

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT  
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Mary Islas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director  
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Paola Maldonado, Personnel Analyst  
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst  
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Paul Heuchert, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

**President Ahmed Saafir presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO REAPPOINT  
RETIRED EMPLOYEE:**

**LOUIS RUBENSTEIN/SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER  
HARBOR**

The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor, requesting Commission authorization to reappoint Louis Rubenstein to his former classification of Senior Traffic Engineer, retroactive to January 23, 2008. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Russ Ficker, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the request be approved, pursuant to Section 45 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROTEST OF EXAMINATION ITEMS: CARPENTER**

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, regarding the disposition of protested questions from the Carpenter examination, administered on February 4, 2008. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding the protests, and stated that John McCammon, Mechanical Supervisor, Public Works, John Nakamura, Michael Grauton and Timothy Peterson, Carpenters, were the subject matter experts who reviewed the protested questions. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the recommended disposition of the protested questions be approved and the affected persons be so notified. The motion carried unanimously.

**BULLETIN:**

**COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST**

It was moved by Commissioner Levi seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject Job Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried unanimously. The Secretary informed the Commission that this is a very difficult classification to recruit for, and requested the Technology Department staff be involved in identifying recruitment sources. Amy Manning, Administrative Officer, Office and Support Services, Technology Services acknowledged that the department would be working with Civil Service Department staff in recruiting for this position.

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

General Librarian – 11 Applied, 6 qualified  
Plumber – 32 Applied, 2 Qualified  
Safety Specialist – 35 Applied, 10 qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING  
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Levi and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months with the exception of Planning Aide, to be extended for three months, and to withdraw the extension of Water Treatment Operator. The motion carried unanimously.

Department Librarian  
Planning Aide (3 months)  
~~Water Treatment Operator (2/7/07 & 2/21/07)~~

**RETIREMENT:**

**RITA STILES/CLERK TYPIST II/PUBLIC WORKS**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

Hope Darrow/Animal Control Officer I/Health  
Niall Barrett/Senior Civil Engineer/Water  
Michelle Eads/Police Services Specialist III/Police  
Lily Liu/Administrative Analyst III/Public Works

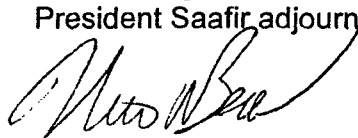
**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Herman Long, Deputy Director, informed the Commission of an upcoming recruitment event for engineers. He stated that the Harbor Department will be sending staff to the recruitment event and will be sharing the cost with Civil Service. He also stated that he invited other City departments utilizing the engineering classification to attend. He also stated that Technology Services has agreed to attend some of the technical job fairs.

The Secretary informed the Commission that the Optimization in Recruitment, Hiring and Retention report would be going to City Council on April 1, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Saafir adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

MRB:meh

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
AHMED SAAFIR, PRESIDENT  
FEBRUARY 20, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Herb Levi, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Herman M. Long, Deputy Director  
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Chris Daclan, Personnel Analyst  
Leah Salgado, Personnel Analyst  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Russell Ficker, Personnel Analyst  
Beverly Nieves, Personnel Analyst  
Stephanie Kemp, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

**President Ahmed Saafir presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2008, be approved as prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT FOR TRAINING:**

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The Secretary presented a communication from Lisa Marin, Director of Human Resources, Harbor, requesting Commission authorization to temporarily reassign Donald Tarango, Senior Equipment Operator to the classification of Construction Inspector, for training. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Leah Salgado, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request for reassignment for training be approved, pursuant to Section 63(3) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Gas Distribution Supervisor  
Maintenance Assistant

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Office Automation Analyst – 19 Applied, 15 Qualified  
Registered Nurse – 2 Applied, 2 Qualified  
Senior Civil Engineer – 3 Applied, 3 Qualified  
Senior Engineering Technician – 7 Applied, 5 Qualified  
Traffic Engineering Associate – 6 Applied, 4 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Levi, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Systems Specialist  
Criminalist  
General Librarian (2/28/07, 8/22/07)

**RETIREMENT:**

**CARL VAUGHN/SECURITY OFFICER II/POLICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried unanimously.

Amy Hittinger/Communications Dispatcher/Fire  
Ray Gonzalez/Equipment Mechanic II/Public Works  
Matthew Rubi/Administrative Analyst/Health  
Frank Garcia/Equipment Mechanic II/Water  
Tiny Matthews/School Guard/Police  
Edgar Lopez/Special Services Officer II/Police  
Clarke Lew/Public Health Physician/Health

**RESCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following hearing reschedules be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

- Suspension Hearing 25-S-67, March 12, 2008
- Suspension Hearing 15-S-67, March 19, 2008
- Suspension Hearing 17-S-67, March 26, 2008
- Reduction Hearing 18-R-67, April 2, 2008
- Suspension Hearing 20-S-67, April 9, 2008

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, informed the Commission that Long Beach Gas and Oil Department has requested the Civil Service 101 Training class for their supervisors.

Herman Long, Deputy Director, informed the Commission that staff is attending a job fair at UCI for Engineering related positions. He stated that representatives from the Harbor and Public Works Departments accompanied staff. He also stated that tomorrow, staff would be attending Long Beach Poly PAAL Career Day. Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst, coordinated the event. Other City employees plan to support the Career Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Commission, President Saafir adjourned the meeting.



