

**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JEANNE KARATSU, PRESIDENT
JULY 16, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2008, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

MEMBER EXCUSED: Ahmed Saafir

OTHERS PRESENT: Herman M. Long, Deputy Director, Acting Secretary
Melinda George, Employment Services Officer
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst
Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst
Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

President Jeanne Karatsu presided.

President Karatsu introduced and welcomed newly appointed Civil Service Commissioner Douglas Haubert.

Commissioner Haubert stated that he is an attorney and has been a resident of Long Beach for about 20 years. He stated that he is happy for the opportunity to service as a Civil Service Commissioner.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2008, be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: The Secretary presented a communication from Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Homer Flewellen, to the classification of Construction Inspector on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. The Secretary and Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission on provisional appointments. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil

Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT:

The Secretary presented a communication from Ronald R. Arias, Director of Health and Human Services, requesting Commission authorization to appoint Jamie Preciado, to the classification of Animal Control Officer on a provisional basis. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Lourdes Ferrer, Assistant Administrative Analyst. Ms. Ferrer briefed the Commission regarding this request. Roberto Uranga, Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services, also addressed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request be granted in accordance with Civil Service Commission Policy 1.02 and Section 43 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT FOR TRAINING:

SOSAIETE M. TUUA/CLERK TYPIST TO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

The Secretary presented a communication from Cynthia Stafford, Personnel Services Officer, Public Works, requesting Commission authorization to temporarily reassign Sosaiete M. Tuua, Clerk Typist to the classification of Construction Inspector for training. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise 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 by a unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST TO EXTEND TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT FOR REHABILITATION:

CARLOS RIVERS/TRAFFIC PAINTER TO CLERK TYPIST

The Secretary presented a communication from Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources, requesting Commission authorization to extend the temporary reassignment for Carlos Rivers, Traffic Painter, to the classification of Clerk Typist for rehabilitation, for one year. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the request for

reassignment for rehabilitation be approved, pursuant to Section 63(5) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXAMINATION RESULTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Islas and carried that the following examination results be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineer – 4 Applied, 1 Qualified
Civil Engineering Assistant – 3 Applied, 3 Qualified
Electrical Engineer – 8 Applied, 4 Qualified
Marine Safety Captain – 11 Applied, 7 Qualified
Systems Technician – 19 Applied, 8 Qualified

EXTENSION OF EXPIRING ELIGIBLE LISTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Housing Rehabilitation Counselor
License Inspector
Painter
Petroleum Engineering Associate (1/3/07 & 1/31/07)
Plumber
Port Financial Analyst
Senior Civil Engineer
Stock & Receiving Clerk

RETIREMENTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following retirements be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Samuel Adams/Fire Engineer/Fire
Terry Linton/Garage Service Attendant I/Public Works
William Frieburger/General Librarian/Library
James Newland/Police Corporal/Police

RESIGNATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Islas, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following resignations be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Garry Kennedy/Maintenance Assistant I/Health
Nicholas De La O/Police Officer/Police

MANAGERS' REPORT:

Melinda George, Employment Services Officer, thanked Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, for the excellent work she did in completing the examination for Marine Safety Captain, and thanked Mark Boone, Marine Safety Chief, Fire Department, for his assistance. She also informed the Commission that she and Diane Dzodin, Personnel Analyst, would be conducting the Police Lieutenant examination on Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

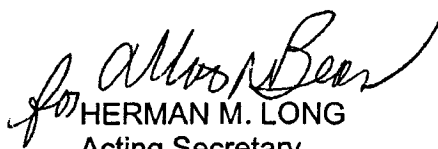
The Secretary informed the Commission that a reception is planned for newly appointed Commissioner Douglas Haubert for next Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Secretary acknowledged the following employees for Perfect Quarterly Attendance:

Beatriz Lacerda	Caprice McDonald
Debbie McCluster	Herman Long
Marilyn Hall	Melinda George
Sharon Hamilton	Suanne Swan

ADJOURNMENT:

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


HERMAN M. LONG
Acting Secretary

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, President, at 9:01 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the 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
Tom Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Dennis Eschen, Manager of Planning and Development
Tara Yeats, Financial Services Officer
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Superintendent of Community Recreation Services
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests: Mitch Bidrawn, RC Planes
Craig Chalfant, Development Services
Mona DeLeon, LSA
Kim Garvey, Moffatt & Nichol
Eric Lopez, Community Development
Mary Parcell, Audubon Society
Lindsey Fitch, Audubon Society

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 15, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to approve the May 15, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

#08-0601

Recommendation to authorize the Community Recreation Services Bureau Manager or his or her management designee to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed.

President Saltzgaver stated that there were no personal services/instruction agreements this month.

#08-0602

Recommendation to authorize the execution of a Youth League Permit Including Concession Stand with the Long Beach Soccer Club and Long Beach Youth Soccer League for nonexclusive use of sports fields for a term of three years, expiring February 29, 2011.

Commissioner Livingstone asked if this would set a precedent.

