

Karen Highberger, Chair  
Laura H. Brassler, Vice Chair  
Shannon Carmack, Commissioner  
Irma Hernandez, Commissioner



Louise Ivers, Commissioner  
Harvey Keller, Commissioner  
Richard Powers, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:38 PM)**

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At 5:38 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (5:38 PM)**

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**Boardmembers** Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma  
**Present:** Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Larry Brugger, Superintendent of Building and Safety; Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner; Steven Valdez, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

**FLAG SALUTE (5:38 PM)**

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Commissioner Brassler led the flag salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:38 PM)**

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09-016CH Recommendation to approve the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of September 14, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Laura H. Brassler, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

**Abstain:** 3 - Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez and Richard Powers

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:39 PM)**

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Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, presented the Director's Report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:40 PM)**

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**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:40 PM)**

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Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:40 PM)**

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1. 09-014CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to install awnings, railings, signage, and a display window on the exterior of a designated landmark building known as the Kress Building located at 443 Pine Avenue. (District 1) (Application No. HP 09-0189)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Javier Ortiz, 443 Pine Avenue, applicant, spoke.

Shirley Rose, 443 Pine Avenue, spoke.

Mr. Ortiz responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Angie Zetterquist responded to queries from Commissioners Brassler and Hernandez.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Brassler, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Laura H. Brassler, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

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2. 09-015CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a second story addition, balcony and deck to an existing single-family residence at 2728 E. 1st Street in the Bluff Park Historic District. (District 3) (Application No. HP 09-0049)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Liem Nguyen, applicant's representative, spoke.

Ray Van Etta, 2732 E. 1st Street, spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, to approve the recommendation.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

**A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ivers, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to include a stipulation that the architectural detail be replicated on the rear of the project. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers, Harvey Keller and Richard Powers

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3. 09-012CH Recommendation to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness to install four wrought iron railings on the 15th Floor of the Villa Riviera for unit #1508. (District 2) (Application No. HP 09-0141)

Derek Burnham, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steven Garcia, 550 N. Brand Boulevard, Glendale, counsel for the applicant, spoke.

Mr. Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Mr. Garcia responded to queries from Commissioner Brassler.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Mr. Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Mr. Garcia responded to queries from Commissioner Brassler.

Gary Meyers, 4500 E. Pacific Coast Highway, #100, structural engineer for the applicant, spoke.

Roger Peter Porter, 3837 E. 7th Street, architect for the applicant, spoke.

Mr. Porter responded to a query from Commissioner Highberger.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Ernest Marrujo, applicant, spoke.

Mr. Marrujo responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

Richard Orozco, 3rd Place and Ocean Boulevard, spoke.

Dr. Sarah Turner, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 1510, spoke.

Dr. Laurel Harris-Briese, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 601, spoke.

Douglas Gastellum, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Units 1410 and 1408, spoke.

Pete Smay, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 1106, spoke.

Faye Karim, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 201, spoke.

Julie Marrujo, 375 Redondo Avenue, spoke.

Calla Shane, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 308, spoke.

Chair Highberger swore in a late arriving audience member who wished to provide public comment.

Kelly Hawes, 800 E. Ocean Boulevard, Unit 408, spoke.

Stan Poe, 144 Savona Walk, spoke.

Commissioner Keller spoke.

Commissioner Brassler spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Larry Brugger, Superintendent of Building and Safety, responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

Larry Brugger responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Steven Garcia, applicant's representative, responded to public comment.

Mr. Garcia responded to a query from Commissioner Brassler.

Michael Mais asked that Commissioner Keller recuse himself from the item.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brassler, seconded by Commissioner Powers, to continue the item.