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

MRB:meh

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 17, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Harry Saltzgaver, President  
Drew Satariano, Vice President  
Simon George  
Albert Guerra  
Bob Livingstone  
Sarah Sangmeister  
Brett Waterfield

**Absent:** none

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau  
Chrissy Marshall, Manager, Community Recreation Services Bureau  
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
J.C. Squires, Manager, Business Operations Bureau  
Lt. Joe Stilinovich, Park Rangers  
William Greco, Supervising Park Ranger  
Anna Mendiola, Park Development Officer  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Art Cox, Superintendent, Street Maintenance Division, Public Works  
Diane Wiley, Partners of Parks  
Steve Patton, Melendez  
Commander Gary Morrison, Police Department  
Mike Duree, Chairman of the Livingston Park Playground Committee  
Mark Christoffels, City Engineer  
Melanie Smith, Melendrez and Associates, Architect

## II. INTRODUCTIONS

### A. PARTNERS OF PARKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – DIANE WILEY

Mr. J.C. Squires introduced Diane Wiley, the new Executive Director of Partners of Parks.

Ms. Wiley stated that she is excited to partner with the Department on building an outstanding organization and looks forward to working with the Board.

Ms. Chrissy Marshall stated that she had another announcement to make. She explained the background of having a Police Lieutenant in charge of the Park Rangers. She then said that Lt. Joe Stilinovich was promoted to Commander. She recognized him for his exemplary service and presented him with a plaque.

President Saltzgaver thanked Lt. Stilinovich for his service and said that he helped put a handle on the Park Rangers' training. President Saltzgaver presented Lt. Stilinovich with a plaque.

Lt. Stilinovich thanked the Department, the employees, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. He stated that another Police Lieutenant would be placed in the position to replace him. He then introduced his supervisor, Commander Gary Morrison, and thanked him for attending.

Mr. Hester recognized and thanked Lt. Stilinovich for his service and mentioned that putting a Police Lieutenant over the Park Rangers was a change in direction. He stated that Chief Batts has an understanding of how important it was to have a Police Lieutenant in charge of the Rangers.

President Saltzgaver stated that item nine would be taken next.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### A. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR LIVINGSTON DRIVE PARK

Mr. Eschen explained the project. He stated that Livingston Park is the oldest playground in the city and was built with a matching fund program. He said that Anna Mendiola designed the new playground.

Ms. Mendiola described the park plan, which has an older kids area, a trike path, and a smaller kids area. She designed the playground around the existing trees.



Mr. Mike Duree, introduced himself as a third District resident and the Chair of the Committee raising funds. He stated that the fundraising started about six months ago and they are at about \$130,000, with a goal of \$150,000, which is remarkable. He said that with the matching program they would be able to build the playground. He urged the Parks and Recreation Commission's support for the renovation of this park. He said that Dennis Eschen and Anna Mendiola attended numerous meetings and spent a lot of time and energy supporting this project and he thanked them and Phil Hester.

**It was moved by Commissioner Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to recommend to the City Council and City Manager that:**

1. **The expansion of Livingston Drive Playground is an appropriate improvement to Livingston Drive Park; and,**
2. **Up to \$150,000 in Matching Funds be reserved for use in these improvements.**

**The motion carried unanimously with President Saltzgaver abstaining.**

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the way this was done was exemplary, the way the community was involved and how they worked with staff. In the future, he would hope that matching funds would be spent in areas that are a little less affluent and where there is more of a need for playgrounds.

Mr. Hester stated that the matching funds program was eliminated a few years ago due to budget constraints. The matching funds for this project were available from Park Impact Fees that were available. He stated that Commissioner Livingstone was correct in that the Department should be looking across the full city, which is what the Department has done in the past. This was just an opportunity to be able to use these funds. If the community comes forward with projects, it is the Department's challenge to find the funding.

Mr. Eschen stated that Park Impact Fees are development fees that are collected from people who build housing and are specifically required to be used to build new facilities; they cannot be used for programs.

Mr. Duree stated that a final fundraising event would be held on January 31, at Legends and that President Saltzgaver would circulate the flyer.

President Saltzgaver stated that they would go back to the regular order on the agenda.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2007**

**It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the December 20, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

**#08-0101**

**PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL**

President Saltzgaver stated that there are no Personal Services/Instruction Agreements this month.

**#08-0102**

**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NAMING OF THE PONY-COLT FIELD IN HEARTWELL PARK AS THE "AL WEINER BALLPARK"**

Mr. Hester stated that a letter was received from the organization, which will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Weiner is still alive and has been involved with this league for many, many years. He said that he spoke with the Council office and they are in support of this.

**It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to recommend to the City Council that Al Weiner Ballpark is an appropriate name for the Pony-Colt field at Heartwell Park. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Saltzgaver suggested that the league invite one of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Hester responded that he has suggested this to the league.

**#08-0103**

**APPROVE THE REDESIGNED CLASS BROCHURE AND MAILING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Squires stated that a letter was included in the packet briefly describing the new approach the Department has taken. The theme is to try to reduce the overall budget on the Department and improve the effectiveness of the marketing dollars and try to move to an e-commerce approach. This would allow the Department to target money to a more direct marketing approach.

