

Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair
Gerrie Schipske, Vice Chair
Vice Mayor Val Lerch, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 2:34 P.M., Chair B. Lowenthal called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Councilmembers B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch
Present:

1. 08-0748 Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Elections Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2008.
A motion was made by Member Lerch, seconded by Vice Chair Schipske, to receive and file the minutes of the Elections Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 3 - B. Lowenthal, Schipske and Lerch

2. 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.

Chair B. Lowenthal gave a brief overview of current and previous lobbyists' responsibilities, rules and regulations; and proposed that the following three categories be discussed: 1) Lobbyists Registration; 2) Minimum Threshold; and 3) Activity Reports.

Sasha Horwitz, Center for Governmental Studies representative, spoke in support of the City of Long Beach's Lobbyists Ordinance; gave a brief overview which included four (4) elements that Long Beach should use to establish its ordinance: 1) standards used to identify a Lobbyist or Lobbyists employees; 2) content of disclosure reports; 3) cost of registration and to insure public access to information; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

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Sasha Horwitz, Center for Governmental Studies representative, spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal proposed to discuss, "Should registration be required for lobbyists?"

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Sasha Horwitz, Center for Governmental Studies representative, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair B. Lowenthal asked for clarification from Councilwoman Schipske about the two types of lobbyists.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

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Sasha Horwitz, Center for Governmental Studies representative, spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

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Sasha Horwitz, Center for Governmental Studies representative, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

Larry Ahlswede, Apartment Association of California Southern Cities, Inc., spoke.

Carl Kemp, The Kemp Group, spoke.

Diana Lejins, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Ann Frye, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Lori Lofstrom, Chair-Elect of the Board, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Terin Olson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Sandy Van Horne, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mike Murchison, Murchison Consulting Firm, spoke.

John Howland, Cerrell Associates, Public Affairs Manager, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Chair B. Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Member Lerch, that this matter be laid over to a subsequent meeting, date to be determined. 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 3:22 P.M., there being no objection, Chair B. Lowenthal declared the meeting adjourned.