

Gary DeLong, Chair  
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair  
Suja Lowenthal, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 4:05 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting order.

ROLL CALL

**Councilmembers** DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal  
**Present:**

Also present: Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management; Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Anthony Batts, Chief of Police; Laura Wilson Doud, City Auditor; Larry Herrera, City Clerk; Annette Hough, Manager of Administration; Robert Swayze, Economic Development Bureau Manager; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

- 1. 08-0089 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2007.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

- 2. 07-1065 Recommendation to discuss notification of City Council when City employees receives a pay increase greater than a cost of living adjustment.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management, gave a staff report.

Chair DeLong spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file the discussion regarding notification of City Council when City employees receives a pay increase greater than a cost of living adjustment. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

3. 07-1023 Recommendation to receive and discuss the Police Department status report on City Auditor's recommendations.

Anthony Batts, Chief of Police, spoke.

Annette Hough, Manager of Administration, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Anthony Batts, Chief of Police, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Laura Wilson Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

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Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Steve James, President, Police Officers' Association, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file the Police Department status report on City Auditor's recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

4. 07-1177 Recommendation to discuss the 2008/2009 Elections Plan and Cost Estimate.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell that the 2008/2009 Elections Plan and Cost Estimate be held over until the next Budget Oversight Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

5. 08-0090 Recommendation to receive and discuss Budget Update - Fiscal Year 2008 Actuals through December 2007.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Marilyn Taylor, Los Angeles resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file Budget Update - Fiscal Year 2008 Actuals through December 2007. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

Agenda Item 7 was heard at this time.

7. 08-0092 Recommendation to discuss the potential use of Digital Billboards and forward discussion along with its recommendations to the full City Council.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Dan Presberg, North Long Beach Community Action Group representative and Long Beach resident, spoke.

Thor Carlson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Matt Kinley, President, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Robert Swayze, Economic Development Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

George Magden, Media Management representative, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

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A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Robert Swayze, Economic Development Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Robert Swayze, Economic Development Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal to approve recommendation to forward the discussion and recommendations regarding the potential use of Digital Billboards with the following caveats: 1) request setting a minimum net revenue, if the Digital Billboards are enacted; and 2) outline details of revenue sharing with the Arts and Public Safety to the full City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

- a. Salary Negotiations - IAM, FFA, POA
- b. GASB 45
- c. State Fiscal Crisis

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Laura Wilson Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

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Chair DeLong spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to receive and file the discussion regarding the following Future Budget challenges:**

- a. Salary Negotiations - IAM, FFA, POA**
- b. GASB 45**
- c. State Fiscal Crisis.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

**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 5:21 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.