Ms. Grobaty stated this was a big departure of what they have been doing for over 20 years. She said that the class schedule went out to 66,000 residents. These were residents who had registered for a class in the past. They were able to print out 35,000 fewer copies of the schedule. The class schedule is available on all libraries and community centers. They have had about 35 people call and ask to be added to the mailing list. They will be able to take some of the saved money and reallocate it to have commercials on Charter Cable television and on the Long Beach Transit buses. Staff will also be sending out a recreation mailer twice a year to all the residents in Long Beach to promote some of the free and low cost family programs at the community centers and parks. They are also working on information for the City's e-notify system, where people can opt-in and receive informational e-mails on City programs and news. This document is also available on the website for viewing and to download. They are also working on videotaping the classes for viewing on the website.

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the new marketing approach and mailing schedule of the redesigned class brochure. The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Waterfield asked when staff would have comparison numbers.

Mr. Squires responded that he should have comparable numbers in late February or early spring.

Commissioner Guerra mentioned that a poster of the events for residents to post on their refrigerator is appealing. It might also be a good idea to send flyers to the Neighborhood Resource Center and perhaps staff members could come out to their neighborhood association meetings to explain the new programs.

President Saltzgaver suggested that perhaps a Commissioner could attend one of the neighborhood association meetings.

## **V. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Saltzgaver, Chair**

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met and discussed the agenda.

1) 2008 Meeting Locations.

President Saltzgaver stated that enclosed is a list of the Commission meeting locations for 2008.

President said that they also discussed the Commission Retreat on January 18. The time is extended to 4:30 p.m. His meeting with the Mayor was rescheduled to this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., and he would fill everyone in at the Retreat.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
President Saltzgaver, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met this morning and the schedule for the budget prep is out. He said he would like the Committee to meet again next month to go over priorities.

Mr. Squires discussed the budget calendar.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George stated that the Committee did not meet this month. He asked Lt. Stilinovich to brief the Commissioners on the items.

Lt. Stilinovich stated that there is a Park Ranger Association of California that represents all park rangers and uniformed personnel inside parks. They push forward legislation to preserve our resources and set a standard for park rangers. Long Beach Park Ranger Dave Sterling was elected as the Region 4 Representative, which represents seven counties in Southern California.

Lt. Stilinovich mentioned that he would give a tour of the Park Ranger Station to the Commissioners after the meeting. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for the opportunity to help fight crime through recreation, which helped him grow.

D. PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
Vice President Satariano, Chair

Vice President Satariano stated that the Committee met today and that two reports were included in the packet.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Tong Sangmeister, Chair

Commissioner Sangmeister stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the Committee did not meet this month.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2007

President Saltzgaver asked for any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to receive and file the Director's Monthly Report for December 2007. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Hester stated that he received correspondence from the City Attorney stating that the City Council has oversight over the tidelands area and that they cannot delegate that authority.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN

Mr. Christoffels stated that they are in the process of compiling goals and policies and the next phase is the creation of a master plan.

Ms. Smith went over the seven goals that they put together.

President Saltzgaver confirmed that looking for appropriate funding is in the next phase.

Vice President Satariano stated that they had a problem with the first presentation because it followed a heavy budget process and cuts. He asked who this whole process was started.

Mr. Christoffels stated that Los Angeles has gone through with a million tree program. The City of Long Beach is going through a citywide sidewalk repair program. There is a lot of talk about greening. City Council was overwhelmed by the public that the city needs to have a plan for greening and for trees and directed Public Works to come up with an Urban Forest Master Plan.

Vice President Satariano said that everyone would like more trees. The issue is how you get there and how you maintain those trees. He said he is not confident that we have the money to pull it off or the money to maintain the trees we have.

President Saltzgaver pointed out to goal 7.2, which states that one department is to take responsibility for all trees on public land, which would be Public Works.

Mr. Shippey responded that Public Works is the most logical department to take care of all the trees and to update the tree inventory is important. It also makes sense that the landscaping portion is under the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The Department is very supportive of this plan. He said that he also has a staff member who participates in the Tree Committee.

Mr. Christoffels stated that when the Master Plan is in place, they could go after grants and funding.

Commissioner Sangmeister stated that goal 5.5 needs to be modified to include schools and colleges as partners to be a part of this plan.

Commissioner Waterfield stated that the economics piece should be under goal number 5. Citizens need an education that when trees are planted, they need to be maintained also.

Mr. Christoffels stated that once he gets the Commission's input and input from the Tree Committee, they would be taking it to the City Council for approval.

President Saltzgaver stated that this process has allowed more dialog and requested that more maintenance and the schools be included in the plan.

**X. COMMENTS**

**A. AUDIENCE**

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

**B. STAFF**

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the staff.

Mr. Hester stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade would take place on Saturday. The parade would begin at 10:30 a.m., and there would be events all day in the park. There have been events all week, including the rededication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue.

Mr. Hester said that as a result of the discussion at the City Council meeting, he wanted to explain information about the senior meal program. He said that it is a good program and it feeds about 260 residents a week. The organization did come to the Department about a year ago and ask for some assistance with funds, because Long Beach is the only city that does not contribute with funding. He said that the request was submitted to the City Manager's office as a budget discussion item. The Mayor let the organization know that the City had no money available to contribute. Mr. Hester said that the organization is not pulling the program from Long Beach. Community Development has an opportunity to pledge about \$15,000 for the current year from Community Development Block Grant funds. The Health Department also has opportunities for senior services grants in fiscal year 2009, so the Department is working with them.