Mr. Hester responded that all youth leagues are on the same schedule and this would bring these two leagues in line with the rest. We have the ability to go back and change the permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Waterfield to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0603

Recommendation to authorize the Department Director to execute picnic service concession permits with Character's Kids Love, Inc., James Productions, Inc., and Posh Productions, Inc., for a three-year term through June 30, 2011, with one two-year option for renewal at the discretion of the Department Director.

A motion was made by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0604

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of the memorial bench to honor Jack Rabin, M.D.

Mr. Hester stated that this request is consistent with other memorial benches. The requester will pay the full cost of the bench.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

#08-0605

Recommendation to authorize the execution of a permit for the operation of a picnic service concession with All Suite Marketing dba International Events, for a term of one year expiring on June 18, 2009, with options for renewal subject to the discretion of the Director.

Ms. Tara Yeats stated that this is a new company so their term will expire in one year. Their permit will be renewed after one year, depending on their performance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner Sangmeister to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

President Saltzgaver said that item VIII, C would be moved up on the agenda.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- C. Recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council that they certify the Draft EIR for the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project, State Clearinghouse #2007111034.

Mr. Eschen introduced Erick Lopez with Community Development, Mona DeLeon with LSA, and Kim Garvey with Mofatt & Nichol.

Mr. Lopez gave a presentation of the Colorado Lagoon, the estuary habitat, and the storm flows. He said that there is currently a nine-foot culvert that keeps the Colorado Lagoon connected to Marine Stadium. He described the poor water quality in the Colorado Lagoon and then went over the proposed improvements.

Ms. DeLeon talked about environmental impacts of the project and the negative impacts during construction. She said that they would maintain communication with the neighborhood and would hold a community meeting for each of the two phases and provide information on what was going to be happening. She also talked about the positive impacts of the changes of the completed project. She mentioned that Phase II would consist of an open channel to allow for better water flow from the Colorado Lagoon to Marine Stadium and would allow for better water quality in the Colorado Lagoon. She said that the channel would be

monitored to see if a lifeguard is needed. She said that the sports leagues that play at Marina Vista Park would need to find other locations to play during Phase II. She said that they would make sure that there would be a traffic plan in place. Ms. DeLeon went over three other alternatives to the plan. She said that the draft EIR is out for review. The next step is to get comments from citizens. The comment deadline is July 11 and that they would work on responding to the comments this summer. They would then bring a final document to the Planning Commission in a public hearing.

President Saltzgaver asked if there was any public comment to this item. There was no public comment.

President Saltzgaver asked for any comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Livingstone said that they would be getting rid of two parking lots and he asked if there was going to be more parking and where would it be, now that more people might want to go to the Colorado Lagoon?

Ms. DeLeon responded that they would remove the north parking lot only. That is the only parking lot that is going to be removed. She said that they looked at the lot last August on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and the most number of vehicles in that lot at one time was 37. There is room for parking at the lot on Appian Way and Colorado Street and there is also room at the lot across the street.

Commissioner Sangmeister said that Mothers Beach is packed and she would expect to see a lot of movement from that beach to this beach. She said she would be concerned about the parking impact because they will do such a great job and more people will want to come to the Lagoon.

Commissioner Guerra said that he was wondering about the youth groups that use Marina Vista Park. He asked if there was parking all around the edge?

Mr. Hester responded that there is parking along the edge of the park.

Commissioner Guerra asked if there is fencing around that park.

Mr. Shippey responded that there is a backstop for the ballfield by Eliot Street, but no fencing.

Mr. Eschen stated that the drawing is deceptive. The field is 20 feet from the road.

Commissioner Waterfield said that he had a question about the channel. Since it divides the park, has there been any consideration for walkways across it? There are bridges at the end, but with a lot of youth activities, the channel might be a tempting place to go exploring.

Mr. Hester responded that there are walkways along the top of the channel that people would be encouraged to use.

Commissioner Sangmeister asked how deep the channel would be and if it would be navigable.

Mr. Eschen responded that it is designed to have enough water to be able to kayak through it. Currently, there are no boats allowed in the Colorado Lagoon, so they would have to consider if they want boats in the Lagoon.

Commissioner Sangmeister said that if you want kayaks and boats in the channel, would determine how deep it would be, so this also needs to be a consideration.

Vice President Satariano said that they discussed this project pretty extensively in the Capital Improvement Committee meeting.

President Saltzgaver said that about two acres of recreational land is going to be removed and about three tenths of an acre of a passive park, when the channel is made. This is a land use issue that we need to deal with. How do we deal with this loss of park land?

Mr. Eschen said that the parks in perpetuity regulations that were adopted define park use vs. non-park use and park use is anything that is allowed in the zoning. So whether it is passive park, whether it is water area in the park or a playing field, it is all treated the same under the parks in perpetuity charter amendment.

President Saltzgaver said that this does not explain that and it might be a good idea if it did. He said that the other question he had was, where is the Termino Avenue drain EIR process? Is it following the same general schedule?

Mr. Eschen responded that the County Termino Avenue drain process EIR is quite a bit advanced beyond this. They have finished the public circulation and have revised the EIR. That will go before the Board of Supervisors either in late June or early July.

Commissioner Guerra wanted to reiterate Commissioner Waterfield's comment to look into a bridge crossing over in the middle of the park.

