

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



CALL TO ORDER

At 4:01 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers DeLong and O'Donnell

Present:

Councilmembers S. Lowenthal

Absent:

Also present: Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/Chief Financial Officer; Mario Beas, Executive Director, Civil Service; Ahmed Saafir, President, Civil Service Commission, Larry Herrera, City Clerk, Dina Lopez and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialists.

1. 08-0265 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2008.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Chair DeLong, to receive and file the budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and O'Donnell

Absent: 1 - S. Lowenthal

SECOND ROLL CALL

S. Lowenthal joined the meeting.

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

Present:

2. 08-0266 Recommendation to receive and file updates on the State and Federal Budget.

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

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 updates on the State and Federal Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. 07-1177 Recommendation to discuss the 2008/2009 Elections Plan and Cost Estimate.

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to recommend to the City Council that the April 8, 2008, Primary Nominating Election Budget be received and filed, due back on 4/1/2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. 08-0267 Recommendation to receive the Civil Service Commission's request that the Budget Oversight Committee recommend to the City Council the restoration of \$325,000 to the Civil Service Department budget for the current fiscal year.

Ahmed Saafir, President, Civil Service Commission gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Ahmed Saafir, President, Civil Service Commission spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Mario Beas, Executive Director, Civil Service Commission spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to receive and file the Civil Service Commission's request that the Budget Oversight Committee recommend to the City Council the restoration of \$325,000 to the Civil Service Department budget for the current fiscal year. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. 08-0268

Recommendation to receive and file the following communications from the Budget Oversight Committee's pending file:

- a. City Manager's FY 08 Proposed Budget, Mayor's Budget Recommendations and Proposed Amendments for Council's consideration (August 2007)
- b. East Side Park Budgets (August 2007)
- c. Public Safety Retention (August 2007)
- d. Organizational Best Practices (August 2007)
- e. Police Department's Non-budgeted Expenses (September 2007)
- f. Long Beach Neighborhood Protection Measure (March 2006)

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to recommend that the City Council receive and file the Long Beach Neighborhood Protection Measure (March 2006), due back on 4/1/2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. 08-0269

Recommendation to receive and discuss future Budget challenges.

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

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management/Chief Financial Officer, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to receive and file the discussion regarding future Budget challenges. 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 4:51 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.