CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Gary DeLong, Chair Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair Suja Lowenthal, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 5:05 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal **Present:**

Also present: Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO; Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney; David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 08-1309 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of Friday, September 5, 2008.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of Friday, September 5, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

2. 08-1310 Recommendation to receive Fiscal Year 2008 Year-End Report Review.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a brief staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

Branden Phillips, Manager, Administration Bureau, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Gary Sheldon, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation to receive Fiscal Year 2008 Year-End Report Review. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

3. 08-1311 Recommendation to receive Fiscal Year 2009 First Quarter Budget Strategies.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file Fiscal Year 2009 First Quarter Budget Strategies. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

4. 08-1312 Recommendation to receive a discussion of Reduced Contracting Authority.

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

5. 08-1313 Recommendation to receive Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Development Principles.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

David Wodynski, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Janet Shabo, IAM representative, spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

Tony Esparza, City employee and Long Beach resident, spoke.

Tom McFarland, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Development Principles, and respectfully request City Council to concur in the recommendation of the Committee the transfer of \$3 million in General Fund ending fund balance into the Budget Stabilization Fund to address Fiscal Year 09 revenue shortfall. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

6. 08-1314 Recommendation to discuss Advanced Life Support/Basic Life Support (ALS/BLS) Billing.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, spoke.

Janet Shabo, IAM representative, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, approve recommendation that this item be laid over until the next Budget Oversight Committee meeting, at a date to be determined. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

7. 08-1315 Recommendation to request Public Works to evaluate the feasibility of contracting out traffic signal maintenance.

Mike Conway, Director of Public Works, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

An unidentified Long Beach employee spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Mark Roberts, City employee, spoke.

Eric Shrum, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chris Ward, IAM representative, spoke.

Janet Shabo, IAM representative, spoke.

John Zunig, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Tom McFarland, City employee, spoke.

Eric Johnson, City employee, spoke.

Christos Katsouleas, City employee, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation that this item be laid over until the next Budget Oversight Committee meeting, at a date to be determined. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - DeLong, 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 6:19 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.