Commissioner Powers spoke.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Brasser withdrew her original motion.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to continue the item to allow time for staff to work with the applicant to come up with an alternative design for the space as a non-balcony area with no modifications to the windows and to install a safety barrier creating the least visual impact. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Laura H. Brasser, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Richard Powers

**No:** 1 - Karen L. Highberger

**Excused:** 1 - Harvey Keller

**COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (8:31 PM)**

There were no comments from the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:31 PM)**

At 8:31 p.m., Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

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**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
MARY ISLAS, PRESIDENT  
November 4, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu, Douglas Haubert

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Mary Islas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mario R. Beas, Executive Director & Secretary  
Melinda George, Deputy Director  
Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Debbie McCluster, Personnel Analyst  
Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst  
Robert Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst  
Lourdes Ferrer, Personnel Analyst  
Donna de Araujo, Assistant Administrative Analyst  
Stephanie Kemp, Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

**Vice President F. Phil Infelise presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR SELECTIVE CERTIFICATION:** The Secretary requested that this item be considered later on the agenda to allow time for the representative from Parks, Recreation and Marine to arrive. It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu, and carried to move the item between 7 & 8. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PROTEST OF COMPUTER SKILLS EXAMINATION ITEMS:**

**CONTROL CENTER OPERATOR**

The Secretary presented a communication from Gwendolyn Wright, provisional Control Center Operator, requesting the re-administration of her computer skills examination for Control Center Operator. In addition, the Secretary prepared a staff report prepared by Rob Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst. Mr. Pfingsthorn briefed the Commission regarding this request. Ms. Wright addressed the Commission, stating that she had problems with the

audio at the beginning of the computer skills component of the examination, which she brought to Mr. Pfingsthorn's attention. Mr. Pfingsthorn stated that he found no problem with the audio. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert, and carried to approve Ms. Wright's request for the purpose of further discussion. The Secretary, Melinda George, Deputy Director, Stacey Lewis, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Harbor and Robert Miller addressed the Commission regarding this matter. The motion to grant Ms. Wright's request failed by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Ahmed Saafir

NAY: Douglas Haubert  
Jeanne Karatsu  
F. Phil Infelise

**PROTEST OF COMPUTER SKILLS  
EXAMINATION ITEMS:**

**CONTROL CENTER OPERATOR**

The Secretary presented a communication from Robert Miller, provisional Control Center Operator, requesting the re-administration of his computer skills examination for Control Center Operator. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Rob Pfingsthorn, Personnel Analyst. Mr. Pfingsthorn briefed the Commission regarding this request. Mr. Miller addressed the Commission, stating the headphones provided caused his hearing aids to "continually squeal". Mr. Pfingsthorn stated that the problem was not brought to his attention by Mr. Miller until his examination was completed. The Secretary stated that the job opportunity bulletin states that if a special accommodation is needed to contact the Civil Service Department. Melinda George, Deputy Director, also addressed the Commission regarding this matter. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Haubert, and carried to deny Mr. Miller's request. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN  
EXAMINATION:**

**ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**

The Secretary presented a communication from Monte Beard Sr., requesting the Commission allow him to submit late documentation for his application for Assistant Administrative Analyst. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst. Ms. McDonald briefed the Commission



regarding this request. Mr. Beard also addressed the Commission regarding his request stating that his information regarding his Bachelor's Degree was in his personnel file and he did not think that he needed to provide copies with his application. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried to deny the request. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**BULLETINS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following Job Opportunity Bulletins be approved with an amendment to include audio/video to the Control Center Operator Job Opportunity Bulletin. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Control Center Operator  
Principal Construction Inspector

**EXAMINATION RESULTS:**

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

Ambulance Operator – 277 Applied, 90 Qualified  
Civil Engineering Associate – 20 Applied, 5 Qualified  
Geographic Information Systems Analyst – 66 Applied  
8 Qualified

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING  
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Refuse Operator, to be extended for one month. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Capital Projects Coordinator  
Civil Engineering Assistant (11/12/08, 05/20/09)  
Clerk Typist  
Geographic Information Systems Technician  
(05/13/09, 05/27/09)  
Office Automation Analyst  
Office Systems Analyst  
Refuse Operator (1 month)

**TRANSFER:**

**GERALDINE ALEJO/ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST  
III/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE  
ANALYST III/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu, and carried that the subject transfer between departments be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR SELECTIVE  
CERTIFICATION:**

The Secretary presented a communication from Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine requesting Commission approval for the selective certification for individuals who possess aquatic skills and abilities from the Recreation Assistant eligible list. In addition, the Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Deborah McCluster, Personnel Analyst. Ms. McCluster briefed the Commission regarding this request, stating that there are several specialties including both aquatics and sailing aquatics. Ken Campbell, Personnel Services Officer, Parks, Recreation and Marine addressed the Commission regarding this request, stating that his request was for aquatic because he was not aware that sailing aquatics was a separate specialty. He stated that sailing aquatic was the specialty he is requesting. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Haubert, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the request be approved, for the sailing aquatic specialty, pursuant to Section 28 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

**CANCELLATION OF CSC MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 25, 2009:**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Haubert and carried that the regular Civil Service Commission meeting of November 25, 2009, be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

Diane Dzodin, Administrative Officer stated that she attended the Emergency Preparedness Training last week, and informed the Commission that the City has an emergency plan and is always working on updating their systems.

