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October 7, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.50 establishing a Technology and Innovation Commission, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to your request on September 2, 2014, this ordinance has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

AMY R. WEBBER  
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.50  
ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION  
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, innovations in technology are critical to the advancement of a  
city's quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach desires to improve and modernize the  
City's technology resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of the expertise and experience of  
City residents who can provide assistance and insight to the City on technology issues,  
the City desires to establish a Technology and Innovation Commission, composed of  
Long Beach residents with special skills, knowledge, expertise and interest in  
technological innovation, to advise the City Council on new technology and serve as a  
clearinghouse for new ideas that can enhance the City's use of technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as  
follows:

Section 1. The Long Beach Municipal Code is amended by adding  
Chapter 2.50 establishing a Technology and Innovation Commission as follows:

Chapter 2.50

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION COMMISSION

2.50.010 Created.

1           There is created a commission to be known as the Technology and  
2 Innovation Commission.

3           2.50.020     Purpose.

4           A.     The purpose of the Commission shall be:

5                     1.     To advise the Council on new technology, including  
6 research, development and operation of new technology;

7                     2.     To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas to  
8 increase the effectiveness of information technology management;

9                     3.     To support and assist in the strategic direction and  
10 implementation of information technology and communication; and

11                    4.     To assess new technology to assist the City in  
12 improving efficiency, quality and accountability.

13           B.     All recommendations of the Commission shall be submitted to  
14 the City Council in writing and shall include a summary on each particular  
15 recommendation presented for consideration.

16           C.     The Commission shall not sit as an adjudicatory body on any  
17 matter. Each year the Commission shall prepare a work program outlining  
18 the focus for the Commission for review and approval by the City Council.

19           2.50.030     Authority over City officers and employees.

20           The Commission shall neither interfere with nor impose itself on the powers  
21 and duties of the officers of the City as set forth in the City Charter, nor shall the  
22 Commission interfere with the management or operations of the City. Likewise,  
23 the Commission shall have no authority over employees of the City, and the  
24 provisions of Section 208 of the City Charter shall be applicable.

25           2.50.040     Duties.

26           The duties of the Commission shall be to advise and make  
27 recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to technology and  
28 innovation within the City, and more specifically to advise and recommend to the

1 City Council concerning the following:

2 A. The evaluation of research concerning emerging technology  
3 and its uses in City government and the community at large;

4 B. The identification of technology needs and opportunities in the  
5 community and the recommendation of program strategies for  
6 implementation by City staff;

7 C. The evaluation and recommendation of outreach plans for  
8 City technology programs;

9 D. Performing such other duties related to technology and  
10 innovation as may be requested from time to time by the City Council.

11 2.50.050 Members.

12 A. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to  
13 confirmation by the City Council. All members must have a commitment to  
14 improving technology in the City of Long Beach. No fewer than five (5)  
15 members of the Commission must reside in the City at the time of  
16 appointment, and must maintain residence within the City at all times during  
17 their service on the advisory body.

18 B. The Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) members.

19 1. Three (3) at-large members, with no additional  
20 qualifications required;

21 2. One (1) member with experience with technology  
22 startups/innovation;

23 3. One (1) member with experience with mobile/app  
24 technology;

25 4. One (1) member with experience in technology and  
26 education; and

27 5. One (1) member with experience in networking, servers  
28 or databases.

1 C. No member may participate in any decision in which he or she  
2 has a material financial interest within the meaning of the California Political  
3 Reform Act. Each member shall file a statement of economic interest in  
4 accordance with the California Political Reform Act.

5 D. Whenever a member desires to resign from the Commission,  
6 he or she shall inform the chairperson in writing. Any member of the  
7 Commission may be removed by the Mayor with the consent and approval  
8 of the City Council. If a member is absent without the consent of the  
9 Commission from three (3) consecutive meetings, whether regular or  
10 special, such absence shall cause the members' retirement from the  
11 Commission. In the event a vacancy is created, it shall immediately be  
12 filled by the same method by which the member was appointed.

13 E. Notwithstanding the expiration of a term, a commissioner shall  
14 continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.

15 2.50.060 Organization.

16 A. The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from  
17 among its members annually, each for a term of one (1) year. The chair, or  
18 in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair, shall preside over the meetings  
19 of the Commission. No person shall serve more than two (2) successive  
20 one-year terms in either office.

21 B. Regular meetings shall be held not less than quarterly on a  
22 date established from time to time by resolution of the Commission.

23 2.50.070 Term of office.

24 A. The term of office for members of the Commission shall be  
25 two (2) years. No member shall serve for more than four (4) consecutive  
26 terms.

27 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this  
28 Section, three (3) members first appointed to the Commission, including the

1 two (2) at-large members and one (1) other member as determined by  
2 lottery, shall serve for an initial one (1) year term. Members serving an initial  
3 one (1) year term shall be eligible for re-appointment to three (3) additional  
4 two (2) year terms.

5 2.50.080 Applicability of Chapter 2.18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

6 Except as provided in this Chapter, the Commission shall operate and  
7 conduct its business in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.18 of this  
8 Code entitled "Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees."  
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10 Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
11 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
12 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
13 Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor