

Val Lerch, Chair
Gerrie Schipske, Vice Chair
Rae Gabelich, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 1:06 P.M., Chair Lerch called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Lerch and Schipske

Present:

Councilmembers Gabelich

Absent:

Also present: William Blair, Deputy Police Chief; Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney; Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Lerch gave opening remarks.

Councilwoman Schipske gave opening remarks and thanked everyone for their attention to this item.

William Blair, Deputy Police Chief, introduced Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer.

Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer, gave a presentation entitled, "Model Elements of a Dangerous Dog Ordinance."

SECOND ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Lerch, Schipske and Gabelich

Present:

Gabelich joined the meeting.

1. 07-1470 Recommendation to discuss the Model Elements of a Dangerous Dog Ordinance for possible inclusion in the Long Beach Municipal Code at Title 6.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Member Gabelich, to approve and refer to the City Council the following changes to the LBMC Section 6: Require microchipping of animals impounded by the Animal Control Division prior to owner redemption; Strengthen the leash law (LBMC 6.16.100); Create a new ordinance where in addition to possible criminal violations, the owner may be subject to administrative penalty if their dog is discovered loose and at large that have attempted to bite, attack or menace another human or animal, due the owner's failure to contain the animal by means of ordinary care; Create a linkage between education and fines that would require mandatory education regarding responsible pet ownership; and the possibility of requiring microchipping of all licensed dogs and/or microchipping dogs prior to adoption, due back on 4/1/2008. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lerch, Schipske and Gabelich

Chair Lerch spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair Lerch spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer, spoke.

Chair Lerch spoke.

Councilwoman Gabelich spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipke spoke.

Scott Ringwelski, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Shirley Vaughn, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Justin Rudd, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer, spoke.

Judy Crumpton, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Cristyl Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Anne Tuck-Miller, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Deidre Brooker, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Wesley Moore, Animal Control Services Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke.

Chair Lerch spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.

No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:12 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Lerch declared the meeting adjourned.