



Legislation Text

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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