CITY OF LONG BEACH
SUSTAINABLE CITY
COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 4:00 PM

Sona Coffee, Chair
Morgan Wheeler, Vice Chair
Donna Bergeron-Birge, Commissioner
Carla Dillon, Commissioner
Keisha Gaines, Commissioner
Hilda Gaytan, Commissioner

Rey Gonzales, Commissioner
Jenny Novak, Commissioner
Eric Rock, Commissioner
Coby Skye, Commissioner
Alan Tolkoff, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:03 PM, Chair Coffee called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Donna Bergeron-Birge, Keisha Gaines, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

Commissioners Excused: Carla Dillon and Alan Tolkoff

Commissioners Absent: Hilda Gaytan

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist; Kristyn Payne, Sustainability Analyst.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 21-011SC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

Yes: 8 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Keisha Gaines, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

Excused: 2 - Carla Dillon and Alan Tolkoff

Absent: 1 - Hilda Gaytan

2. 21-010SC Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Long Beach Department of Energy Resources on Environmental Programs & Initiatives.

Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Department of Energy Resources, spoke; and provide a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Department of Energy Resources, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Skye and Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Department of Energy Resources.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Department of Energy Resources, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Department of Energy Resources.

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

Yes: 8 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Keisha Gaines, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

Excused: 2 - Carla Dillon and Alan Tolkoff

Absent: 1 - Hilda Gaytan

3. 21-012SC Recommendation to receive a presentation from Southern California Edison on their Pathway 2045 to achieve a carbon neutral future.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Josh Torres, Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Dave Shukla provided public comment to the commission.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

Josh Torres. Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison, spoke.

Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, spoke.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

Josh Torres, Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Wheeler and Vic Nol, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Josh Torres, Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Josh Torres, Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Coffee, seconded by Commissioner Skye, to approve recommendation and request a presentation from Southern California Edison to City Council on steps to achieve 2030 carbon neutral energy supply in Long Beach and summarize options to provide incentives that increase rooftop solar and battery storage in Long Beach with programs for low income communities. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

Abstain: 2 - Keisha Gaines and Rey Gonzales

Excused: 2 - Carla Dillon and Alan Tolkoff

Absent: 1 - Hilda Gaytan

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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Chair Coffee spoke.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee, Vice Chair Wheeler, and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 PM, there being no objection, Chair Coffee adjourned the meeting.

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