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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		Every darn entity in this nation and around the world uses Zoom or similar audiovisual entities to conduct meetings. You just want to shovel the public into the dust and do whatever you please? There will be a price to pay and you will pay it for your negligence and your darn - I think you know what I really want to say - corruption. Now that the QM corruption is visible outside LB, you look like fools. Because you are. Zoom, now!	6/7/2021
CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		When are you going to hold meetings in City Hall?	6/5/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Catherine Fitzpatrick	catherinefitz@charter.net		On May 27 one of the city's giant canary island palm trees dropped hundreds of pounds of 6' palms, dirt and heavy wood chunks thus totaling a 2021 Volvo only 11 feet from my house located in the Bluff Park residential area. There is a police report and I have sent details of this event to every single council person, the City Attorney and City Manager. There is no time for a "study." These historic trees that line the neighborhood parkways are in desperate need of immediate trimming followed by consistent upkeep. Just hours before this incident my granddaughter and I were playing in that very area. As one wise teenaged resident said "it's not a matter of "if" but rather "when" a person will be killed." You all have all been made aware of this emergency situation and you all are responsible for the lives of all those who walk under these precarious trees.	6/8/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Kayte Deioma	kayte@kaytedeioma.com		When the State and County eviction moratoriums expire June 30, hundreds, if not thousands, of 60-day notices to terminate tenancy will be delivered across Long Beach. Some for tenants who are still waiting for rent relief, others for substantial remodel. Please take immediate action to implement a local temporary moratorium at least until the City has exhausted its rent relief resources and while you work on a more permanent solution to the substantial remodel issue.	6/8/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		<p>It's time for you to stop. Stop spending our money like it grows on diseased trees that you haven't maintained. Stop allowing the police and fire department unions to dictate policy. It they were that smart they'd have your jobs, not the ones they currently fail to perform (especially the PD). Stop hiring outside entities who don't have any roots in the city - they really don't care; they just want the money (and fame if they actually do their jobs, something that seems unimportant to you). Stop \$elling off OUR property like it's your own. it's not. Stop officeholder account\$. Stop making Long Beach look like a carnival with no ringmaster. Stop allowing the homeless and mentally ill to have more rights than the people who pay your salaries. Stop allowing the homeless and mentally ill to inundate our city and make it smell like a latrine, look like a garbage disposal - try giving them a transit card to go somewhere else - after all, that's how they got here. S</p>	6/7/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		<p>I do not agree with giving the Queen Mary another \$500,000. The ship needs 400n million to get in order. The city has done a horrible job with the Queen Mary and cannot be trusted. We have major issues in this city and the money needs to be spent on the residents not a boat. The city has done a terrible job and where is the 23 million that the city gave to Urban Commons? This is a terrible idea.</p>	6/5/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		<p>The state is in the process of evaluating multiple housing bills. None of them allow for local control such that the state will dictate housing regulations in our cities. None of them require developers to upgrade infrastructure leaving those costs to the city or allowing it to fail. Of great concern is the inadequacy of fire water stations (hydrants) to meet the fire needs of high density building. Some bills allow lot splitting and up to 14 units per lot. You must address these very serious concerns to the safety in our neighborhoods. You need to retain local control on housing issues. The RHNA goals were overstated when calculated before the 2020 census population declines were even analyzed. You must question these state laws. They are problematic to the city and our neighborhoods.</p>	6/4/2021

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<p>10. (21-0509) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$7,500, offset by \$5,000 in Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds and \$2,500 in Seventh Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a donation to Care Closet LBC to support their ongoing operations to assist and provide opportunities for people experiencing homelessness; and</p> <p>Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$7,500 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.</p>	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		How is \$10,000 being given by the city with no details on how this money will be spent and accounted for? Care Closet LBC has a pending business license, not active and that doesn't align with the City policy. Also, if he is paying people to pick up trash, where is the copy of his workmen's comp policy and 1099's? There are more established organizations helping the poor that could really benefit with the money.	6/7/2021
<p>12. (21-0512) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to enter into Beach Concessions Agreements with (1) Saltwater Deck, LLC, a California limited liability company; (2) Louisiana Charlie's, LLC, a California limited liability company; (3) Two Dudes, One Truck, LLC, dba Grill 'em All, a California limited liability company; and, (4) Pedal Movement, LLC, a California limited liability company, for the operation of concessions at various beach locations on the stated terms and conditions, including options to renew at the discretion of the City Manager; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute any necessary modifications to the proposed terms that may be necessary to expedite establishment of the beach concessions operation. (Districts 2,3)</p>	William Sheehan	wpsheehan13@gmail.com		<p>I have lived near the Granada concession site for nearly 40 years. Here are my suggestions/concerns as negotiations continue for the Granada food concession contract.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noise is undoubtedly the primary concern of nearby residents. The city should ensure the concessionaire complies with the city's Community Noise Ordinance and rules on decibel levels. 2. The concessionaire should be required to provide private security if alcohol is served. The security guard should patrol the Granada parking lot at closing time to ensure noise levels do not exceed community standards. 3. The beach closes at 10 p.m. The concession should not stay open after 10. 4. The concessionaire should not use the Granada ramp as its own private parking lot. 5. Trash dumpsters from the concessionaire should not be left for days on the Granada ramp. 6. Food preparation should be done inside the concession building. There should not be food-related equipment operated or stored in the Granada parking lot. 	6/8/2021

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<p>13. (21-0511) Recommendation to declare ordinance adding Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.81 relating to fireworks and by repealing Chapter 16.08.600, and declaring the urgency thereof, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)</p>	Sasha Rosenthal	sashasrosenthal@gmail.com		<p>I wholeheartedly support this ordinance as a way to finally increase enforcement of illegal fireworks laws. It is extremely frustrating for residents and law enforcement alike for police officers to have to literally see the act being performed in front of their own eyes in order to do anything about it. Our Facebook group, Long Beach Against Illegal Fireworks (over 1800 members strong) has identified several major problem areas/addresses, almost all of which are rental properties or public housing. Complaints have been made to the property owners through both individuals and the City Prosecutor's office, yet nothing has changed. This ordinance would allow the property owners to face real consequences for their negligence.</p>	6/8/2021
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21. (21-0518) Recommendation to adopt resolution in support of Medicare for All supporting legislation, policies and grants that will establish a national health insurance program to provide every resident of the United States with health insurance through an expanded Medicare program, inclusive of improved and comprehensive benefits. (Citywide)	Sean Byrne	slbyrne3@gmail.com		I would like to express my enthusiastic approval for this item. Our leaders keep saying "healthcare is a human right"- which is a great sentiment- but without action, that's all it is- a sentiment. it's time to make it a reality. Medicare for All on the national level is long overdue- Democratic Presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to JFK spoke of it. And just like those two- we've lived through a global pandemic of historic proportions- which has left death and economic destruction in its wake. Let's carry the torch forward- let's pass Medicare-for-All without delay. California can be a moral leader in this fight. I'm 25 years old and left unemployed by the economic downfall of the last year. If I don't get a job by September, I won't be able to stay on my parents' health insurance. No one, especially not members of an emerging generation, should have to harbor the worry that they will be financially ruined if they get sick. Let's pass this resolution and keep the momentum moving. Thanks.	6/8/2021

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