**C. COMMISSIONERS**

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Guerra asked if the Department does a background check before we do a park naming?

Mr. Hester responded that staff does check into the recommendations and that park namings are recommended usually after a person dies.

Commissioner Livingstone stated that he would be in Hawaii next month.

Vice President Satariano stated that the Sea Festival report was included in the packet. The economic impact report would be coming out in the next couple of

weeks. The Sea Festival is looking to take events inland and taking land-locked residents to the ocean.

President Saltzgaver stated that he was looking forward to a good discussion at the Commission Retreat.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

President Saltzgaver stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at MacArthur Park/Homeland Cultural Center, in the Community Center, 1321 East Anaheim Street, Long Beach.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES****NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 5:05 pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS:** Leslie Gentile, Charles Greenberg, Phil Saumur, Melani Smith, Charles Durnin

**ABSENT: EXCUSED:** None

**CHAIRMAN:** Leslie Gentile

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzanne Frick, Director  
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager  
Angela Reynolds, Advance Planning Officer  
Carolyne Bihn, Zoning Officer  
Jeff Winklepleck, Planner  
Craig Chalfant, Planner  
Derek Burnham, Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney  
David White, Redevelopment Agency  
Dave Roseman, City Traffic Engineer  
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Gentile.

**MINUTES**

The corrected minutes of October 4, 2007 were approved on a motion by Chairman Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Saumur and passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Greenberg abstaining.

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## CONTINUED ITEMS

1. Case No. 0510-27, Site Plan Review, Tentative Tract Map, Administrative Use Permit, General Plan Conformity Finding, SEIR 26-07

Applicant: Shoreline Gateway LLC c/o James Anderson  
Subject Site: 777 E. Ocean Boulevard (Council District 2)  
Description: Request for approval of a Site Plan Review, a Finding of General Plan Conformity for a proposed alley vacation; an Administrative Use Permit for shared guest/retail parking and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to construct Phase I of a two-phase mixed-use development. Phase I includes a 35-story building with 221 residential units, 6,367 sq. ft. of retail space and a 494-space parking garage.

Jeff Winklepleck presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the project will add attractive, quality dwelling units to the housing stock downtown and conforms to all PD-30 development standards except shared parking and street setback.

David White, City Redevelopment Agency, discussed how the project would serve as an icon for the City and a gateway to the East Village.

Jim Anderson, Managing Partner, Shoreline Gateway LLC, 777 E. Ocean Boulevard, presented photos of the proposed project, discussing its sustainability, neighborhood integration and scaling and relationship to the beach, East Village Arts Center and the Convention Center.

Brian Ulaschewski, Studio OneEleven, project architects, outlined the urban design criteria used for the project including view corridor retention, plaza activation, public open space art, pedestrian- and bike-friendly streetscapes, shade trees, and a focus on integration of art and public spaces. Mr. Ulaschewski added that the building uses contemporary vernacular with a sailing iconography, and that the commercial component was not designed as destination retail but rather for the local neighborhood to attract pedestrians.

In response to suggestions from Commissioner Greenberg, Mr. Anderson said that proper storage areas would be set aside for the tenants, and that solar panels had been considered.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Dave Roseman, City Traffic Engineer, stated that expected traffic generated by the project was not as significant as might be expected, but the pedestrian issue needed to be addressed with a long crosswalk. Mr. Roseman added that a CCTV camera would be installed by the developer to monitor changing traffic demands.

Commissioner Smith commented that she felt the plaza design needed to be fine-tuned to successfully increase neighborhood connectivity.

Commissioner Greenberg suggested that the applicant talk to Public Works to ensure that planned canopy trees won't be the types to grow overly large and need constant pruning.

Tin Wey Yen, 4300 Long Beach Boulevard, nearby building owner, said all light on his property would be completely blocked by the proposed project and he would lose tenants as a result. Mr. Yen also expressed concern that the project would create more traffic, parking problems and noise in the area. Commissioner Greenberg responded that he did not feel encouraged that such legal rights existed in this situation.

Commissioner Saumur moved to review and consider EIR 18-05 and Supplemental EIR 26-07, and to approve the Site Plan Review, General Plan conformity Finding, Administrative Use Permit and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 69885, subject to revised conditions including revisions to the plaza design. Commissioner Durnin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. Case No. 0507-25, Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan Review, Standards Variance, CE 05-138**

Applicant: Savorn Pouy c/o Seth Sor  
Subject Site: 1223-1239 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street (Council District 6)  
Description: Request for approval of a Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit to construct a Buddhist Temple and associated monastery with Standards Variance requests for a building height up to 28'0" and retention of a 5'0" high fence.

Derek Burnham presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the use will allow the demolition of older dilapidated structures while providing a service to the Cambodian community with conditions of approval to ensure that the use will not have adverse effects on the area.

Commissioner Greenberg expressed concern that the stairway to the storage area had been denied, saying stairs would be a more efficient access.

