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2.36.010 - Created.

There is created a commission in and for the city to be known and designated as the economic development commission.

(Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976; prior code § 2398)

2.36.020 - Appointment, composition and terms of office.

The economic development commission shall consist of eleven (11) members. At least a majority of the members of the commission shall be residents of the city at the date of appointment. The remainder of the commission may be comprised of residents of the city or individuals having a business interest in the city at the date of his/her appointment. The members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the confirmation of the city council. The mayor shall make eight (8) of said appointments from a list of persons nominated by the governing bodies or chief executive officer of the following organizations or representing the following public-private segments:

- A. Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (Business);
- B. Long Beach Unified School District or Long Beach City College or California State University, Long Beach (education);
- C. A representative from real estate or financial services industries in Long Beach (real estate/financial services);
- D. A representative from a Long Beach Area Workforce Organization (workforce);
- E. A representative from the insurance, legal, accounting or architecture professions in Long Beach (professional services);
- F. Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau (tourism);
- G. City of Long Beach Recognized Business Association representative (business associations);
- H. A representative from an airport-related business (airport business).

The remaining three (3) commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor of the city subject to city council confirmation, representing business or a business-related civic interest in Long Beach.

Upon the expiration of the current term of each seat, an appointment shall be made by the mayor for a term not to exceed four (4) years in duration. All subsequent appointments to each seat shall be for a term of four (4) years. Except for members first appointed after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter to fill unexpired terms, no member shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years.

(ORD-08-0022 § 1, 2008; Ord. C-7676 § 1, 2000; Ord. C-7620 § 1, 1999; Ord. C-5966 § 1, 1983; Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976; prior code § 2398.1)

2.36.030 - Compensation.

No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for his services thereon.

(Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976; prior code § 2398.2)

2.36.040 - Organization.

No later than ten days following their appointment, the Commission members shall meet at a regular session and

shall organize by electing one of the members chairman and one vice chairman. The executive secretary shall be the Director of the Department of Community Development of the City. The officers are to serve for a period of one year in such capacity. The term of an officer shall, however, expire with the expiration of his term of office as a commissioner. A vacancy in any office of the Commission shall be filled by election held by the Commission members. The officers of the Commission shall perform the duties that are usually and customarily performed by such officers. At such meeting the Commission shall select a regular meeting place and time and shall inform the City Council thereof. A regular meeting shall be held at least once each month. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by any three members of the Commission. Written notice of any such special meeting shall set forth the time and place of such meeting, state the business to be conducted at such meeting, and be personally served on each Commission member at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Any matter which might properly be considered by the Commission at a regular meeting may be considered at such special meeting; provided, however, that only such business as originally stated in the notice may be considered at the special meeting. A majority of Commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time to a day certain. Robert's Rules of Order shall constitute the parliamentary rules for the transaction of the Commission's business. All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and other secret meeting laws.

(Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976: prior code § 2398.3).

2.36.050 - Absence from meetings.

If a member is absent without the consent of the Commission from four consecutive meetings, whether regular or special, such absence may effect the retirement from the Commission of the member so absenting himself, at the discretion of the Commission. In the event a vacancy is thus created, it shall immediately be filled by the same method by which such member was appointed.

(Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976: prior code § 2398.4).

2.36.060 - Duties.

The duties of the Commission shall be to advise and recommend to the City Council and the City Manager on matters pertaining to activities affecting economic development within the City, in the creation of private-sector employment opportunities and business ventures, on methods of coordinating economic efforts, and more specifically to advise and recommend to the City Council concerning the following:

- A. The evaluation of research concerning economic growth patterns of the community;
- B. The identification of economic development needs and opportunities in the community and the recommendation of program strategies for implementation by City staff;
- C. The evaluation and recommendation of marketing plans for economic development programs;
- D. The review and reporting to City Council regarding availability of surplus City-owned property and recommendation of interim and long term uses consistent with the community's economic development needs;
- E. The recommendation to City Council of the appointment of citizen business task forces to review and study specific development problems and opportunities;
- F. The formulation and recommendation of policies for loan programs administered by the Economic Development Division;
- G. The cooperation with the Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority regarding those development programs which are of common concern to the respective agencies;
- H. The evaluation of the availability of Federal and State grant programs and recommendation of application for those grants deemed appropriate for the economic development needs of the community;
- I. The establishment and management of a land program to stimulate industrial and commercial development within the City;
- J. Evaluation and recommendations related to the City's international trade promotion efforts including coordination with the Long Beach International Trade Office.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as investing the Commission, or any member thereof, with supervisory powers over the actions or duties of City departments.

(Ord. C-7620 § 2, 1999: Ord. C-5966 § 2, 1983: Ord. C-5253 § 1 (part), 1976: prior code § 2398.5).