

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
411 W. OCEAN BLVD.,  
LONG BEACH, 4:00 PM**

Sona Coffee, Chair  
Morgan Wheeler, Vice Chair  
Coby Skye, Commissioner  
Alan Tolkoff, Commissioner  
Donna Bergeron-Birge, Commissioner  
Rey Gonzales, Commissioner



Jenny Novak, Commissioner  
Nicholas Lind, Commissioner  
Eric Rock, Commissioner  
Carla Dillon, Commissioner  
Hilda Gaytan, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sona Coffee called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator; Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist; Sandra Barajas, Clerk Typist III

**Commissioners** Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey  
**Present:** Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan  
Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Commissioners** Nicholas Lind and Alan Tolkoff  
**Absent:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public are invited to address the Sustainable City Commission on non-agenda items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

Gretchen Swanson, representing The Rose Park Neighborhood Association, spoke and gave handouts about the proposed development at E 7th Street and Temple.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. [19-027SC](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable CityCommission meeting of Thursday, July 25, 2019.

**Attachments:** [Finished Minutes 7-25-19.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Wheeler, seconded by Commissioner Skye, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 5 - Carla Dillon, Nicholas Lind, Alan Tolkoff, Coby Skye and Morgan Wheeler

2. [19-028SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Department of Public Works on the sustainable design of the new Civic Center.

**Attachments:** [Item 2 19-028SC New Civic Center.pdf](#)

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, gave a presentation from the Department of Public Works on the sustainable design of the new Civic Center.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Wheeler and April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works.

Commissioner Sky spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Sky and April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gonzales and April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works.

Commissioner Hilda spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Hilda spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Rock spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Dillon spoke.

April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and April Walker, Community Projects Officer for Public Works.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

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

**Yes:** 8 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 3 - Nicholas Lind, Jenny Novak and Alan Tolkoff

3. [19-029SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from Development Services Planning Bureau on the Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy.

**Attachments:** [Item 3 - 19-029SC Uptown Planning Land Use.pdf](#)

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services, who presented the Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Skye and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gaytan and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Novak and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services Department.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, AICP, Advance Planning Officer for the Development Services Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Patricia Diefenderfer, AICP, Advance Planning Officer for the Development Services Department.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, project planner for the Development Services, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, AICP, Advance Planning Officer for the Development Services Department, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 9 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 2 - Nicholas Lind and Alan Tolkoff

4. [19-030SC](#) Recommendation to review the 2020 Office of Sustainability Work Plan and forward to the City Council for approval.

**Attachments:** [OoS 2020 Work Plan v2 DRAFT.pdf](#)

Courtney Chatterton, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Courtney Chatterton, Communications Specialist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator.

Courtney Chatterton, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee, Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, Courtney Chatterton, Communications Specialist and Vice Chair Wheeler.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Chair Coffee Spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 9 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 2 - Nicholas Lind and Alan Tolkoff

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Commissioner Gonzales spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainable City Coordinator, spoke.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Coffee adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 4:00 PM**

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