Savorn Pouy, 1223-1239 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, applicant, said they could not meet the condition limiting their two yearly celebrations to the weekends, since their use of the lunar calendar meant those dates could fall any day of the week.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin, City attorney Mais noted that if the applicant complied with State laws in the residential units, there was no limit on the number of residents.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur regarding community feedback, Ms. Bihn stated that a noticed hearing and a community meeting had been held and no opposition or feedback had been received at either.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the requests for the Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit and Standards Variance for the building height, subject to revised conditions; and to deny the variance request for the over height fence. Commissioner Saumur seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **3. Case No. 0702-05, Site Plan Review, Tentative Tract Map**

Applicant: Jackson Smith, Newcastle Partners, Inc.  
Subject Site: 3900 Cover Street (Council District 5)  
Description: Request for Site Plan Review and Tentative Tract Map approval for construction of nine one-story and two-story office buildings as part of the Douglas Park Master Plan site.

Craig Chalfant presented the staff report recommending approval of the requests since the project is consistent with PD-32 and the Douglas Park Design Guidelines; will provide new business and employment growth opportunities for the City, and since positive findings can be made to support project approvals.

Jackson Smith, Newcastle Partners, 2600 Michelson Drive, Irvine, applicant, gave a brief overview of the project to be completed by the end of 2008, saying the buildings would be offered either for sale or for lease. Mr. Smith presented elevations showing the design, common design elements and the green building aspects of the project with planned interior and exterior sustainable features.

John Thomas, Principle, Ware Malcomb Architects, 10 Edelman, Irvine, project architect, defined the goals of the project to energize and activate the street with horizontal and vertical interest and its 'urban campus' feel, and noted that the outdoor space will be user-friendly with a subtle aerospace design vernacular, pedestrian-scale landscaping and park-like surroundings.

John Zinner, Ware Malcomb Architects, 10 Edelman, Irvine, in response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg about solar use, stated the planned buildings would be extremely energy-efficient and more cost effective as designed over the long run without solar energy. Mr. Zinner said that solar was now prohibitively expensive, but that the

building roofs were being left clear for future solar use should it become more economical.

Tom Hay, Hunter Landscape, 711 Fee Ana Street, Placentia, said they were looking into using storm water runoff for landscape irrigation.

Commissioner Greenberg moved to approve the Site Plan Review and Tentative Tract Map requests, subject to conditions.

Based on the conversation, Greg Carpenter asked if the Commission wanted to add a condition relating to on-site storm water percolation. Jackson Smith noted that there would be site constraints on the depth of such activities, and Commissioner Greenberg agreed, adding the condition with language to allow for maximum feasible depth.

Commissioner Saumur seconded the amended motion which passed unanimously.

#### **4. Presentation Item - LB2030 Emerging Themes**

Angela Reynolds presented an overview of LB2030, and the community-based process for creating an integrated framework of updated elements for the General Plan with emerging themes of sustainability, urban design, economic development, historical preservation and development of activity centers.

Commissioner Smith commented that there was no mention of the rivers on either side of the City. Ms. Reynolds clarified that there has been community discussion suggesting the rivers be made more recreational for citizens and that this would be discussed further throughout this process.

Commissioner Smith added that consciousness needed to be raised about the myriad of negative public health impacts on the City caused by the movement of goods from the port. Ms. Reynolds explained that a grant had been applied for to look at the potential policy changes in this area.

Ms. Smith also asked that economic prosperity be a focus of the study, with the possible inclusion of the entertainment industry, and that a safe, secure environment be pursued for the growing homeless population.

Mr. Carpenter noted that Boeing was being urged to consider setting aside an area for a movie studio.

Commissioner Durnin said he felt the City's website should be user-friendly with local travel options showing fastest routes and public transportation schedules. He also suggested using mangrove trees to

help clean the brackish river waters. Mr. Durnin also proposed designated golf-cart-only streets to reduce traffic and environmental pollution. Ms. Reynolds said that the staff was looking into similar 'mobility boulevards.'

Commissioner Greenberg urged requiring the use of cutting edge green technologies such as solar in residential construction. Ms. Reynolds stated that staff was working with the Green Ribbon Committee to create incentives and mandates to encourage that kind of green construction.

Commissioner Greenberg also suggested that an elevated rail be looked at as a possibility to move people through the dense downtown area, as well as specific east-west connectors to the north-south bike trails.

Commissioner Saumur noted how difficult it would be to integrate the diverse interests and ideas from around the City and urged that public transportation be made easily available to low-income residents.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no matters from the audience.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING**

Mr. Carpenter stated that the Seaport Marina project had been withdrawn for redesign, and that revised concept plans would be brought back before the Commission.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold  
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
 JANUARY 17, 2008

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on January 17, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend John Allen Paul Blanco Frank Clarke Charles Parkin Kevin L. Wattier Sandra L. Fox  Robert C. Cheng B. Anatole Falagan Ryan J. Alsop Matthew P. Lyons Helen Z. Hansen	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Principal Deputy City Attorney General Manager Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners Deputy General Manager – Operations Deputy General Manager – Business Director, Government & Public Affairs Director, Planning & Conservation Metropolitan Water District Board Member
ABSENT:	Stephen T. Conley	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Charles Parkin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 3 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 3, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2008 were approved.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 2 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Townsend opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

President Townsend advised that he and Commissioner Blanco had attended the recent State of the City Address luncheon.

President Townsend reported that he had observed fairly good snow pack conditions on his recent vacation to the Mammoth Mountain ski area.

President Townsend thanked Vice President John Allen for covering the Board meetings during his recent vacation absences.

**5. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2008**

- **William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of February 2008.

