

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of May 2, 2023

Item	Name	E-Mail	Address	Neighborhood	City	State	Zip	Comment	Received
15. (23-0425) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 35480 with Clean Energy Fuels, Inc., of Newport Beach, CA, for the purchase of renewable compressed natural gas (CNG), for use in City of Long Beach (City) vehicles and equipment, to increase annual contract amount by \$500,000, authorize a 15 percent contingency of \$130,500, for a new total annual amount not to exceed \$1,000,500, for the current contract term and for the remaining five contract renewals ending on February 13, 2030; and Increase appropriations in the Fleet Services Fund Group in the Financial Management Department by \$500,000, offset by funds available generated by revenue received through the Fleet Memorandum of Understanding. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					<p>Curious.</p> <p>Yes, the City is locked into a 10 year contract, and yes, compressed natural gas is somewhat less emitting of pollutants than diesel -- but CNG is not a "clean fuel" or "clean energy" -- it is dirty to extract, process, ship, store, and use.</p> <p>At what point are City Officials (Hired Staff and Elected Decision Makers) going to be liable for the missed opportunity, and set of opportunity costs, for not converting to Electric or (Green...) Hydrogen? Who would be more at fault -- the Elected Decision Makers, or the Staff who craft the narrow bounds of their 'choices' and 'options' and 'decisions' ?</p> <p>The State of California is breaking from this whole class of "alternative" Fossil Fuels -- CNG, RNG, Hybrid Gasoline, "Renewable" Diesel, Propane, etc. -- in favor of Electric and Hydrogen.</p> <p>Contracts like *this* have to become part of that transition.</p> <p>Along with the willful, dedicated, maintenance of ignorance to the immediate and accumulative harms of such "alternatives".</p>	5/2/2023

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19. (23-0430) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary documents including any necessary subsequent amendments, with Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC, dba Velocity Truck Centers, an authorized distributor of Crane Carrier trucks, of Whittier, CA, for the purchase of three CNG powered Crane Carrier LET2 trucks, with New Way front end loader refuse bodies, on the same terms and conditions afforded to Sourcewell, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,321,756, inclusive of taxes and fees. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					Again, at what point is the half-step of RNG and CNG vehicles -- in 2023 -- going to be recognized as false solutions? Bridges to nowhere along the State's Zero Emissions goals? Off-ramps from the transition to *actual* clean energy? (Transpo metaphors abound...)	5/2/2023

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20. (23-0431) Recommendation to adopt resolution approving an extension of the current Revolving Line of Credit with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. by the Board of Utilities Commissioners (successor to the Board of Water Commissioners), on behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), for an additional one-year term and authorize the execution of all necessary documents and amendments in connection therewith before the existing Credit Agreement expires on May 21, 2023. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					Interesting	5/2/2023

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28. (23-0420) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with City Clerk and City Attorney to convene the Charter Amendment Committee for a study session on the provisions of the City Charter within 90 days; and The scope of the study session should include an overview of the history of the City Charter, including substantial amendments; an overview of the process required to amend the City Charter; the powers and duties of the City Council, Mayor, and City Manager; a summary of the Council-Manager form of government established by the City Charter.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					Curious	5/2/2023

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30. (23-0442) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Long Beach (City) and the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, Harbor Department (Harbor), which will include the terms for Harbor to advance the City an amount up to \$12 million, take control of certain City oil properties, that can transition to non-oil uses, split the revenues derived from leasing of those properties with the City, and use the City's share of revenues to pay down the advance of funds. (Districts 1,7)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					<p>Oppose.</p> <p>"If this approach ultimately does not prove successful, the City will need to evaluate other options and reengage with the Harbor Department about other future partnerships."</p> <p>This is a pretty significant transfer of land and resources, in the hopes of returning the QM to profitability -- at the expense of engaging new clients/tenants and new uses at those sites.</p> <p>The Staff Report is overly hopeful in the boost this Motion will provide to local tourism and hospitality - which, even in the post-pandemic rebound, is significantly and forever altered.</p> <p>It may well be a watershed moment for Mayor Richardson's first term and emblematic of lost opportunities therein -- Ports, like Tourism, face increased competition.</p> <p>White elephants like the QM may not be in the City's long-term future.</p> <p>Accept that and plan and act accordingly.</p> <p>ds</p>	5/2/2023

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34. (23-0445) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Fiscal Year 2023 - Fiscal Year 2027 Infrastructure Investment Plan; and Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$52,750,000 to fund the various projects identified in the Fiscal Year 2023 Infrastructure Investment Plan, offset anticipated bond proceeds from the Measure A Bond program. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					Very interesting. If only all Agenda Items had this level of specificity and follow-through!	5/2/2023
38. (22-0926) Recommendation to approve renaming a section of Channel View Park to Ashlee's Park in memory of Ashlee Armond.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com	6333 E. Eliot St. Long Beach, CA 90803					Support.	5/2/2023