Mr. Hester asked how much flexibility there is in the channel layout as it goes across the park?

Ms. DeLeon responded that there is an alternate route in the EIR.

President Saltzgaver asked the dimensions of the culvert.

Ms. DeLeon responded that there are two sections. One is 8 foot by 12 foot and the other is 7 foot by 14 foot.

Mr. Hester stated that some modifications would also have to be made to the golf course. They have discussed this with American Golf.

A motion was made by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to approve the recommendation and include concerns that more parking might be needed, look into a bridge trail over the center of the channel, and look into the issue of parks in perpetuity, to replace the land being taken. The motion carried unanimously.

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

IV. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Saltzgaver, Chair

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

- 1) Selection of Nomination Committee for 2008-2009 Officers

President Saltzgaver appointed Commissioner Sangmeister as Chair and Commissioner Livingstone as Committee Member to the Nomination Committee.

B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
President Saltzgaver, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that they had a lengthy meeting on Monday regarding budget and fee increases. At the next Commission meeting they will have a public hearing on the fee schedule. He asked Ms. Yeats to comment on that meeting.

Ms. Yeats said that they went over the City Manager's proposed budget cuts for the Department, which will become public on August 1. At that time, we will bring that to the Parks and Recreation Commission. We also discussed the staff's fee recommendations and the Committee's insights and recommendations and made a few changes. The changes will be sent to the Committee and once they approve it, will be brought before the entire Parks and Recreation Commission for action.

Ms. Yeats said that they also discussed the policies that the Commission had requested be either reviewed or drafted. She said that a fee waiver policy and an appeal process for permits, fees, and waivers have been drafted and are in the review process with staff. The cost recover policy was reviewed, updated and is being reviewed with staff and will come back to the Committee.

President Saltzgaver said it is also the recommendation of the Finance and Appeals Committee that, due to the fact that there are going to be some new fees, the youth groups be informed of the fee hearing.

Commissioner Guerra asked that a copy of the draft be e-mailed to him, since he was unable to attend the meeting.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George and that the Committee did not meet.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that Mr. Greco is sick today and unable to attend the meeting. She distributed specific statistics requested at the last Committee meeting.

D. **MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE**
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

Commissioner Guerra stated that the Committee met this morning and had a visitor from a Los Angeles Sustainability Committee, who wanted to see how a committee functions. They viewed three commercials, to be run on Charter Cable TV, on the activities offered by the Department.

E. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**
Vice President Satariano, Chair

Vice President Satariano stated that the Committee held a special meeting to discuss the Colorado Lagoon project.

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

Commissioner Sangmeister stated that the Committee met and they had quite a bit of people attend from Long Beach Unified School District.

Ms. Yeats said that Mr. Squires provided her with information that the report has been drafted and is sitting with Long Beach Unified School District waiting for their action or comment back.

President Saltzgaver said that he continues to wonder about the structure of the Committee. He is not sure what the value of having Commissioners on the Committee is when there is not a School Board member on the Committee. The Committee is designed specifically to deal with interrelated technicalities of how we deal with events. This is an important thing to do, but he wants to be reassured that it is worth the Commissioner's time.

1) Discussion of letter to LBUSD concerning presentation on School Master Plan.

President Saltzgaver said that the Executive Committee discussed asking for a presentation of what the School District considers to be their master plan. He is recommending that we write a letter to Long Beach Unified School District asking that they make a presentation to this Commission on their facility plan.

Commissioner Waterfield said that he thought the letter should emphasize things that are significant to our relationship. We talk about the facilities and things that are sometimes not really relevant to what we have been able to raise.

President Saltzgaver said that speaking of closing of facilities, we need to make sure that we have first right of refusal for those properties, particular for a school that is adjacent to a park. That would be a good acquisition.

President Saltzgaver requested the Director to write the letter to LBUSD.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

1) Working Plan

Commissioner Livingstone said that included in the packet was the working plan that the Committee came up with. He complemented staff for putting this together. This is what we are trying to use to make sure that we keep focused on trying to have a consistent approach for stakeholders, which are the residents, the City as it tries to make money on special events, and the people coming to special events. The Committee met two months in a row and at the last meeting they discussed a pilot program for allowing events in the parks to have alcohol. That has been forwarded to the City Attorney with our comments and concerns. They also developed a proposed program for carnivals and circuses. They were going to check with Mr. Hester on what he wanted them to look at with barbecues.

Mr. Hester responded that he would like them to look at whether the Department should look at other alternatives rather than allowing barbecues, which create air quality and pollution issues. Some cities have gone to allowing only gas barbecues, for instance. He said that he thinks it is worth taking a look at that and seeing what other cities are doing.

Commissioner Livingstone said that the only other thing that would be coming up was some new policies from Community Recreation Services Bureau regarding programs.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner responded that they keep adding information and taking it back to the City Attorney. Hopefully, a final draft will be ready by the next meeting.

President Saltzgaver said that since Geoff Hall left the Department he hasn't heard of any update to policies regulating dog handlers in the dog park and hasn't heard anything from the dog park users. This item has been left alone.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for May 2008.

