

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MEDICAL CANNABIS TASK  
FORCE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015  
LONG BEACH GAS AND OIL  
2400 E. SPRING STREET  
AUDITORIUM, 6:00 PM**



Larry Bott, Member, District 1  
Tony Rivera, Member, District 1  
Adam Hijazi, Member, District 2  
Jack Smith, Member, District 2  
Sarah Sangmeister, Member, District 3  
Denise Mester, Member, District 3  
Joe Sopo, Member, District 4  
Jan Ward, Member, District 4

Marc Greenberg, Member, District 5  
Floyd Curry, Member, District 5  
Nick Morrow, Member, District 6  
Greg Lefian, Member, District 6  
Larry King, Member, District 7  
Aaron Herzberg, Member, District 7  
Marc Rothenberg, Member, District 8  
Charlyn Bender, Member, District 8  
Kasia McDermott, Member, District 9

**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (6:07 PM)**

At 6:07 PM, Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (6:08 PM)**

**Members Present:** Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Greenberg, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Bender and McDermott

**Members Absent:** Curry and Rothenberg

Also present: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Larry Herrera-Cabrera, City Clerk; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist.

Introduction of City Staff and Task Force Facilitator.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, President & CEO, MBI, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Monique DeLaGarza, Administrative Officer, spoke.

Poonam Davis, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

### REGULAR AGENDA (6:10 PM)

1. 15-0279 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sopo, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Greenberg, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Bender and McDermott

**Absent:** 2 - Curry and Rothenberg

2. 15-0278 Recommendation to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Bott spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member King, seconded by Member Lefian, to nominate Task Force Member Morrow for Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote. (Failed 7-8)**

**A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member Sopo, to nominate Task Force Member Smith for Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote. (Failed 5-10)**

Sam Sabzehzar spoke nominating Task Force Member Morrow for Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Diana Lejins and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Diana Lejins spoke nominating Task Force Member Morrow for Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

**A motion was made by Member Rivera, seconded by Member Ward, to nominate Task Force Member Bender for Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force. The motion carried by majority vote. (Carried 8-7)**

Motion: To nominate Task Force Member Morrow for Vice Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Moved by Aaron Herzberg, seconded by Greg Lefian.

Motion: To nominate Task Force Member Smith for Vice Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Moved by Tony Rivera, seconded by Charlyn Bender.

**A motion was made by Member Sangmeister, seconded by Member Hijazi, to nominate Task Force Member Greenberg for Vice Chair of the Medical Cannabis Task Force. The motion carried by majority vote. (Carried 8-7)**

3. 15-0274

Recommendation to receive and file staff presentation on draft ordinance, legislative history, and construction.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Task Force Member Greenberg spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Bott spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

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Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair-elect Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among the Task Force Members.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

David Heath spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialgoue ensued between David Heath and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Stefan Borst-Censullo spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

CJ Moebius, President, Grassp, spoke.

Judi Farris spoke.

Vice Chair-elect Greenberg spoke.

Larry Herrera-Cabrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke

Larry Herrera-Cabrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke; and distributed a DVD.

Task Force Member Smith spoke in opposition of the DVD distributed to Task Force Member King.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke explaining the Brown Act violation.

**A motion was made by Member Sangmeister, seconded by Member Hijazi, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Greenberg, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Bender and McDermott

**Absent:** 2 - Curry and Rothenberg

4. 15-0280 Recommendation to receive and file a discussion regarding future Task Force meeting dates and topics.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke; and introduced Mary McCormick, MBI, who spoke.

At 8:14 P.M., Mary McCormick, MBI, declared a recess.

At 8:22 P.M., Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, called the meeting to order.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.



Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Vice Chair-Elect Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

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Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair-Elect Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Motion: To meet April 15, 2015 to discuss locations and topics.  
Moved by Joe Sopo, seconded by Larry King.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair-elect Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Greenberg, seconded by Member Herzberg, to include an item on the next agenda discussion to invite Sheriff Jim McDonnell and other outside speakers to a future meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Greenberg, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Bender and McDermott

**Absent:** 2 - Curry and Rothenberg

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Chair-Elect Bender spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mike Murchison spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair-Elect Bender spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, MBI, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Herzberg, seconded by Member Smith, that the next meeting take place April 15 and April 29 at a location to be determined, and a list of items to be considered be agendaized for discussion at a future meeting, including who might be invited. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Greenberg, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Bender and McDermott

**Absent:** 2 - Curry and Rothenberg

**PUBLIC COMMENT (9:17 PM)**

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:29 PM)**

At 9:29 PM, there being no objection, Task Force Member Smith moved, seconded by Task Force Member Greenberg, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

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