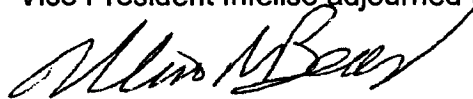
Melinda George, Deputy Director thanked Rob Pflingsthor, Personnel Analyst for his work on Ambulance Operator. She informed the Commission that there are lots of requests for examinations due to transfers and retirements.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Norma Sanchez, Assistant Administrative Analyst, Fire Department thanked staff and Rob Pfingsthorn for the excellent job on the Ambulance Operator examination and that she looks forward to working with staff on future examinations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



MARIO R. BEAS  
Secretary

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**LONG BEACH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
MARY ISLAS, PRESIDENT  
November 11, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 11, 2009, in the Board Room of the Commission, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Seventh Floor, Long Beach, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Islas, F. Phil Infelise, Ahmed Saafir, Jeanne Karatsu

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Douglas Haubert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melinda George, Acting Secretary  
Marilyn Hall, Executive Assistant  
Salvador Ambriz, Personnel Analyst  
Ken Walker, Personnel Operations Manager, Human Resources

**President Mary Islas presided.**

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2009, be approved as prepared. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS – ARTICLE VIII SECTION 115(3)**

**Requesting Exception to Article II, Section 7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications and Requirements for Gas Construction Worker, Limiting Applications to City Employees and Laid Off City Employees**

The Secretary presented a staff report, prepared by Mario R. Beas, Executive Director, requesting Commission approval for an exception to Article II, Section 7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Qualifications and Requirements, for Gas Construction Worker, as an open-competitive examination, limiting applications to City employees and City employees terminated due to layoffs in 2009. The Secretary briefed the Commission regarding this request. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried to approve the Exception to Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Section 115(3), Article II, Section 7 – Qualifications and Requirements. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**PROTEST OF WRITTEN  
EXAMINATION ITEMS:**

**ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**

The Secretary presented a staff report prepared by Caprice McDonald, Personnel Analyst, regarding the protested question from the Assistant Administrative Analyst examination, which was administered on November 5, 2009. Sal Ambriz, Personnel Analyst, briefed the Commission regarding this protest. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried to approve the recommended disposition of the protested item. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**BULLETIN:**

**GAS CONSTRUCTION WORKER**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Saafir and carried that the subject Job Opportunity Bulletin be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING  
ELIGIBLE LISTS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Karatsu, seconded by Commissioner Infelise and carried that the following eligible lists be extended for an additional six months, with the exception of Senior Civil Engineer, to be extended for three months. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Civil Engineer (5/20/09)  
Forensic Specialist  
General Maintenance Supervisor  
Hazardous Material Specialist (5/14/08 & 5/21/08)  
Senior Civil Engineer (5/21/08) (3 months)

**RETIREMENT:**

**MARY COMISKEY/LIBRARY CLERK II/LIBRARY  
SERVICES**

It was moved by Commissioner Saafir, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject retirement be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.


**RESIGNATION:**

**DAVID TEVES/POLICE OFFICER/POLICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Infelise, seconded by Commissioner Karatsu and carried that the subject resignation be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
Melinda George  
Acting Secretary

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Drew Satariano, President, at 9:03 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:** Drew Satariano, President  
Brett Waterfield, Vice President  
Simon George  
Albert Guerra  
Harry Saltzgaver  
Sarah Sangmeister

**Absent:** Brett Waterfield, excused

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Sherri Nixon-Joiner, Manager, Community Recreation Services  
JC Squires, Manager of Business Operations  
Sandra Gonzalez, Manager, Planning and Development  
Ramon Arevalo, Manager, Maintenance Operations  
Ed White, Superintendent, Facility Maintenance  
Gladys Kaiser, General Superintendent, Community Recreation Services  
Joy Warren, Supervisor, WRAP Program  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Makena Clark, CSULB student  
Taryn Albright, CSULB student  
Diana Pagdilao, CSULB student  
Chris Ozenne, CSULB student

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by  
Commissioner George to excuse Vice President Waterfield.  
The motion carried unanimously.**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2009**

**It was moved by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the August 20, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. **SUSTAINABLE CITY PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Hester introduced Larry Rich, from the Sustainable City Office, who will be making a presentation, since they have an impact on parks and open space.

Mr. Rich introduced himself as one of three Sustainability Coordinators. He said their idea is that the City meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. He said that this came about when the City decided to go green. The plan includes initiatives, goals, and actions to guide policies and financial aspects. Mr. Rich went over the handout overview of the plan. The initiatives are energy, buildings and neighborhoods, transportation, waste reduction, urban nature, water, and green economy and lifestyle. He said he would focus on urban nature, since that would deal with parks and recreation. Urban nature creates a more balanced network of open spaces through acquisition, restoration, and greenway linkages, consistent with the 2002 Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan. They want to promote biodiversity citywide by encouraging the wide-scale use of native or edible landscapes; increasing awareness and promoting the natural environment as a place to play, learn, and be active; and establishing one or more nature centers along the Los Angeles River. The western half of the city has less open spaces. We have the RiverLink plan, efforts of the Friends of the Los Angeles River, Los Angeles County's efforts to green the river, and the future Drake/Chavez Greenbelt. Mr. Rich said that they made a point to meet with the various department heads to talk through these goals and initiatives. One of the goals for 2020 is to achieve the open space ratio of 8 acres per 1,000 people. He went over the Sustainable City Action Plan Goals for 2011, 2012, 2016, and 2020. He said they are in a community outreach phase right now and are hoping to wrap things up and move this on to the Environmental Committee of the City Council and then to the full City Council. There is an on-line survey on their website. Mr. Rich said that they would be presenting this to the Planning Commission today and also to the Signal Hill Sustainable City Commission. So far, they have received



a positive response and this is a great first step. Cities with plans will be in line to receive any future grants.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if Mr. Rich heard about the maintenance concern, and could he define what is meant by nature center, static display or fully staffed?

Mr. Rich responded that ideally, the nature center would be fully staffed. The Drake/Chavez Greenbelt would be fully staffed.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked how the green, vacant lots would affect the quality of the land.

Mr. Rich responded that the mulch reduces and just becomes the soil. The soil becomes more fertile and does not need to be removed.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said this is a great plan and very expensive. He said that assuming the City accepts this plan, would you have any power to implement these goals?

Mr. Rich responded that most of the goals are meant to be implemented through the departments affected. As new money becomes available, the projects will be achieved. Mulch now is free because it is from the City's tree trimming operation. He said they have two grant applications, for tree planting and with the Department of Energy to install solar heating at pools, which would be matched by the Gas Department.

Commissioner Guerra asked what an RMDC manufacturing company was?

Mr. Rich responded that it is a recycling enterprise zone that uses recycled materials.

#### **IV. WRAP PRESENTATION**

President Satariano said that Commissioner Guerra requested a report on the WRAP program.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner introduced Joy Warren, a supervisor of the WRAP program.

Ms. Joy Warren said she would be showing a video that explains what the WRAP program is. She said that it stands for Winners Reaching Amazing

Potential. WRAP is located on nine of the 87 Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) campuses. Each site has healthy snacks and the kids get homework assistance with a lot of fun. Ms. Warren said that the program also has 15 weeks of physical exercise in the summer, which the Department runs in conjunction with the Health Department and International City Racing. At the end, the kids are invited to participate in the Long Beach Marathon. WRAP is primarily funded with grant funds through ASES and 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants. Each child's attendance is tracked.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the special programs are only on the Department's sites and is there any chance that these could be put in the LBUSD sites?

Ms. Warren responded that SPARK, a physical education program, is now at those other sites. She said that unless we get additional funding, the program can not be grown.

Commissioner Sangmeister asked how frequently they have to go back for grants?

Ms. Warren responded that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant was for five years.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that LBUSD is in control of the grants.

Mr. Hester said that we let LBUSD know that if some site partners drop off, we are interested in picking up those sites.

President Satariano asked about the relationship between the Department and LBUSD with the WRAP program.

Ms. Warren responded that it is very good. At first everyone had their own ideas, but it has come a long way and is working well.

Mr. Hester said that at first, a lot of agencies saw this as free money. Now there are more stable agencies that are still with it. This is a more quality program and is a critical part of our after school program.

Ms. Warren said that the Department uses the WRAP program as a model for the park sites. Regardless of the partner, all the sites provide the four components needed.

Commissioner Sangmeister asked how they work in the summer and do they shut down?

Ms. Warren responded that they keep going. The grant is focused on after school, but there is a small amount of money for summer programs. Some schools have different schedules.

Mr. Hester said that the amount of kids attending is limited by the grant.

Ms. Warren said they are full with a waiting list.

Commissioner George asked how the schools are selected.

Ms. Warren responded that the school selects the partner.

Ms. Kaiser said that the Department has the ability to partner with the Health Department, whereas the other partners don't have that ability.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if Ms. Warren is the only supervisor?

Ms. Warren responded said that Kevin Paimany is the other supervisor.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said that these two supervisors have other responsibilities also.

Commissioner Guerra asked if this program is offered five days a week?

Ms. Warren responded that it is offered every day that school is in session.

## **V. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

### **#09-0901**

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

Mr. Squires said this would increase revenue. The two contract class coordinators have been recruiting class instructors.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said we are actually having staff teach also, so we don't have to split the revenue.

Mr. Hester said that if we can show a pattern of new revenue, we could put that in the budget as having that possibility.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#09-0902**

Recommendation to approve the placement and installation of a memorial bench near the bike path in Heartwell Park to honor Carol Lynn Hillis.

**It was moved by Commissioner Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hester said that the Marine Advisory Commission has been reviewing policies for benches by the waterfront, but haven't been able to come to an agreement.

**#09-0903**

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute the First Amendment to Permit No. 31252 with ESPN, Inc., doing business as ESPN/RISE, for the use of Blair and Joe Rodgers Fields for the 2010 Area Code Games, from August 4, 2010 through August 10, 2010.

President Satariano stated that this item has been pulled from the agenda.

**VI. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

**A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
President Satariano, Chair**

President Satariano stated that the Committee met and discussed the agenda. Vice President Waterfield was out of town on business. They discovered that Council gave back 2% of the Department's budget. He thanked the Commissioners who thanked the City Council members for their support.

Mr. Hester said that as a result of this, we fixed the Homeland funding shortage. We will also be sending a letter out to all the youth leagues explaining the fees and the request for fee waiver policy.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said they discussed the fee waivers going through the Finance and Appeals Committee. Now would be a good time to do this.

President Satariano said they would also like the leagues to give a full disclosure of their accounts when they ask for a fee waiver.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said he doesn't want every appeal to come to the full Commission.

Mr. Squires responded that the leagues would have to prove financial hardship.

**B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**  
President Satariano, Chair

President Satariano said the Committee did not meet. He agreed that the fee waiver policy should go through this committee.

Mr. Squires said that the Department would come in under the budget targets and thanked staff.

**C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Commissioner Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that the Committee did not meet.

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

Commissioner Guerra said that the Committee met. He said that he could not attend, but Commissioners George and Sangmeister attended. Commissioner Sangmeister said they met and discussed the class guides going back to four publications a year and they would keep it at 40 pages. LBUSD is doing their back to school night on September 23, for elementary schools. Middle schools and high schools would have other nights. Staff is working on ads for local newspapers.

Commissioner Saltzgaver asked if the City is consolidating printing? Do we still have our own print shop?

Mr. Squires responded that we do. All the web design staff are being consolidated under Technology Services in the next three to four weeks. We would still have Dalton Witt a few days a week.

Commissioner Guerra asked if adaptive recreation was discussed for their brochures?

Mr. Squires responded that the department is discussing this. We put the fourth class guide, two citywide flyers, and general advertising money in the budget.

Commissioner Sangmeister said there was one class expo and it generated quite a bit of money.

Mr. Squires said there were 300 signups in two hours.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said it was put together pretty quick and the success was amazing.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
Vice President Waterfield, Chair

President Satariano said that Commissioner Waterfield is not present.

Ms. Gonzalez said they are really busy with projects. The Homeland building is going up, they opened bids for Mothers Beach, the Rancho Los Cerritos visitors' site is out to bid, and they had the opening for Downtown Dog Park last Saturday. She said they are doing the groundbreaking ceremony for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Skate Park this Saturday, the opening of the K-9 Corner Dog Park is on September 27, and the Nature Center has their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on September 26.

F. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Harry Saltzgaver, Chair

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that they met and went over the summer activities and Sea Festival. They discussed the alcohol policy and are changing that with a tiered approach. He asked to see the policy before it goes on the City Council agenda.

Mr. Hester said that the Commission stated they wanted any new revenue to come back to the Department.

Commissioner Saltzgaver said that filming is going along well. They were down a bit due to a strike. City Council came up with new revenue sources and the Budget Oversight Committee made the recommendation that revenue is to stay with the Fire Department, who generated the revenue.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

- A. Recommendation to receive and file the Director's Monthly Highlights Report for August 2009.

**It was moved by Commissioner Saltzgaver and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Satariano said that there was no correspondence.

Mr. Hester presented a certificate to President Satariano, from Councilwoman Schipske, congratulating him on his reelection as President. He said that staff would mail the certificate to Vice President Waterfield.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Satariano said that there was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

President Satariano said that there was no new business.

President Satariano said that the committee decided to go forward with Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame ceremony. It is an expense item and they thought about not doing it. It is something we are very proud of and there was a lot of input as to how to do the event less expensively. The event will be held on October 10, at Joe Rodgers and Blair Field, at 11:30 a.m. I am sure you will get invitations.

**XI. COMMENTS**

- A. AUDIENCE

President Satariano asked for comments from the audience.

There were no comments.

B. STAFF

President Satariano asked for comments from the staff.

Ms. Nixon-Joiner said they had a very difficult, long, and hard summer. Staff is now planning for the upcoming year and looking at new revenue producing programs.

President Satariano said he would like to see a Commission retreat again in January 2010.

Mr. Squires stated said that the Department received the 2009 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in the category of "Community Services and Economic Development," for the development and ongoing maintenance of Rotary Centennial Park, in partnership with the Long Beach Rotary. This award was presented at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference on September 16, in San Jose.

Mr. Arevalo said they had a great summer. He invited Mr. Ed White to attend the Commission meeting, because he has the toughest maintenance budget to manage. Without a graffiti contract, he has spent \$90,000 on graffiti removal, and made it work.

Mr. Hester said the City Council requested the Police Department do a report on cameras in the parks some time ago. They never did their report. Our department has moved forward with some new opportunities for cameras that we are going to put in ourselves. Mr. Ed White has been the lead on this. We will have him do a presentation at a future Commission meeting. The first camera was installed at Admiral Kidd Park, and allows us some security. Mr. Hester said that Ms. Nixon-Joiner and Mr. Arevalo have been working on their bureau's organizational issues, which may work well for us. Staff is to be commended. They kept their focus on their responsibilities.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Satariano asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Saltzgaver congratulated the department. He said they are known for getting the job done. We take care of the kids. He said he is very proud to be associated with the Department.



Commissioner George said that he would be gone for the October 15 meeting.

Commissioner Sangmeister said she echoed Commissioner Saltzgaver's sentiments.

Commissioner Guerra said he enjoyed the Lincoln Dog Park opening.

Mr. Hester said that the dog park is really getting a lot of use. Even during the day, there are about eight to ten dogs there, and after work there are even more. There really was a need there.

President Satariano said he is proud of staff and how we came through the budget process.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

President Satariano stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at El Dorado Park West Community Center, in the Senior Center Library, 2800 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Satariano adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Phil Saumur, Chair  
Melani Smith, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner  
Charles Durnin, Commissioner  
Alan Fox, Commissioner  
Leslie Gentile, Commissioner  
Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER (5:07 PM)

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At 5:07 p.m., Chair Saumur called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL (5:07 PM)

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**Boardmembers** Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie  
**Present:** Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Steven Valdez, Project Planner; Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Planning Bureau Secretary.