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

It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to receive and file the Director's Monthly Report for May 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Appeal of Parks and Recreation Commission decision to authorize the development of a cricket ground in El Dorado Regional Park from Ann Cantrell.

President Saltzgaver stated that a copy of Ms. Ann Cantrell's appeal letter regarding the Commission's action last month on the cricket field, is included in the packet. That appeal goes to the City Council.

Mr. Hester stated that the hearing has been set for July 8, 2008.

President Saltzgaver asked if it would be a good idea to have the Chair to attend that meeting.

Mr. Hester responded that it probably would be a good idea to have a representative of the Parks and Recreation Commission attend that meeting. He said that the staff report should answer any questions.

- B. Request to amend the Department's policy of not hiring family members from Elene Daley.

President Saltzgaver said that this item was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting. He said that there is some justification for reviewing the policy. The proper action would be to act the Director to review the hiring policy and come back to the Commission with a report.

Mr. Hester said he wanted to make sure it was clear that the Parks and Recreation Commission has no authority over any personnel issues. He said that it was brought forward because the individual submitted the letter to the Parks and Recreation Commission, so it was listed as correspondence. There were some questions raised by the Executive Committee and staff wants to hear those comments to decide what changes to make. It is an old policy that does need to be looked at.

President Saltzgaver said that he wants to be aware of what is going on, when we get letters like this.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner responded that the Department had major operational issues that were occurring and that was the reason the policy came about, back when it was created. It is very difficult to adhere to guidelines and keep people out of the line of supervision when you are in one bureau. Because of some of the issues when people would get hired and further down the line they would end up under a sibling or relative, it created so many operational issues and personnel issues, that is why the policy was created back in 1992. That has not changed. The reasons that created this policy are still in effect today. It is the movement of staff that creates the problem. If you allow that, it is very possible that someplace years later on, that person could end up in the line of supervision or in the same division as their relative.

Commissioner Livingstone said that in one of the notes it says that this is the only department that has this policy. Is it because the Department is so big with so many bureaus?

Mr. Hester said that most of the policies are geared toward part-time staff. This woman has another daughter who works for the Department in an aquatics camp.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that the employee had another sibling who worked for the Department who we removed from payroll so the other sibling could be hired last year.

Mr. Hester said that even though employees may start out at different locations, we move employees around all the time and they could end up one supervising the other. That is when we have issues relating to preferential treatment, etc. We had to let a couple of employees go because we found out that they falsified their employment application and they were actually siblings.

President Saltzgaver rescinded his recommendation and asked if the Department does decide to change the policy, to please inform the Parks and Recreation Commission.

President Saltzgaver stated that he received a letter at his office addressed to him as the President of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He said obviously they have nothing to do with kite boarders, because they are in the tidelands area. He gave the letter to Mr. Hester to respond to.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PARTNERS OF PARKS REPORT – DIANE WILEY

President Saltzgaver said that Ms. Wiley asked to be excused to prepare for their Board meeting. He asked Commissioner Livingstone to report.

Commissioner Livingstone said that they held the mixer last month and have three very interested potential board members who may be at today's Board meeting. Ms. Wiley is preparing a general membership campaign and a business partners campaign, with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce to try and generate people who have an annual membership and can help produce new members and partners. They are pursuing grants for both operating expenses and for specific programs like the Universally Accessible Playgrounds and the Lone Sailor refurbishment. Ms. Wiley and Mr. Held are preparing displays and presentation materials that they can take to any kind of association mixers or events so that they will have a presence as often as possible to let people know about joining or donating to Partners of Parks. We are going to have a retreat, probably in September. It is a goal once we have a full complement of new board members, is to develop a strategic plan and long term action plan.

President Saltzgaver asked the status of their leadership.

Commissioner Livingstone responded that the Board is going to have an election today. Mr. Kozaites agreed to be a president for about two years and because of work and family he has had to step down.

- B. Recommendation to approve the California Sun & Surf International Soccer Tournament request for waiver of concession and field permit fees with "Conditions of Use."

President Saltzgaver stated that at the last meeting, the representatives for the tournament were not in attendance. The Commission asked to have a meeting with representatives, which was held following the June Executive Committee meeting, and was a very productive meeting. He said that since Commissioner Waterfield requested this meeting, he asked Commissioner Waterfield to offer his comments.

Commissioner Waterfield said there were some things that needed to be clarified, such as the ownership and sponsorship of the tournament, to make sure that it is a tournament that is benefiting youth in the area. He also brought up the issue that the Parks and Recreation Commission is in a tough position to waive fees now and this is a large fee waiver, so they needed additional information to be able to justify the waiver. A lot of the questions were answered. Mr. Barraza is going to provide some additional background information that they requested. One in particular was a list of names of the beneficiaries of the tournament and what Long Beach agencies would be benefiting from that. Mr. Hester was clear in letting Mr. Barraza know that we are not in a situation to be able to continue to waive fees and came up with a recovery plan to make contributions back to Partners of Parks, which will be increasing each year to get it up to about 80 percent of the amount of the fee that is waived. Commissioner Waterfield said that he was satisfied with the information from the meeting.