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

February 7, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
February 21, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

PER CAPITA WATER USAGE

Mr. Matt Lyons, Director of Planning & Conservation reported on per Capita Water Use for California's eleven cities with the largest populations, and provided a handout to the Board indicating the rankings amongst the studied cities. He advised that the City of Long Beach is among the lowest in the state. He reported only Santa Ana and San Francisco ranked higher, based on figures from 2006. He advised that LBWD's conservation efforts would work to improve future per capita statistics.

The Board requested a follow-up report be provided at a future meeting with more up-to-date data including population and usage data.



### WASHINGTON, DC TRIP

Mr. Wattier reported that he and Mr. Alsop had just completed a productive legislative trip to Washington, DC where they had attended fifteen meetings with various groups. He reported that they had also met with Congresswoman Laura Richardson and other industry representatives to discuss water issues.

### CONJUNCTIVE USE WORKING GROUP

Mr. Wattier advised he has been continuing his work with the group to develop a conjunctive use and groundwater storage framework. He reported that the concepts had been rolled out in the past week. He advised that some resistance had been encountered to the proposals, but overall strong acceptance of the proposed framework had been noted. He reported the next steps for the group were to draft proposed judgment amendments.

Commissioner Blanco inquired about the process for approval. Mr. Wattier advised that 75% of the water rights holders must support the proposal. He reported he expects the pumpers in Central Coast Basin to support approval of the proposals, and he is quite sure the West Coast Basin will also support approval of the proposal.

Mr. Wattier advised he would provide a full briefing of the proposals at the next scheduled Board meeting and would suggest that the Board consider a vote to support the conjunctive use and groundwater storage framework.

## **7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- **Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney**

None.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar items 8a. and 8b. These consent calendar items were unanimously approved.

### **8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated January 17, 2008**

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8b. Adopt Specification WD-11-07 and Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with United States Pipe Valve and Hydrant Division to furnish and deliver resilient seated gate valves in an amount not to exceed \$189,000 for a period of one year, and to exercise the options to renew during two additional one-year periods**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

**9. DROUGHT REPORT UPDATE**

- **B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager - Business**

Mr. Falagan provided an overview of the drought situation beginning with the Board's declaration of an imminent supply shortage in response to the continuing drought in the Colorado River watershed and changing conditions in the Delta affecting imported water supplies.

He reported that in response to the drought conditions the Metropolitan Water District had called for voluntary conservation; cut agricultural program supplies by 30% beginning January 1, 2008, and were developing a water allocation plan that they planned to present to their Board for adoption in February 2008.

He also provided an imported water supply update; a summary of annual water demands, including information on the current water conservation response; a report on the precipitation outlook as of January 17, 2008, and reviewed historical data for the State Water Project 8 station index. He also reviewed 10-year historical statistics for Long Beach water consumptive demands through for December 2007; and 10-year historical consumptive demand on a year-to-date basis.

**10. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government and Public Affairs**

None.

**11. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2008**

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier provided the Metropolitan Water District Board meeting report since Director Hansen had been on vacation at the time of the meeting.

Mr. Wattier highlighted the following agenda items: 1) Appointment of former state Assemblyman, Phillip D. Hawkins as a MWD Director representing the Central Basin Municipal Water District; 2) Appointment of S.R. "Al" Lopez as a Director representing the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County; 3) Appointment

of a new MWD Vice Chair, Steve Anderson of the Municipal Water District of Orange County. (Mr. Wattier sadly reported that Mr. Anderson had just suddenly passed away of a heart attack on January 16, 2008); 4) MWD Board set 2009 Water Revenue Requirements, with the next step being a February 11, 2008 public hearing for rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2009.

Mr. Wattier provided an update on the proposed MWD Water Allocation/Drought Shortage Plan. He reported that there had been no response from MWD to the Board's January 3, 2008 letter, despite his requests to the MWD General Manager on when the Board could expect a reply. The Board requested that a copy of their January 3, 2008 letter be sent to all MWD Directors via certified mail.

There was general discussion regarding the MWD Agricultural Program; the MWD Shortage Allocation Plan, and politics on the MWD Board regarding the proposed Shortage Allocation Plan.

Mr. Wattier reported that another meeting had been set for Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> by MWD for Member Agency managers to review and express their concerns regarding the proposed MWD Shortage Allocation Plan. Mr. Wattier advised he would be attending this scheduled meeting.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 13 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

President Townsend inquired when the Board would receive a revenue update. Mr. Falagan reported this report would be agendized for the February 7, 2008 board meeting.

Commissioner Clarke requested that staff provide a report on the feasibility of using alternate sources of energy such as solar power. Mr. Wattier advised this topic would be discussed at the February 7, 2008 board meeting

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 12 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

### **12. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Section 54954.5 of the Government Code Title: Deputy General Manager (2); Director of Engineering; Director of Government & Public Affairs; Director of Planning & Conservation; Director of Water Resources**


The Board adjourned to the closed session at 8:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 13 WAS CONSIDERED EARLIER IN THE MEETING**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held February 7, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California

  
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Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:

  
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William B. Townsend, President

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 7, 2008

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach met in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California, on February 7, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Stephen T. Conley	Commissioner
	Charles Parkin	Principal Deputy City Attorney
	Kevin L. Wattier	General Manager
	Sandra L. Fox	Secretary to the Board of Water Commissioners
	Robert C. Cheng	Deputy General Manager – Operations
	B. Anatole Falagan	Deputy General Manager – Business
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Monya Hawkins	Manager, Information Technology
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Melissa L. Keyes	Administrative Analyst II/Special Projects Coordinator
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III
	Chris Pincherli	Senior Civil Engineer
	Robert Swain	Former LBWD Employee
	Sandy Swain	Spouse of Robert Swain
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Rhodora Concepcion	Office Administrator
ABSENT:	Frank Clarke	Commissioner (ABSENT)

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Robert Swain led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 17, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2008 were approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Townsend opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board, the public comment period was closed.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- **William B. Townsend, President, Board of Water Commissioners**

None.

