

Mayor Bob Foster, Chair
Vice Mayor Val Lerch, Vice Chair
All Members of City Council



FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:35 PM)

At 3:35 P.M., Vice Mayor Lerch called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:35 PM)

Also present: Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney; Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney; Pat West, City Manager, Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell, Reyes Uranga, Lerch and Garcia
Present:

Councilmembers Lowenthal, Schipske, Gabelich and Andrews
Absent:

SECOND ROLL CALL (3:38 PM)

Councilmembers Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Reyes Uranga, Lerch and Garcia
Present:

Councilmembers Schipske, Gabelich and Andrews
Absent:

1. 10-0720 Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Charter Amendment Committee for the meeting of Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes Uranga, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, that this matter be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Reyes Uranga, Lerch and Garcia

Absent: 3 - Schipske, Gabelich and Andrews

THIRD ROLL CALL (3:40 PM)

Councilmembers Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga,
Present: Gabelich, Lerch and Garcia

Councilmembers Andrews
Absent:

2. 10-0717 Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of consolidation of the Human Resources Department and the Civil Service Department, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.
- Pat West, City Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.
- Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.
- A dialogue ensued.
- Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.
- Pat West, City Manager, spoke.
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- Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.
- Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.
- Pat West, City Manager, spoke.
- Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.
- Councilwoman Schipske spoke.
- Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.
- Mayor Foster spoke.
- A dialogue ensued.
- Pat West, City Manager, spoke.
- Councilwoman Schipske spoke.
- Robert Shannon, Chief City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Heather Mahood, Assistant Chief City Attorney, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Herb A. Levi, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember DeLong, to recommend to the City Council due back on 8/3/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Gabelich, Lerch and Garcia

No: 1 - Reyes Uranga

Absent: 1 - Andrews

3. 10-0718 Recommendation to deliberate on the topic of consolidating the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department and the Long Beach Water Department as one Long Beach public utility, and recommend to the City Council proposed language for a ballot measure for the November 2010 General Election to amend the City Charter.

Pat West, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Councilmember Lowenthal spoke.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Steven Gay, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

Eric Mentz, Long Beach resident and City employee, spoke.

Patricia Robinson, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Norman White, City employee and Long Beach resident, spoke.

Christopher Miller, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Leal Vanderlance Long Beach resident, spoke.

Henry Meyer, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Charles Parks, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Steve Conley, Long Beach, spoke.

Isaac Pai, Chief Engineer Director, Long Beach Water Department, spoke.

John Allen, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Maggie Shellburn, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Mayor Foster spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich, Lerch and Garcia

Absent: 1 - Andrews

4. 10-0719 Recommendation to discuss other potential Charter Amendments for the November 2010 General Election.

Mayor Foster announced that additional meetings will be held in the future, dates to be determined by the Committee. Members of the Committee introduced some of their ideas to be discussed at the future meetings.

Councilmember Garcia spoke regarding a "Job for Vets Ballot Proposition," to be discussed further at an upcoming Charter Amendment Committee.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke regarding, the Long Beach Growth and Accountability Measure; Independent Legal Council for City Manager and Legislative Department; Long Beach Public Library Protection Measure; and Dedication of Marijuana Sales Tax, to be discussed further at an upcoming Charter Amendment Committee.

Councilmember DeLong spoke regarding Pension Reforms and the City Auditor's audit of the Tidelands Transfer, to be discussed further at an upcoming Charter Amendment Committee.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Councilwoman Schipske spoke regarding Reducing the Salary of the Mayor of the City Council and consider moving the Municipal Election to November with a winner take all approach, to be discussed further at an upcoming Charter Amendment Committee.

Vice Mayor Lerch spoke regarding the Rainy Day Fund, to be discussed further at an upcoming Charter Amendment Committee.

Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

No action was taken on this agenda item. The ideas offered will be discussed at future meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:41 PM)

No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT (4:41 PM)

At 4:41 P.M., there being no objection, Mayor Foster declared the meeting adjourned.