officer, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

1. 07-1387            **Recommendation to approve the Environmental Committee minutes for the meeting of Thursday, October 25, 2007.**

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Reyes Uranga, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to receive and file the Environmental Committee minutes for the meeting of Thursday, October 25, 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

2. 07-0235            Recommendation to receive a status report on temporary entertainment license for music as "accessory" for use at Grand Openings.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Chair Reyes Uranga, to approve recommendation to form an Advisory Group regarding temporary licenses for music as "accessory" for use at Grand Openings and report back to the committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

**3. 07-0646**

Recommendation to receive a report on the Stakeholders Meeting regarding polystyrene use and related issues; and

Chair Reyes Uranga introduced Agenda Item 4.1.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Aden Ortega, American Chemistry Association representative, spoke.

Jennifer Forkish, California Grocer's Association, spoke.

Steve Aceti, Executive Director, California Coastal Coalition, spoke.

Tim S., American Chemistry Council representative, spoke.

Linda Felton, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

James Kuhl, Manager, Environmental Resources Bureau, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

James Kuhl, Manager, Environmental Resources Bureau, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

**This Agenda Item was recommend that the Ciity Council consider potential replacement for expanded polystyrene, to include recyclables for use in City facilities (cost information to be provided); encourage the voluntary elimination of expanded polystyrene through a citywide educational campaign for food service facilities; explore the development of a green business designation to reward businesses that eliminate expanded polystyrene; consider an expanded polystyrene recycling program and engage in other green practices; and request that staff explore how to address the human behavior modification component; explore infrastructure changes; and investigate creating a market to recycle expanded polystyrene locally due back on 2/19/2008. Moved by Chair Reyes Urange, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell. The motion carried by the following vote:**

07-0647

Recommendation to receive a report on the Stakeholders Meeting regarding the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Program.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Jennifer Forkish, California Grocer's Association, spoke.

Pete Grande, President, Command Packaging, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Alfre Vaille, Planning & Building Administrative Intern, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

**Motion to Approve recommendation to continue to promote and monitor current state and local level plastic bag recycling programs; continue to investigate and report on reusable, recyclable and U.S. made bags and availability; request that staff work with the City Attorneys office and report back on what other cities are doing; what the city has the authority to do; what other cities have done and what would be viable for the city. At the end of one year, evaluate the plastic bag recycling efforts in Long Beach; and only consider a plastic bag ban and reusable bag policy after a full analysis of what other cities have implemented and the legal implications involved. Moved by Chair Reyes Uranga, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

**4. 06-1359**

Recommendation to forward to the City Council the following recommendations on Noise Pollution and Abatement:

1. Modify hours when construction may start during weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the City's Noise Ordinance (Health and Safety, Chapter 8.80.202);
2. Modify Entertainment Permit requirements so that a permit would not be based on the number of band members or amplifiers, but rather on the noise limits set by the City's Noise Ordinance;
3. Modify hours when power tools such as saws, sanders, lawn mowers or other garden tools may begin operating on weekends from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturdays and 11:00 am on Sundays, similar to current language regarding leaf blowers. (Health and Safety, Chapter 8.80.200); and
4. Review efficacy of enforcement efforts in the marinas and harbor to control excessively loud noise impacting "live-aboard" residents and waterfront businesses. Specifically, noise from stationary sources such as Events Park or the Queen Mary and mobile sources such as "cigarette" boats (engine and stereo noise). If necessary, legislative recommendations should be made to modify current State Code regarding enforcement of noise on our waterways.

Chair Reyes Uranga introduced Agenda Item 4.1.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Diane Leijins, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell to approve the recommendation to forward to the City Council the existing construction hours and continue to enforce all noise produced at construction sites before 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on weekdays; amend the Noise Ordinance to limit loud noise produced by construction activities (i.e., pile drivers) to weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only, with any special exceptions granted per approval by the City's Noise Officer. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

Chair Reyes Uranga stated that Agenda Item 4.2 was considered under Agenda Item 2; and introduced Agenda Item 4.3.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Jeff Benedict, Noise Control Officer, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Diane Leijins, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Nancy Buchannan, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Jeff Benedict, Noise Control Officer, spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer, spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Reyes Uranga, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to recommend to the City Council three (3) proposal regarding Neighborhood Motorized Noise: 1) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sundays; 2) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sundays; and 3) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, due back on 1/8/2008 The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

Chair Reyes Uranga introduced Agenda Item 4.4.

Angela Reynolds, Advanced Planning Officer gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Suzanne Frick, Director of Planning & Building, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

An unidentified female spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Reyes Uranga, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, that this item be laid over until department representatives are available. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

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

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

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