**5. A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ADMIRATION AND RESPECT TO ROBERT SWAIN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT**

President Townsend summarized the highlights of Mr. Swain's career at the Long Beach Water Department, and presented him with a framed Resolution, a plaque and Meter Clock in recognition of his retirement from the City of Long Beach. The President took photos with Mr. Swain as part of his retirement recognition.

Mr. Swain made remarks regarding his service with the Long Beach Water Department, and his plans for his retirement.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

MAINBREAK SUMMARY

Mr. Wattier provided a summary of year to date mainbreaks compared to the total for 2007. He reported there had been a total of 13 mainbreaks year to date compared to 66 last year. He also reported that compared to last January when there were 49, that during January 2008 there had been a total of 5 main breaks.

### STATE WATER PROJECT ALLOCATION

Mr. Wattier reported the State Water Project (SWP) allocation had been increased from 25% to 35%. He advised this increase was attributed to the January precipitation in the SWP watershed being almost within the normal ranges. He reported the Department of Water Resources said the allocation could have been 50%, but the allocation was affected by the recent Delta Smelt ruling reducing the estimate to 35%.

### PER CAPITA WATER USAGE – LONG BEACH VS. SANTA ANA

Mr. Matt Lyons, Director of Planning & Conservation provided an update on 2007 statistics for per capita (gallons/person/day) water usage for the City of Long Beach and City of Santa Ana. He advised that statistics indicated that Santa Ana used 114 gallons per person, per day versus the 121 gallons per person, per day usage for the City of Long Beach. He indicated with the recent conservation efforts shown by the citizens of Long Beach the last quarter of 2007 he would not be surprised to see the City of Long Beach per capita water usage drop below that of Santa Ana, which has the lowest per capita water use of any large city in Southern California.

### SOLAR ENERGY REPORT

Mr. Wattier requested to defer the report on solar energy to a future meeting since Commissioner Clarke was absent from this meeting and had requested this report.

### PERSONNEL INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Falagan reported to the Board that an internal candidate had been selected to fill the Administrative Officer position. He congratulated and introduced Mr. Ken Bott who was selected for this position.

Mr. Falagan introduced a new Administrative staff person, Ms. Terry McAlpine, an Administrative Analyst III, who he indicated would be working in asset management; utility billing and customer service.

### DESALINATION TOUR

Mr. Wattier reported that staff and President Townsend had conducted a tour of the Under Ocean Desal project site, and the Desal Prototype Plant on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for Councilman Gary DeLong and his staff. He indicated Councilman DeLong is the Chair of the Council Federal Legislation Committee and would be working closely with staff on the importance of future federal appropriations for the desal project.

**PROPOSED METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT SHORTAGE ALLOCATION PLAN**

Mr. Wattier reported that the Metropolitan Water District Board was planning on taking action at their February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 board meeting on the proposed Metropolitan Water District Shortage Allocation Plan. He advised he had been in direct contact with Director Helen Hansen regarding the LBWD position regarding this plan. He indicated to the Board that Director Hansen would vote no against this plan and submit a written statement.

Mr. Wattier indicated that MWD Chairman Brick had asked to meet to discuss this issue, but Mr. Wattier advised that without a commitment for MWD to pull the board letter from their February 12<sup>th</sup> agenda regarding the allocation plan staff could not agree to meet.

Mr. Wattier reviewed a chart comparing the water supply availability for MWD agencies under the proposed water allocation plan versus preferential rights allocations. He pointed out that when comparing Los Angeles preferential rights, it indicates that a loss of local supply calculation provides better water supply conditions for Los Angeles under the WSDM Allocation Plan, but causes worsening drought situations for agencies like Long Beach.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 8 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Townsend advised that Consent Calendar items 8d. and 8f. were pulled for separate consideration.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar items 8a., 8b., 8c., 8e. and 8g. These consent calendar items were unanimously approved.

**8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated February 7, 2008**

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.



- 8b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute First Amendment to Agreement WD-2756 with Sully-Miller to extend contract for one (1) year to furnish and deliver temporary asphalt concrete for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the new contract period**

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8c. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Developer's Agreement with Pacific Baptist Church to relocate the existing sewer lines for a proposed building at 3332 Magnolia Avenue, known as Pacific Baptist Church**

A communication was presented to the Board from Isaac Pai, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8e. Authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to sign a quitclaim deed relinquishing the Department's interests in a portion of the Long Beach Water Company Blanket Easement over parcels 7207-017-902 through 7207-017-912, and 7207-017-022 through 7207-017-031**

A communication was presented to the Board from B. Anatole Falagan, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8g. Approve Retirement Order No. 6081 for Items that have Become Obsolete or Unrepairable during the current year, and authorize removal of these items from the Department's Records**

