

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
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

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

**SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO AB 361 (GOV. CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)-(2))**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

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;
Veronica Allen, Clerical Aide; Tamela Austin, City Clerk Specialist.

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

Ana Christensen spoke.

Dave Shukla spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-001SC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Friday, December 3, 2021

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

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

Absent: 3 - Jenny Novak, Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

2. [22-002SC](#) Recommendation to receive a presentation from Development Services on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Whitney Amaya spoke.

Kartik Raj spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Pete Marsh spoke.

Carlos Ovalle spoke.

Elliot Gonzales spoke.

Dave Shukla spoke.

Kenny Allen spoke.

Nancy Woo spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Coffee and Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Gaytan and Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Advance Planning Officer.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gaytan, seconded by Commissioner Coffee, 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. [22-003SC](#)

Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Environmental Service Bureau on the City's Waste Initiatives.

Diko Melkonian, ESB Manager/Deputy Director Public Works, spoke and introduced Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Whitney Amaya spoke.

Kartik Raj spoke.

Dave Shukla spoke.

Nancy Woo spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Bergeron-Birge and Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Coffee and Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Gaytan and Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion & Recycling Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skye, 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. [22-004SC](#)

Recommendation to review a draft memorandum to the Mayor and City Council.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Michelle Lewis spoke.

Ann Cantrell spoke.

Dave Shukla spoke.

Nicole Levin spoke.

Juan Ovalle spoke.

Elliot Gonzales spoke.

Anna Christensen spoke.

Nancy Woo spoke.

Pete Marsh spoke.

Shreya spoke.

Kenny spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Erin Weesner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Coffee spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coffee, seconded by Commissioner Skye, to approve recommendation, as amended, to [1] forward memo to City Council; [2] develop further recommendations relating the Commission's recommendations in the memo to council based on feedback from the community and relevant stakeholders; and [3] add all public comments received at the Sustainable City Commission meeting held, January 28, 2022 on this item to the memo. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 3 - Jenny Novak, Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments & announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

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