Vice President Satariano thanked Commissioner Waterfield for leading the conversation. He had a lot of background and knowledge about soccer, which helped. The organizers provided good answers and the point was made that waiving fees is not something to be done very often.

Mr. Hester recommended that the increase in donations be incorporated into the recommendation of the Commission.

President Saltzgaver said that the condition he suggested, and was agreed to, was to increase the percentage by ten percent each of the next three years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to approve the recommendation and include a condition of use to increase the amount donated to Partners of Parks by ten percent each year over the next three years, up to an amount of 80 percent of the fee that is waived. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sangmeister wanted to make sure that staff would receive the accounting document from the group after the tournament.

Commissioner Waterfield thought that the original letter mentioned a listing of demographics, where the players are coming from.

Mr. Hester said that the listing of demographics could be included in the permit. He also said that he would talk to staff about California Sun & Surf using a company who distributes notifications to neighborhoods, to make sure that this is done, especially in the area around Heartwell Park.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on Summer Recreation Programs

Ms. Nixon-Joiner distributed packets to each of the Commissioners filled with brochures of the Department's summer programs. She mentioned that the summer programs started this week and staff is very, very busy. She described each of the programs. Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that they took a different approach this summer. The Department sent out the class schedules to people who have participated in classes in the past. Postcards for the day camps were sent out targeting youth areas. The family series tri-fold brochure was sent out to all homes in the community. This brochure lists the movies in the park and movies on the beach. She said that included in the packet is also an invitation for the opening this Saturday of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center.

B. Presentation of "Core" Programs for the FY09 Budget

President Saltzgaver said that this item would be held until next month.

Mr. Hester stated that he requested that this item be held because the budget has not been made public yet. It goes to the Mayor on July 1, and will not become officially public until August 1.

IX. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the audience.

Mr. Mitch Bidrawn said that he is a resident of Long Beach and flies remote control airplanes in El Dorado Area III at glider field. He said that this is a really beautiful area and has a frequency board for the radios and there is a nice layout. Gliders have no problems. Electric planes with motors, that cost about \$50 each, have a problem when they land and crash on the gopher holes. He was wondering if there is a possibility of putting in a landing strip. He is not asking for concrete and is not asking for the Department to fund it. He said he was thinking that the rubber padding, like what is underneath playgrounds, would be perfect. He said that Southern California really lacks the room to fly and the only nice field nearby is in Corona. He said that this would attract new hobbyists and the park would make more parking revenue.

Mr. Hester asked that he leave his name and number and someone from Maintenance Operations would contact him.

Commissioner Guerra asked the length and the width of the landing strip.

Mr. Bidrawn responded that probably about 100 feet would be enough.

President Saltzgaver said that if Mr. Bidrawn could talk to staff, he was sure that something could be worked out.

Ms. Mary Parcell said that she is the conservation chair of El Dorado Audubon, the local chapter of the Audubon Society. It was formed by the same people that advised on the formation of the Nature Center, so they have a strong group who also volunteer their time at the Nature Center and in other parks as well. She said she is here to share a couple of things with the Parks and Recreation Commission. She is here to praise the efforts of Mr. Phil Hester and his staff in two areas. One area is the division of wetlands, wildlife habitat, how you take care of your parks, and today hearing about the Colorado Lagoon. It is great to hear about that kind of activity at the Colorado Lagoon, the right of way, the Dunster Marine Reserve. There are things like this all over Long Beach, little pockets along the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River. She said that in support of your Colorado Lagoon project in trying to get funding, they had an opportunity to hold a regional meeting with the Audubon staff and leadership from throughout Southern California. They invited the Executive Director of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, who is

also the Executive Director of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, to this meeting. At this meeting were leaders throughout Southern California. She said that they asked a lot of questions about the projects here in Long Beach, the West San Gabriel River wetlands project that the City is trying to get funds for. They are trying to support the City's effort to get funds and to show the local interest.

Ms. Parcel stated that the other item is native bird habitat. She said that there was an issue a few years ago at the DeForest Nature Trail where some brush needed to be cleaned out. They donated 30 or 40 hours of expertise time and helped the park staff train the Conservation Corps so that they could have public safety in that park and also protect the habitat. She said that she calls Mr. Hester whenever there is a problem that has to do with the protection with wildlife, and she really appreciates the help of staff and their responsiveness.

Ms. Lindsey Fitch stated that she is the education chair for the Audubon Society and said she has a dream about making Long Beach a renowned bird watching location. She said that bird watching is a big sport and there are different kinds of bird watchers. There are bird watchers, birders, listers, and there are competitions of bird sightings. In Texas they have taken advantage of this and have set up their wildlife areas in such a way that they pull in millions of dollars a year off of birders. They put out a brochure and advertise these areas and birders come from all over the world. This would be a good idea to market El Dorado Park as a birding destination.

Ms. Parcell said that El Dorado Park is used a lot by birders from all over Southern California.

President Saltzgaver thanked Ms. Parcell for her comments.

Mr. Hester stated that staff calls on Ms. Parcell quite often for her help.

Ms. Fitch stated that she is concerned with the cricket field that it breaks from what the master plan says and afraid it would set a precedent,

Mr. Saltzgaver thanked her for her comments.

