

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, 1st District,
Chair
Gerrie Schipske, Vice Chair
Val Lerch, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 2:04 P.M., Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch
Present:

Also present: Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Larry Herrera, City Clerk; Jim Suver, Regional Sales Manager, Hart Intercivic; Gautum Dutta, Esq, Deputy Director, Political Reform Program, New America Foundation; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 08-0668 Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Elections Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

A motion was made by Member Lerch, seconded by Vice Chair Schipske, to receive and file the Elections Oversight Committee minutes of Tuesday, April 15, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch

2. 08-0666 Recommendation to receive and discuss the City Clerk's report on Instant Run-off Voting (IRV) for the purpose of recommending further City Council deliberations relative to a future IRV Charter Amendment.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, gave a staff report; and introduced Jim Suver, Regional Sales Manager, Hart Intercivic to address the committee.

Jim Suver, Regional Sales Manager, Hart Intercivic spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, continued with staff report; and introduced Gautam Dutta, Esq., Deputy Director, Political Reform Program, New America Foundation to address the committee.

Gautam Dutta, Esq., Deputy Director, Political Reform Program, New

America Foundation, spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, continued with staff report and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal questioned whether IRV is certified by the Secretary of State.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Lerch questioned whether the City would have to reinvent the current voting system.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Schipske requested that the City Clerk present the IRV report to the full City Council; address voter education; and any costs associated with implementing IRV in the City.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Chair B. Lowenthal, to continue the discussion of Instant Run-off Voting at a subsequent meeting to allow the City Clerk time to provide information regarding the overall IRV process, associated costs with IRV, possible change to election cycle with costs, if any, and how IRV would be implemented utilizing the current voting system. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch

3. 08-0667

Recommendation to receive the City Clerk's Preliminary Report on the conduct of civil marriages, by City Clerk Department staff, in the City of Long Beach.

This agenda item was pulled prior to the start of the meeting.

4. 07-0588 Recommendation to receive and discuss the ordinance to add Chapter 2.08 to the Long Beach Municipal Code regarding the regulation of lobbyists.
- Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.
- Heather Holt, Los Angeles Ethics Committee, gave a staff report and responded to questions.
- Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.
- Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.
- Mike Murchison, Long Beach resident, spoke.
- Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.
- A dialogue ensued.
- Councilwoman Schipske spoke.
- Mike Murchison, Long Beach resident, spoke.
- A dialogue ensued.
- Carl Kemp, Long Beach resident, spoke.
- Steve James, Long Beach Police Officers Association, spoke.
- Councilwoman Schipske spoke.
- A dialogue ensued.
- Nancy Alswede, Executive Director, Southern California Apartment Association, Inc., spoke.
- Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal questioned how interested parties are notified of upcoming meetings; and requested that the City Clerk's office provide instructions on how to register through e-notify.
- Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.
- Danny Wilson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Chair B. Lowenthal, that this matter be laid over for further discussion at a subsequent meeting regarding an ordinance to add Chapter 2.08 to the Long Beach Municipal Code regarding the regulation of lobbyists. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch

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 3:32 P.M., there being no objection, Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal declared the meeting adjourned.