

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
LONG BEACH, 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 & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (4:12 PM)**

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

**ROLL CALL (4:12 PM)**

**Commissioners** Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan  
**Present:** Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

**Commissioners** Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona  
**Absent:** Coffee

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Kristyn Payne, Sustainability Analyst; Veronica Allen, Clerical Aide; Kyle J. Smith, City Clerk Specialist.

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

Pete Marsh spoke regarding the Climate Action plan.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:04 PM)**

1. 22-010SC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2022.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

**Absent:** 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

2. 22-011SC Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Aquarium of the Pacific on Conservation and Community Connections through Volunteering.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke; and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Gaytan and Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Commissioner Gaines spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gaines and Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

**Absent:** 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

3. 22-012SC Recommendation to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission for 2022 - 2023.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

**Absent:** 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

**PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF (5:06 PM)**

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wheeler and Vice Chair Gaytan.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS (5:22 PM)**

Pete Marsh made a community announcement.

Dave Shukla spoke regarding various topics.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge made community announcements.

Chair Wheeler made community announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:36 PM)**

There being no objection, Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, June 23, 2022 - 4:00 PM**