B. STAFF

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the staff.

Mr. Hester thanked the Commissioners for attending the Special Olympics event.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sangmeister said that she would like to see what other cities are doing with memorial benches and maybe work with Partners of Parks so that more than just the actual cost is recovered.

Mr. Hester responded that Partners of Parks is actually looking at this possibility.

Commissioner Guerra thanked Bill Greco for the statistics, but he thought it would be helpful to look from 2003 to 2007 what the staffing was like. He said that other than that, he enjoyed the Civil War Reenactment.

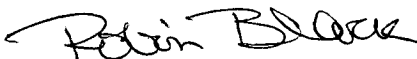
X. NEXT MEETING

President Saltzgaver stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at the El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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**May 1, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Leslie Gentile, Phil Saumur, Charles Durnin, Melani Smith, Becky Blair, Donita Van Horik

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Charles Greenberg

CHAIRMAN: Leslie Gentile

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Carolyne Bihn, Zoning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Comprehensive Planning
Scott Kinsey, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney
Marcia Gold, Minutes Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Van Horik.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck noted that pre-foundation grading had begun on the Lyon West Gateway Project.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES**PRESENTATION*****Long Beach 2030 General Plan Update***

Jill Griffiths updated the progress of the plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item IB was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Item IA was approved as recommended by staff on a motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Saumur and passed 6-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

1A. Case No. 0709-11A

Applicant: Trillium Consulting for T-Mobile USA Inc.
c/o Tim Miller
Subject Site: 1329 Gladys Street (Council District 4)

Continued to a date uncertain.

1B. Case No. 0712-07

Applicant: Trillium Consulting for T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Tim Miller
Subject Site: 3340 Los Coyotes Diagonal (Council District 5)

Removed to Regular Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

1B. Case No. 0712-07

Applicant: Trillium Consulting for T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Tim Miller
Subject Site: 3340 Los Coyotes Diagonal (Council District 5)

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending continuation of the item to allow the applicant to respond to staff's suggestion that they instead co-locate Verizon's antennas on a new structure and remove Verizon's existing monopalm.

Tim Miller, 5912 Bolsa Avenue Suite 202, Huntington Beach, applicant representative, asked that they instead be allowed to redesign their originally proposed facility to include co-location opportunities for other service providers. Mr. Miller said that T-Mobile would investigate the feasibility of co-location on this site.

Robert Sanders, 3202 Los Coyotes Diagonal, nearby resident, agreed that the staff recommendation of co-location would be preferable.

Commissioner Saumur moved to accept the original staff recommendation to continue the application to a date uncertain. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

2. Case No. 0801-24

Applicant: Parsons Corporation for T-Mobile USA, Inc.
c/o Jim Todaro
Subject Site: 5761 Colorado Street

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the request since staff had worked with the applicant to reduce the diameter of the proposed flagpoles to diminish their visual obtrusiveness.

Jim Todaro, Parsons Corporation for T-Mobile USA Inc., 2201 DuPont #200, Irvine, applicant, asked for clarification of specific conditions, including church-maintained plantings and mitigation of view impacts by a block wall.

In response to a query from Commissioner Durnin regarding an adjacent existing electrical pole, Carolyne Bihn noted that it was maintained by Edison and would probably be undergrounded in the next few years.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur regarding noticing, Ms. Bihn stated that over 1,000 notices had been sent out, but that they had received less than 10 calls asking for information.

Commissioner Saumur moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit, subject to conditions, to allow the installation of three wireless telecommunications monopoles disguised as flagpoles, each 45' high and 18 inches in diameter.

Chairman Gentile agreed that this specific location worked well since it was isolated from other structures on a busy street.

Chairman Gentile then seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Commissioner Greenberg was absent.

REPORT ON OTHER DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Carolyne Bihn noted that the airport parking structure would be returning to the City Council on Tuesday with the recommendation to reduce the size of the structure, eliminating one subterranean level with 700 parking spaces, but that no other design element would change from the plan the Commission approved.

Ms. Bihn then announced her retirement after 12 years and thanked the Commission.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gold
Minutes Clerk

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**May 15, 2008**

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission and public hearing convened Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 5:05 pm in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Phillip Saumur, Becky Blair, Charles Durnin, Charles Greenberg, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik

ABSENT: EXCUSED: Leslie Gentile

CHAIRMAN: Philip Saumur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Beck, Director
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager
Derek Burnham, Acting Zoning Officer
Jill Griffiths, Acting Comprehensive Planning Officer
Scott Kinsey, Planner
Pat Garrow, Planner
Heidi Eidson, Minutes Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Beck announced that in a continuing effort for more community outreach, there is a new Department newsletter and that the Planning Commission meetings are now available to view on line.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Case No. 0711-01, Site Plan Review, Administrative Use Permit, ND 05-08

Applicant: Westerly School of Long Beach
c/o Donald Swartz
Subject Site: 2950 E. 29th Street (Council District 5)
Description: Request for approval of a Site Plan Review and an Administrative Use Permit for the construction of a new multipurpose building and a new arts building, totaling 17,316 square feet, and reconfiguration and expansion of parking areas at an existing K-8 private school.

