

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
SUSTAINABLE CITY  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 4:00 PM**

Elliot Gonzales, Chair  
Kathleen Irvine, Vice Chair  
Joan Greenwood, Commissioner  
Elizabeth Nash, Commissioner  
Lisa Wibroe, Commissioner



Morgan Wheeler, Commissioner  
Desiree Gutierrez, Commissioner  
Nicholas Lind, Commissioner  
Sona Coffee, Commissioner  
Coby Skye, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (4:07 PM)**

At 4:07 PM, Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (4:07 PM)**

**Commissioners** Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Elliot Gonzales, Elizabeth Nash,  
**Present:** Kathleen Irvine, Desiree Gutierrez, Sona Coffee and Coby Skye  
**Commissioners** Morgan Wheeler and Nicholas Lind  
**Absent:**

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Robin Zur Schmiede, Deputy City Attorney; and Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:08 PM)**

Francisco Gonzales spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Patricia Chen spoke.

Grace Lorensen spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

**PRESENTATION: 2015-2016 CoolCalifornia Challenge Long Beach EcoTeams Award Ceremony (4:13 pm)**

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke; provided a PowerPoint presentation; and introduced the winners of the 2015-2016 CoolCalifornia Challenge Long Beach EcoTeams Awards to: 1st Place winner Maple Village Waldorf School; 2nd Place winner We Are The Next; and 3rd Place winner Long Beach Local Farm Lot 59.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

**NEW BUSINESS (4:25 PM)**

1. [16-010SC](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2016.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Irvine, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 2 - Morgan Wheeler and Nicholas Lind

**SECOND ROLL CALL (4:25 PM)**

**Commissioners** Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Elliot Gonzales, Elizabeth Nash,

**Present:** Kathleen Irvine, Desiree Gutierrez, Nicholas Lind, Sona Coffee and Coby Skye

**Commissioners** Morgan Wheeler

**Absent:**

2. 16-011SC Recommendation to receive a report on the local implementation of AB 1826 - Commercial Organics Recycling.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke; and introduced Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Lind joined the meeting.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Skye and Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Coffee and Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gutierrez and Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Leigh Behrens, Recycling Specialist, spoke.

Natasha spoke.

Tony Deniko spoke.

Patricia Chen spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Wibroe, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe, Nicholas Lind and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Morgan Wheeler

**3. 16-012SC**

Recommendation to receive a report on the statewide California Adaptation Forum to be held in Long Beach in September 2016.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke; and introduced Carrie Metzgar, Civic Spark Fellow, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Nash spoke.

Karen spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Lind, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe, Nicholas Lind and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Morgan Wheeler

4. 16-013SC      Recommendation to discuss the structure, planning and format of the Sustainable City Commission annual Work Plan Retreat.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

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Vice Chair Irvine spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Vice Chair Irvine spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Nash spoke.



Commissioner Skye spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Larry Rich Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Skye, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, to approve recommendation to request staff to schedule a date for a retreat and if needed, a public participation workshop led by the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe, Nicholas Lind and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Morgan Wheeler

5. 16-014SC Recommendation to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission for 2016-2017.

Larry Rich, Sustainable Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Chair Gonzales spoke.

Commissioner Irvine spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Skye, seconded by Commissioner Wibroe, to approve recommendation and elect Chair Gonzales as Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe, Nicholas Lind and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Morgan Wheeler

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Skye, to approve recommendation and elect Vice Chair Irvine as the Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Coby Skye, Desiree Gutierrez, Elizabeth Nash, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kathleen Irvine, Lisa Wibroe, Nicholas Lind and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Morgan Wheeler

**PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF (6:11 PM)**

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS (6:19 PM)**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:20 PM)**

At 6:20 PM, there being no objection, Chair Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned.

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