

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
BUDGET OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
TELECONFERENCE, 2:00 PM**

Al Austin, Chair
Roberto Uranga, Vice Chair
Suzie Price, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

**BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO AB 361 (GOV. CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)-(2))**

CALL TO ORDER (2:04 PM)

At 2:04 PM, Chair Austin called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (2:04 PM)

Councilmembers Price, Uranga and Austin

Present:

Also Present: Kevin Riper, Director of Financial Management; Grace Yoon, Budget Manager; Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Alyssa Campos, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (2:05 PM)

1. 22-1019 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Budget Oversight Committee meeting held Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

A motion was made by Chair Austin, seconded by Vice Chair Uranga, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Uranga and Austin

Absent: 1 - Price

2. 22-1020 Recommendation to receive and file a report on the feasibility of reducing the adult-use cannabis retail tax and the feasibility for repealing the tax for cannabis cultivation.

Councilwoman Price joined the meeting.

Grace Yoon, Budget Manager spoke; and introduced Valencia Mota, Cannabis Oversight Manager and Katy Nomura, Deputy City Manager.

Katy Nomura, Deputy City Manager, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Valencia Mota, Cannabis Oversight Manager, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Austin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Austin and Valencia Mota, Cannabis Oversight Manager.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Katy Nomura, Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Price and Katy Nomura, Deputy City Manager.

Geraldine Alejo, Revenue Management Officer, spoke.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Grace Yoon, Budget Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Councilwoman Price, Grace Yoon, Budget Manager, and Geraldine Alejo, Revenue Management Officer.

Vice Chair Uranga spoke.

Chair Austin spoke.

Councilwoman Price spoke.

Geraldine Alejo, Revenue Management Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilwoman Price and Geraldine Alejo, Revenue Management Officer.

Chair Austin spoke.

Elliot spoke.

Adam Hijazi spoke.

Chair Austin spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Austin, seconded by Member Price, to approve recommendation, as amended, to receive and file report, and to request staff to provide additional information on the feasibility of reducing the Measure MA revenue baseline to approximately \$8-10 million (with any revenue above that amount rebated back to those who pay into the tax), and the feasibility of reducing the retail tax between 4-8%, including information on the fiscal impact in FY 23 and FY 24 and potential options to address the impact. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Price, Uranga and Austin

3. 22-1021

Recommendation to receive and file a list of follow-up items from the Budget Hearings and/or Budget Oversight Committee meetings.

Elsa Tung spoke.

Ryan Ballard spoke.

Chair Austin spoke.

Joanna Diaz spoke.

Ann Cantrell spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Jamilet Ochoa spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Uranga, seconded by Member Price, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Price, Uranga and Austin

4. 22-1035 eComments received for the Budget Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3:20 PM)

Erik Garcia spoke.

Mayra Garcia Cortez spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (3:27 PM)

At 3:27 PM, there being no objection, Chair Austin declared the meeting adjourned.

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