Scott Kinsey presented the staff report recommending approval of the project.

Don Swartz, representative for Westerly School, stated that the facilities would be completed in phases.

In response to a query from Commissioner Van Horik, Byron Pinkert, 158 Rivo Alto, trustee of Westerly School, discussed soil sample testing done at the site.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, Mr. Pinkert stated that private schools are not required to receive approval from the State, but the project would meet State standards.

In response to a query from Commissioner Saumur, Mr. Pinkert stated that construction was expected to commence and the end of the summer for the arts building, the end of the following summer for the parking facility and the summer after that for the multi-purpose building.

In response to a query from Commissioner Smith, Mr. Pinkert stated that with the re-do of the parking lot the circulation would remain similar with one way in and one way out, but there would be an enhanced safety aspect with the addition of a long line of curbed drop-off area.

In response to a query from Commissioner Greenberg, Jill Griffiths stated that the Long Beach Unified School District had been notified about this project.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to certify Negative Declaration 05-08 and approve the Site Plan Review and Administrative Use Permit. Commissioner Van Horik seconded the motion which passed 6-0. Commissioner Gentile was absent.

STUDY SESSION

A study session was held to provide an update on the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Veronica Tam, consultant for the Long Beach Housing Team, gave an overview of the Housing Element, discussing housing needs and key components of the Element.

MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Eidson
Minutes Clerk

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 23, 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 June 23, 2008.

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

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	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
	Ryan J. Alsop	Director, Government & Public Affairs
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
ABSENT:	John Allen	Commissioner (EXCUSED)
	Steve Conley	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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.

3. Authorization to attend the Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala to be held Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel

Mr. Wattier provided a briefing on agenda item 3. He reported the Chamber of Commerce unfortunately had mailed their invitations to this annual event later this year, and had not met the deadline for the item to be considered at the June 12, 2008 Board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously approved to authorize attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala to be held Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wattier provided an update on Assembly Bill 885 (MWD Alternate Directors). He reported that he had testified in Sacramento on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, before the Senate Committee on Local Government outlining the City of Long Beach position regarding this legislation. He reported the Committee voted to pass AB 885 to the full floor for consideration and a vote. Mr. Wattier advised the author of the bill (Calderon) hopes to take the bill to the full floor possibly as soon as Thursday, June 26, 2008.


Mr. Wattier advised that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) had taken an opposing position on AB 885. He advised the MWD has scheduled a special board meeting for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 to possibly change their position on this bill if the bill could be amended to allow for proxies, rather than Alternate Directors.

President Townsend requested that Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Conley be excused from the June 23, 2008 special board meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Conley from the June 23, 2008 special board meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m. to the next special meeting of the Water Commission to be held June 26, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California



Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:



William B. Townsend, President

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 26, 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 June 26, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Townsend.

PRESENT:	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	Commissioner
	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	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
	Paul T. Fujita	Director of Finance
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Matthew P. Lyons	Director, Planning & Conservation
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Greg Sorensen	Administrative Analyst III
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Shannon Poe	CSULB Student
	Jenna Goldberg	CSULB Student
ABSENT:	Steve Conley	Commissioner (EXCUSED)

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ryan Alsop led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 12, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Blanco, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 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**

President Townsend commented on the Long Beach Water Department Service Awards luncheon, and acknowledged the attendance by the Mayor and his comments regarding the Water Department.

President Townsend reviewed a series of news articles regarding water issues and asked the Secretary to post these to the board webpage for viewing.

5. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2008

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

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of July 2008. The Board agreed to the following adjusted meeting schedule:

July 10, 2008	Regular Meeting – 9:15 A.M.
July 24, 2008	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Wattier reported that the San Luis Reservoir continues to drop in storage levels. He distributed a graph noting the falling storage levels in the reservoir. He advised if the trend continues, the low point would be reached in July 2008, but noted that expected revised Delta operations might postpone this to August 2008 through September 2008.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

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

None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated June 26, 2008

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

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Blanco to approve Consent Calendar items 8a. through 8c.

Before a vote was taken Commissioner Clarke requested Consent Calendar items 8b. and 8c be pulled for discussion and separate votes. Commissioner Clarke then made a substitute motion to approve Consent Calendar item 8a. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanco. This item was unanimously approved.

8b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Third Amendment to the Water Right License and Agreement (WD-1992) with Virginia Country Club to extend the lease agreement to December 31, 2008

Kevin Wattier provided a background briefing regarding this agenda item. He advised that the Virginia Country Club owns 274 acre feet of water rights in the Central Basin, which the Long Beach Water Department has leased for many years. He advised the current five-year agreement is scheduled to expire, but the Virginia Country Club has requested additional time to consider the new lease terms.

Mr. Wattier advised the current contract's intent is to be revenue neutral, but is currently unfavorable to the LBWD.

