TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 3:00 PM

CITY OF LONG BEACH ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Dr. Robert Garcia, Chair Gary DeLong, Vice Chair Gerrie Schipske, R.N.P./J.D., Member



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:05 PM)

At 3:05 P.M., Chair Garcia called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:05 PM)

Councilmembers Garcia and DeLong

Present:

Councilmembers Schipske

Absent:

Also present: Heather Mahood, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Larry Herrera, City Clerk; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Garcia gave opening remarks.

1. 11-0967

Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Elections Oversight Committee for the meeting of Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

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

Yes: 2 - Garcia and DeLong

Absent: 1 - Schipske

2. 11-0109

Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft an ordinance instituting ballot rotation, to be implemented by the City Clerk, in order to enhance the integrity and fairness of our local elections.

Chair Garcia spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Garcia spoke.

Vice Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Francis Emily Dawson Harris spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair DeLong, seconded by Chair Garcia, to approve recommendation and forward to City Council for discussion and approval due back on 10/18/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Garcia and DeLong

Absent: 1 - Schipske

3. 11-0968

Recommendation to receive a presentation concerning voting system technology to allow persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently; and determine whether recommend to the full City Council procurement of such technology to allow disabled persons to vote privately and independently at City Hall for the 2012 election cycle, as well offering "early voting" to all registered voters.

Chair Garcia spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, gave a brief presentation and introduced Ken Tretheway, Hart Intercivic, who gave a live demonstration of the voting device and responded to questions.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Cindy Soto spoke.

Francis Emily Dawson Harris spoke.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair DeLong, seconded by Chair Garcia, to approve recommendation for procurement of voting system technology that would allow disabled persons to vote privately and independently at City Hall for the 2012 election cycle and forward to the full City Council due back on 10/18/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Garcia and DeLong

Absent: 1 - Schipske

SECOND ROLL CALL (3:30 PM)

Councilmembers Garcia and Schipske

Present:

Councilmembers DeLong

Absent:

4. 11-0747

Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare amendments to Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.08, related to administration of the lobbyist registration program, with such amendments retroactive to July 1, 2011.

Chair Garcia spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, gave a brief staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Chair DeLong spoke.

Jim Worsham, President & CEO Community Foundation, spoke.

Schipske joined the meeting. DeLong left the meeting.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Judy Ross, Long Beach Non-Profits, spoke

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Garcia spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Ameila Nieto, Director of Central Shalom, spoke.

Tulin Smily, Executive Director, Women Shelter Long Beach, spoke.

Suzanne Browne, Legal Aid Foundation of Long Beach, spoke.

Mark Coleman spoke.

Allison, Housing Long Beach, spoke.

Rene Castro spoke.

Mike Murchison spoke.

Francis Emily Dawson Harris spoke.

Donna Marykwas, Long Beach Grows, spoke.

Karen Reside, Independent Consultant, spoke.

Pat Kennedy, Greater Long Beach Interfaith, spoke.

Chad Castello spoke.

Christine Pett, Long Beach Time Exchange and Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community, spoke.

Toby Rothchild, Legal Aid Foundation Long Beach, spoke.

Annette, Immigrants Rights, spoke.

Martha Coat, Housing Long Beach, spoke.

Gary Shelton spoke.

Jeanine Pierce, Los Angeles NE, spoke.

Chad, Cambodian Community, spoke.

Savana Haas spoke.

Eric Leocardio, Founder of Catalyst Network of Communities, spoke.

Catone Saad spoke.

Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, spoke.

Councilmember Schipske spoke.

Judy Ross spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Member Schipske, seconded by Chair Garcia, to approve recommendation to continue for a period of one year, exempting all non-profit organizations from being required to register as persons who lobby public officials and that we continue to the hearings of the Elections Oversight Committee to improve the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Garcia and Schipske

Absent: 1 - DeLong

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:27 PM)

No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT (4:27 PM)

At 4:27 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Garcia declared the meeting adjourned.