CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4:00 PM

Susana Gonzalez, Commissioner Andrea White, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner Jill Brennan, Commissioner



Lisa Wibroe, Commissioner Joan Greenwood, Commissioner Robin Thorne, Commissioner Sera Candela-Grossman, Commissioner Andrew Kincaid, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:03 P.M., Chair Kincaid called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Andrea Kjoss-White, Jill

Present: Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe and Daryl

Supernaw

Boardmembers Joan Greenwood and Robin Thorne

Absent:

Also present: Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Alfre Vaille, Sustainability Coordinator; Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

SECOND ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Joan Greenwood, Andrea

Present: Kjoss-White, Jill Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe

and Daryl Supernaw

Boardmembers Robin Thorne

Absent:

PUBLIC: Opportunity given to citizens to address the ruling body on non-agenda items within their jurisdiction. (Currently limited to three minutes, unless extended by the Chair.)

Joe Sopo, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Kincaid and Joe Sopo.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 09-0084

Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Joan Greenwood, Andrea Kjoss-White, Jill Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe and Daryl Supernaw

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

2. 09-0085

Recommendation to receive a Green Fleet presentation from Carlos Valesquez, Acting Fleet Service Manager, Department of Public Works.

Carlos Valesquez, Acting Fleet Service Manager, Department of Public Works, gave a brief presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Kincaid spoke.

Commissioner White spoke.

Carlos Valesquez, Acting Fleet Service Manager, Department of Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke.

Chair Kincaid spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, to approve recommendation to receive a Green Fleet presentation from Carlos Valesquez, Acting Fleet Service Manager, Department of Public Works. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Joan Greenwood, Andrea Kjoss-White, Jill Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe and Daryl Supernaw

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

Agenda Item 4 was taken out of order and considered at this time.

4. 09-0087

Approve recommendation to receive a report on the Draft Transportation Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a brief presentation and introduced Thomas Jelenic, Senior Environmental Affairs Specialist, Port of Long Beach.

Thomas Jelenic, Senior Environmental Affairs Specialist, Port of Long Beach, gave a brief presentation and responded to questions.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, continued with his presentation.

Chair Kincaid spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Thomas Jelenic, Senior Environmental Affairs Specialist, Port of Long Beach, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Thomas Jelenic, Senior Environmental Affairs Specialist, Port of Long Beach, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Ed McMillian, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Thomas Jelenic, Senior Environmental Affairs Specialist, Port of Long Beach, spoke.

Commissioner White spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Chair Kincaid spoke.

Ed McMillan, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Wibroe, to approve recommendation to receive a report on the Draft Transportation Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Joan Greenwood, Andrea Kjoss-White, Jill Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe and Daryl Supernaw

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

3. 09-0086

Recommendation to approve the Buildings and Neighborhoods Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a brief presentation and responded to questions.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Commissioner White spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Wibroe, to approve the Buildings and Neighborhoods Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Joan Greenwood, Andrea Kjoss-White, Jill Brennan, Sera Candela-Grossman, Lisa Wibroe and Daryl Supernaw Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

PROGRESS UPDATE

A. Accomplishments, Updates and Next Steps - Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke briefly about the following:

As part of the City's package, the Sustainability Office has requested federal funding from the U.S. Conference of Mayors to support initiatives such as energy efficiency, trees and water quality, etc.; thanked the Commission for their participation at the State of the City Address and for manning the Sustainability, Port of Long Beach and Water Department booth; announced that Paul Ahrns, New Intern, from California State University, Long Beach, Environmental Policy and Planning Program will start with the Sustainability Office on January 26, 2009; announced Alfre Vaille, Sustainability Coordinator, is in the final phase of 2007 Green House Gas Inventory and the verifier will be on site in the next week; and it is anticipated that a verbal or written report will be ready in time for the Commission's February meeting; announced that the Sustainability Office has been in constant talks with the Community Development and Cultural Affairs Bureau to partner with the Art Council on a project regarding sustainability and public art unite; announced that the Sustainability Office will make a presentation at CSULB's Faculty Retreat, regarding sustainability issues; and finally several projects are underway in Buildings and Neighborhoods Area with the incorporation of green waste pilot program to be used in vacant lots in West, Central and North Long Beach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Greenwood announced that on February 11, 2009, from 6-9 pm at Stevens Middle School on Columbia & Santa Fe Avenue, there will be a public meeting on the environmental impact of the ICTF Rail Yard Expansion in West Long Beach.

Commissioner Supernaw recommended a NOVA program regarding AB32, which aired on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, called the Big Energy Gamble; and spoke briefly about Public Transportation and making policy changes to that regard.

Commissioner White gave an update on the PLACE Program through the Los Angeles Department of Health which recently hired a Mobility Coordinator, for the City of Los Angeles.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:46 P.M., there being no objection Chair Kincaid declared the meeting adjourned.