

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of October 5, 2021

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17. (21-1004) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP PR20-034 and award a contract to Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, for the maintenance and management of environmentally sensitive areas along the tidelands areas, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$699,660, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments. (Districts 2,3)	Dianne Sundstrom	dianne.sundstrom@verizon.net		This is a large contract for service. Who is monitoring compliance and quality to make sure the City and taxpayers are getting value for the money spent?	10/5/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Cassidy Hart	cassidyhart4@gmail.com		The recent oil spill off the coast is a devastating reminder that Long Beach's economy is unsustainable and harmful, and that we are unprepared for the inevitable catastrophes from fossil fuels. Indigenous water protectors and water advocates have been saying this for decades. Long Beach City Council needs to take meaningful action by issuing a moratorium on any new oil & gas operations, and a publishing a plan for the shutdown and cleanup of all existing operations, including a just transition.	10/5/2021
39. (21-1029) Recommendation to adopt resolution declaring City-owned property located at 3917 Long Beach Boulevard (APN 7139-013-900) (Subject Property) as "surplus land" as defined in Government Code Section 54220 et seq.; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to take any actions and execute any documents necessary to ensure compliance with the Surplus Land Act and State regulations relating thereto. (District 8)	Rae Gabelich	hoorae1@aol.com		This historical structure has served our 8th district community, our entire city for over 81 years. The Los Cerritos community has suggested it be kept as CLB property and become a community center to be enjoyed for many decades to come. They have also requested the opportunity to see the site with remediation experts prior to this vote to determine if the community can raise adequate funds to make it functional. After two months of conversation they were denied this request! There is no urgency to vote on this action tonight. I ask that you listen to the residents who would like to restore and honor the significance of this building, but need your help to make this happen. If it is determined that the cost is prohibitive then take the vote. It is not simply an 8th district issue. From a citywide historical perspective, it is an opportunity for you to preserve another piece of Long Beach history. Something our city fails to honor way too often. Please Postpone The Vote!	10/4/2021

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<p>40. (21-1027) Recommendation to consent to a request by the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, LLC, to leave concrete blocks from the 2021 Long Beach Grand Prix in place along Seaside Way, Shoreline Drive (east of Pine Avenue), and within the Elephant Lot, for a period of seven months, through the conclusion of the 2022 race and corresponding takedown period, or May 1, 2022;</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend and/or apply for California Coastal Commission approval of the same; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary for a First Amendment to Amended and Restated Operating Agreement No. 34876 with Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, LLC, to amend provisions of the agreement as necessary to facilitate the Association's request. (District 2)</p>	Aaron Moore	aaron@aaronmoore.org		<p>The barriers and temporary fencing interfere with Long Beach residentsâ€™ and visitorsâ€™ ability to walk and bike safely. They also are unattractive to be up for such a long period of time. Request that they be removed until setup for April 2022 event.</p>	10/3/2021
<p>43. (21-1032) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 95866000LBPD24750 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, for providing law enforcement services, to increase the contract amount by \$3,147,962, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$33,222,590, for the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022. (Districts 1,2,6,7,8)</p>	Greg Buhl	gdbuhl@gmail.com		<p>This contract should never have been approved in the first place. It has already caused one avoidable death and the city is now facing a wrongful death lawsuit. A man was crushed to death over \$1.75 because of the LBPD's overzealous fare enforcement. Was it worth it?</p> <p>Data shows that black riders accounted for 62% of all stops for failure to pay on Long Beach transit buses and the Metro Blue Line, despite representing only about 20% of ridership. That explains the second lawsuit the city is facingâ€”a class action for racial discrimination.</p> <p>When this contract was first signed Mayor Garcia issued an announcement stating, â€œA HUGH WIN FOR LONG BEACH â€” A SAFER BLUE LINE.â€•</p> <p>Is that still how everyone feels? After this contact expires it should never be renewed. The LBPD is not suited for keeping public transit safe.</p>	10/5/2021