## CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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



## CALL TO ORDER

At 3:35 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Patrick West, City Manager, Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO; David Wodynski, Budget Management Performance Manager; Phil Hester, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

**1.** 08-0921 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of August 7, 2008.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of August 7,2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**2.** 08-0775 Recommendation to approve the City Manager's proposed budget and Mayor's recommendations.

Patrick West, City Manager, gave a brief overview and introduced Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFo, to bring the committee up to date on the budget process.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave an update on the budget process.

Patrick West, City Manager, gave a presentation on the status of the budget.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Eleanor Schmidt, Director, Library Services, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

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A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, gave a presentation regarding Requested Restorations.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Pat West, City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Pat West, City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke regarding Potential Offsets.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Braden Phillips, Administrative Manager, Police Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Braden Phillips, Administrative Manager, Police Department, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

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

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Patrick West, City Manager, gave a presentation regarding "Additional FY 09 Proposed Budget Considerations".

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/CFO, gave a presentation regarding "Future Options".

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

Sandra Crowl, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilmember Rae Gabelich spoke.

David Wodynski, Budget Management Performance Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Rae Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Jane Brook, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

David Wodynski, Budget Management Performance Manager, gave an overview of the Mayor's recommendations as previously distributed.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

David Wodynski, Budget Management Performance Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to support Option C of the Proposed Alternative Solutions, and request staff to come back with more details as to the dates and hours of operation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to recommend the Mayor's recommendations and forward to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to recommend to the full City Council the City Manager's budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**3.** 08-0269 Recommendation to receive and discuss Future Budget challenges.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

David Wodynski, Budget Management Performance Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair DeLong and members of the Committee regarding "Requested Restorations".

Tom Reeves, City Prosecutor, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair DeLong and the members of the Committee regarding "Potential Offsets" as proposed budget cuts.

Patrick West, City Manager, spoke.

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marines, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marines, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marines, spoke.

Chair DeLong and the committee continued to dialogue regarding "Potential Offsets".

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation to forward the Requested Restorations to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation to forward the Potential Offsets to the full City Council. 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 public addressed the committee at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:35 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.