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

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

8c. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Developer's Agreement with Boeing Realty Corporation to Construct New Potable Water Lines, Reclaimed Water Lines, and Sewer Lines for the Douglas Park – Segment 7 Development

Isaac Pai provided a background briefing regarding this agenda item. He advised that Boeing will build the water, sewer and reclaimed water lines to LBWD specifications at the Douglas Park – Segment 7 development, and then LBWD would take ownership of these lines from Boeing after they had satisfied inspection requirements.

It was moved by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Blanco and unanimously approved to approve Consent Calendar item 8c.

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

9. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO WD-1244 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1237, CREATING OFFICES AND POSITIONS IN THE PERMANENT SERVICE OF THE LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION FOR SUCH OFFICES AND POSITIONS, AND RESCINDING ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS OR ORDERS RELATING THERETO**
- **Ken Bott, Administrative Officer**

Mr. Bott summarized the changes made to the Long Beach Water Department Salary Resolution, and explained these changes were to bring the salary resolution into compliance with the recent MOU signed with the labor unions.

He also noted that the language related to Management employees had been revised to duplicate the language contained in the City Salary Resolution as approved by the Mayor and City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Blanco to adopt resolution No. WD-1244 amending resolution No. WD-1237, Creating Offices and Positions in the Permanent Service of the Long Beach Water Department, Fixing the amount of compensation for such offices and positions, and rescinding all other resolutions or orders relating thereto.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

10. **ADOPT POLICY POSITION FOR AB 2270**
- **Ryan J. Alsop, Director, Government and Public Affairs**

Mr. Alsop provided a briefing regarding AB 2270 (Laird) related to the State water recycling goals and revisions to the Water Code. He advised this law would require the Department of Water Resources to update targets for recycled water every five years.

Commissioner Clarke inquired about opposition from water softener companies related to this bill. Mr. Alsop explained that the industry is opposed to this bill, but advised that newer water softener technology is not affected by this legislation. He advised the water softener industry has labeled this as "technology-push legislation".

Mr. Alsop advised the LBWD staff recommends the Board of Water Commission support AB 2270, which would address Recycled Water Task Force recommendations by promoting the use of recycled water and removing barriers to implementation.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, and seconded by Commissioner Blanco to support AB 2270, and communicate that position to the California State Legislature and the Long Beach City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/ACTIONS/BILLS**

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

Mr. Alsop reported that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) would be launching their new water conservation plan. He advised they would match the tone of San Diego and Long Beach's "Stop Wasting Water Campaigns".

Mr. Alsop explained that the current MWD water conservation campaign was not working effectively.

Mr. Alsop provided an update on AB 885 – (Calderon). He advised that it appears that an agreement had been made between the Metropolitan Water District and the author of the bill to have reached a consensus regarding language for the bill, which would eliminate the MWD opposing position regarding this bill.

Mr. Alsop reported that LBWD had been advised the House Energy and Water Appropriation for Desal was \$1.325M and that \$692,000 had been approved for Water Reuse.

He advised the bill would be taken up by the full Appropriations Committee today (June 26, 2008). He advised staff would now begin working with the Senate side to have these appropriations approved by the Senate.

Mr. Alsop provided an update on AB 2175 (Laird). He advised this bill calls for a 20% capita water use reduction by 2020. This bill provides language that If a water agency is found to be in non-compliance, they would not be eligible for State grant funding.

He advised that the requested Long Beach amendments have been included in the current bill, and that the bill is now being considered by the Senate.

He reported that Long Beach is currently in full compliance with the 2020 requirement.

Mr. Alsop commented on the recent article regarding the water and energy audit of the head of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mr. Alsop reported he had been contacted by the press to provide similar data for the Long Beach Water Department General Manager and the Deputy General Managers.

12. OVERVIEW OF FY – 2008-2009 BUDGET & RATES

• B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager - Business

Mr. Falagan provided an overview of the 2008-2009 budget and rates. He reviewed the significant factors affecting the sewer and water funds; he offered a five year rate forecast for review. Mr. Falagan also provided a comprehensive review of the budget components and reviewed revenue requirements (which included the effect on rates and fund balances).

Mr. Falagan reviewed water and sewer rate comparison graphs for regional water agencies (which included Sacramento; San Jose; Los Angeles County; City of Los Angeles; Oakland; San Francisco; Golden State Water and San Diego), pointing out that Long Beach still has the lowest water and sewer rates compared to these other agencies.

He reviewed proposed water and sewer rate increases, and provided the rate impacts on a typical monthly bill.

Mr. Falagan advised that staff would return to the Board at their July 10, 2008 meeting for rates approval and budget adoption. Staff would then proceed to mail out the Prop 218 hearing notices; schedule budget briefings with the Mayor and City Council; conduct the Prop 218 Public Hearing on August 28, 2008; and then forward the Long Beach Water Department FY 2008-2009 budget and rates to the Mayor and City Council for adoption. The new rates and budget would then become effective October 1, 2008.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blanco indicated he would be out of the country and requested to be excused from the July 24, 2008 and August 7, 2008 board meetings.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Clarke, and unanimously approved to excuse Commissioner Blanco from the July 24, 2008 special board meeting, and the August 7, 2008 regular board meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to the next special meeting of the Water Commission to be held July 10, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California



Paul C. Blanco, Secretary

Attest:



William B. Townsend, President