



## Legislation Details

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**File #:** 07-0020      **Version:** 1      **Name:** Discussion of whether or not the Charter Amendment Committee shall refer to the City Council for consideration the following reforms for placement on the ballot for decision by the voters of the City of Long Beach:

a. Obsolete Sections

i. Delet

**Type:** Agenda Item

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**Title:** Discussion of whether or not the Charter Amendment Committee shall refer to the City Council for consideration the following reforms for placement on a ballot for decision by the voters of the City of Long Beach:

a. Obsolete Sections (See the October 24, 2006 meeting)

i. Deletion of obsolete Charter sections: Section 903 pertaining to public recreation tax levy; Section 1714 pertaining to library tax levy; Section 1717 pertaining to transportation tax levy; Section 1724 pertaining to Municipal Band tax levy; Section 1700 pertaining to Fiscal Year; Section 1707 pertaining to the General Purpose Reserve Account; and Section 1500 pertaining to the organization of the Department of Public Utilities as presented in a City Attorney memo dated May 7, 2004.

b. City Governance

i. Role of Mayor and City Council;  
(See Charts from the December 11, 2006 meeting)

ii. Full-Time versus Part-Time Council;  
(See Chart from the December 11, 2006 meeting)

iii. Granting City Council power to conduct investigations;  
(See Chart on Council Investigations from the December 11, 2006 meeting)

iv. Revision of Term Limits;

v. Mayoral veto authority  
(See Chart from the December 11, 2006 meeting)

c. Boards and Commissions

i. Appointment and confirmation of commissions and whether to provide for "pleasure" appointments, with potential reinstatement by Council;

- ii. City Council review of Commission actions: amendment of Article XII to provide for a City Council veto of certain actions taken by the Harbor Commission;
  - iii. Commission term lengths - revision of the terms of office for the Harbor Commission and the Water Commission to provide for a maximum of three four-year terms.
- d. Administration, Budget and Legal
- i. Lengthening time for Mayor and Council review of budget to 90-days;  
(See Chart on Budget Process from the December 11, 2006 meeting)
  - ii. Article XXI of the City Charter regarding Normal Earliest Age for Service Retirement;  
(See the November 6, 2006 meeting)
  - iii. Certification of Available Funds to Fulfill Collective Bargaining Agreements and Establishment of a Retirement Reserve;  
(See the November 6, 2006 meeting)
  - iv. Enhancement of budget process relative to setting a mandatory minimum staffing ratio based on population for public safety personnel;  
(See the November 27, 2006 meeting)
  - v. City Council Compensation including discussion of Independent Compensation Commission;  
(See Chart from the December 11, 2006 meeting)
  - vi. Consolidation of City Attorney and City Prosecutor;  
(See the December 12, 2006 meeting)
  - vii. City Prosecutor's responsibilities during Civil Service Commission Appeals;  
(See the December 11, 2006 meeting)
  - viii. Charter provision to maintain parks in perpetuity.  
(See the November 27, 2006 meeting)
- e. Elections
- i. Election cycle changes;  
(See the November 14, 2006 meeting)
  - ii. Clarification of thirty-day residency requirement, to run from the close of nomination period;  
(See the November 14, 2006 meeting)
  - iii. Allow successful primary write-in candidates to appear on the General Election run-off ballot;  
(See the November 14, 2006 meeting)
  - iv. Prohibition of individuals from being a candidate for

two City offices during the same election.

f. Decennial Redistricting

- i. Change to 10-year redistricting cycle from a 5-year cycle;
- ii. Establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission.

g. Effective date of Charter changes

**Sponsors:**

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