

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 4:00 PM**

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



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

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO  
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-8-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Rey

**Present:** Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Coby Skye, Sona Coffee, Hilda Gaytan  
and Morgan Wheeler

**Commissioners** Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

**Absent:**

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Kristyn Payne,  
Sustainability Analyst; Britny Coker-Moen, Green Business Coordinator; Veronica Allen,  
Clerical Aide.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public, Dave Shukla, addressed the commission.

A member of the public, Chris Chavez, addressed the commission.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [21-026SC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, July 22, 2021.

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

2. [21-027SC](#) Recommendation to receive a presentation by Health and Human Services on the City's strategies and goals for addressing homelessness in Long Beach, supports for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and funding for permanent housing and services.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Gaytan and Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

A member of the public, Andi, addressed the commission.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

3. [21-028SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Office of the City Manager on Measure US (2020) Oil Barrel Production Tax Increase.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Teresa Chandler, Deputy City Manager, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Teresa Chandler, Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

A member of the public, Chris Chavez, addressed the commission.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

A member of the public, Dave Shukla, addressed the commission.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Coffee, seconded by Commissioner Bergeron-Birge, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

4. [21-029SC](#)

Recommendation to review the 2022 Office of Sustainability Work Plan, provide input to staff, and forward to the City Council for approval.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

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

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

**Yes:** 8 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Sona Coffee, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

**Absent:** 3 - Eric Rock, Alan Tolkoff and Coby Skye

**PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF**

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM