WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4:30 PM

## CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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



## FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER (4:31 PM)** 

At 4:31 PM, Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (4:31 PM)

**Councilmembers** DeLong and Lowenthal

Present:

Councilmembers O'Donnell

Absent:

Also present: Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney; John Gross, Director of Financial Management; Kenneth Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations; Michael Conway, Director of Public Works; Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

**1.** 11-0909 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**2.** 11-0136 Recommendation to receive and file an update on labor negotiations.

Ken Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**3.** 11-0910 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for the Harbor Department.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**4.** 11-0874 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for Development Services.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**5.** 11-0911 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for Health and Human Services.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**6.** 11-0873 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for the Department of Public Works.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**7.** 11-0803 Recommendation to receive and file an update on Long Beach Municipal Band funding.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**8.** 11-0912 Recommendation to receive and review a report on Towing operations.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Erik Sund, Business Relations Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to proceed with an in-depth analysis of towing privatization, including a Proposition L analysis, to be conducted by the Department of Financial Management due back on 9/20/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

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**9.** 11-0913 Recommendation to review revenue and cost saving opportunities:

a. Message Center Signs

b. L.E.D. Lighting

Chair DeLong introduced the topic of Message Center Signs.

Michael Pauls, GM Outdoors, spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation to request staff to work with GM Outdoors as the ordinance is developed to determine if there is an opportunity for revenue for the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

Chair DeLong introduced the topic of L.E.D. Lighting.

Bill Simmons, Signal Light and Power, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Bill Simmons, Signal Light and Power, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, spoke.

Michael Conway, Director of Public Works, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation to request staff to review the September 2009 proposal from Signal Light and Power regarding L.E.D. Lighting and report back to the Committee in the next 30 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

**10.** 11-0835 Recommendation to review Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget

Reductions for various departments.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:46 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT (4:46 PM)**

At 4:46 PM, there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.