A communication was presented to the Board from Paul Fujita, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8d. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Developer's Agreement with Press Telegram Lofts, LLC, to relocate existing water utilities, and upgrade existing sewer utility for 542 residential condominium units, and a 13,919 square feet commercial/retail space development at 604 Pine Avenue, known as Press Telegram Lofts**

President Townsend advised he had a conflict of interest regarding Consent Calendar item 8d. and would be abstaining and left the room during consideration of this item. Vice President Allen called for a motion and a Roll Call vote on this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar item 8d.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>JOHN ALLEN, PAUL BLANCO</u>
		<u>STEPHEN CONLEY</u>
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>FRANK CLARKE</u>
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	<u>WILLIAM TOWNSEND</u>

A communication was presented to the Board from Isaac Pai, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

**President Townsend returned to the meeting.**

- 8f. Approval of Retirement Order No. 6086 for items that have become obsolete and are no longer used in the service construction of the Water Main Replacement Program; these items have not been used in five (5) or more years, and are ready to be sold as scrap metal**

Mr. Parkin advised that Retirement Order No. 6086 had been mis-numbered and should have read Retirement Order No. 6080.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve Consent Calendar item 8f. and change the Retirement Order No. from 6086 to Retirement Order No. 6080. This consent calendar item was unanimously approved.

A communication was presented to the Board from Robert Cheng, which is on file at the Long Beach Water Department.

- 8e. Reconsideration of Consent Calendar Item 8e.**

**Authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to sign a quitclaim deed relinquishing the Department's interests in a portion of the Long Beach Water Company Blanket Easement over parcels 7207-017-902 through 7207-017-912, and 7207-017-022 through 7207-017-031**

It was moved by Commissioner Conley, seconded by Commissioner Allen to and unanimously approved to reconsider Consent Calendar item 8e.

There was discussion by Board members regarding the process for consideration of granting easements, and the monetary value of the easement mentioned in Consent Calendar item 8e.

It was moved by Commissioner Conley, and seconded by Commissioner Allen to rescind the previous approval of Consent Calendar item 8e., and request staff to further review the easement approval process; monetary value of easement parcel as outlined in Consent Calendar 8e., and bring this item back to the Board at a later meeting for consideration. This request was unanimously approved.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 7 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

**7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- **Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney**

None.

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 8. WAS CONSIDERED EARLIER IN THE MEETING**

**9. ADOPT A SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEARPOINT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) VEHICLES, CAMERAS, PARTS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR SEWER INSPECTIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,500**

- **Robert C. Cheng, Deputy General Manager - Operations**

Mr. Cheng provided background on the regular maintenance efforts used to monitor the condition of the sewer service lines and the equipment used for this process. He explained that the trucks and camera equipment are provided by Pearpoint, Inc. He advised using this company and granting a sole source resolution would ensure continuity and compatibility with existing infrastructure and data.

Commissioner Allen inquired if Mr. Cheng or the Long Beach Water Department had received any favors or preferential treatment from Pearpoint, Inc. Mr. Cheng responded no.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Conley and unanimously approved to Adopt a sole source resolution authorizing the general manager to enter into a contract with Pearpoint, Inc. for the purchase of closed circuit television (cctv) vehicles, cameras, parts, and related equipment for sewer inspections for an amount not to exceed \$135,500.

**NOTE: AT 10:14 A.M. COMMISSIONER CONLEY LEFT THE MEETING.**

**10. CONJUNCTIVE USE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR REVIEW/SUPPORT POSITION**

- Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

Mr. Wattier provided an overview of the proposed Framework for Storage in the Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins and reported on the various meetings and conference calls he had participated in regarding this issue.

He highlighted the need for groundwater storage; provided a short review of the process to date; recapped the working group process; reviewed the proposed Framework and outlined the steps for implementation.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Conley and unanimously approved to Support the Proposed Framework for Groundwater Storage in the Central and West Coast Basins.

**11. FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

- B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager – Business

Mr. Falagan reviewed the first quarter LBWD FY 08 financial report. He highlighted the operating and maintenance costs for the Sewer and Water funds; the impact of water conservation on the fund balances (using 5% conservation scenarios and 10% conservation scenarios; budgeted expenses and revenue; impact on rates. He reported the next steps would be to manage the budget by monitoring costs, and exploring the opportunities for savings. He advised staff would be incorporating these trends into the FY 09 budget for fund balance targets; Capital Improvement Projects and Operation and Maintenance costs.

He reviewed the status of proposed Metropolitan Water Department rate increases (14 – 20%) and the projected effect on possible Long Beach Water Department rate increases (possible excess of 5% increase).

Mr. Falagan reported the next financial report would be included in upcoming budget discussions.

**12. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

- Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government and Public Affairs

Mr. Alsop reported on “Super Tuesday’s” voting results.

He advised that as a result of Proposition 93 being defeated that there could be a possible shift in leadership in Sacramento.

Mr. Alsop reported the President's budget had been published on Monday, and that LBWD had received zero funding for their desalination project, and \$700,000 for the recycled water program. He advised LBWD staff would continue to work with legislative staff in Washington on future appropriations, and that all outreach for appropriation requests had been submitted to Congress.

Mr. Alsop reported that staff and some of the Board members would be making a legislative trip to Washington, DC beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to discuss appropriations with legislative staff, and that they would also attend the Association of California Water Agencies' legislative conference being held in Washington, DC.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held February 21, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California

  
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Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:

  
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William B. Townsend, President