### FLAG SALUTE (5:08 PM)

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Chair Saumur led the flag salute.

### MINUTES (5:09 PM)

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09-045PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 1, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Abstain:** 1 - Melani Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:09 PM)**

see media

There was no Director's Report given.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:10 PM)**

see media

**SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:10 PM)**

see media

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:11 PM)**

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1. 09-046PL Recommendation to certify Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND 08-09) and approve a Local Coastal Development Permit request to perform maintenance dredging in the Cerritos Bahia Marina at 6289 E. Pacific Coast Highway to maintain sufficient water depth for marina operations. (District 3) (Application No. 0909-13)

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced the item.

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Rafael Holcombe, applicant's representative, responded to queries from the Commission.

Larry Goodhue, address not given, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Excused:** 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

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2. 09-047PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 60-foot-high wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine) located at 3401 N. Studebaker Road. (District 5) (Application No. 0906-17)

(ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to continue the item to a date to be renoticed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Excused:** 1 - Leslie Fernald Gentile

see media

3. 09-048PL Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new 65-foot-tall co-locatable wireless telecommunications monopole disguised as a pine tree (monopine), to replace an existing 45-foot-tall monopalm, located at 5290 Long Beach Boulevard. (District 9) (Application No. 0807-05)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Gil Gonzalez, applicant's representative, spoke.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Scott Kinsey responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Chair Saumur spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

4. 09-049PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a roof-mounted telecommunications site consisting of eleven panel antennas and six ground-mounted equipment cabinets located at 330 W. 19th Street within the R-2-N zone. (District 7) (Application No. 0812-10)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Gil Gonzalez, applicant's representative, spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham and Mr. Gonzalez responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Derek Burnham and Mr. Gonzalez responded to queries from Commissioner Durnin.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

5. 09-050PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request for a check cashing business located within a Wal-Mart store at 7250 E. Carson Street. (District 5) (Application No. 0907-23)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer spoke.

Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Brent McManigle, applicant's representative, responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commission Van Horik.

Mr. McManigle and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair

Saumur.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

6. 09-051PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request for an existing check cashing business located within a multi-tenant commercial building at 4200 Atlantic Avenue. (District 8) (Application No. 0908-04)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Steven Valdez responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Doug Otto, applicant's representative, spoke.

Joy Tezzalino, no address given, spoke.

John Deats, 3600 Pacific Avenue, spoke.

Mr. Otto responded to a query from Chair Saumur.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Mr. Otto responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Durnin.

Mr. Otto responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Mr. Otto responded to comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

A dialogue ensued between the Commission and staff.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Durnin, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to Condition of Approval #12 that the letter height does not exceed 18 inches and that the Cash America name appears rather than the "payday advance" wording. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**No:** 1 - Alan L. Fox

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS (6:29 PM)**

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09-052PL

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Chair of the Planning Commission for 2009-2010.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the nomination of Commissioner Smith as Chair of the Planning Commission.**

**Yes:** 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

see media

09-053PL

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2009-2010.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gentile, seconded by Commissioner Blair to approve the nomination of Commissioner Durnin as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Melani Smith, Alan L. Fox, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

**Abstain:** 1 - Charles Durnin

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:31 PM)**

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Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:44 PM)**

At 6:44 p.m., Chair Saumur adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 5, 2009 - 5:00 P.M., 3rd Floor Large Conference Room

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MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
 OCTOBER 15, 2009

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 October 15, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Blanco.

PRESENT:	Paul Blanco	Commissioner
	Suzanne Dallman	Commissioner
	Frank Clarke	Commissioner
	William B. Townsend	Commissioner
	John Allen	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
	Isaac C. Pai	Director of Engineering
	Eric Leung	Director of Water Resources
	Matthew Veeh	Special Projects Officer
	Robert Verceles	Division Engineer
	Ken Bott	Administrative Officer
	Terry McAlpine	Administrative Analyst III
	Dynna Long	Office Administrator
	Chris Alario, Ph.D.	AECOM
	Saik-Choon Poh, P.E.	AECOM
	Bill Pearl	LBREPORT.COM

ABSENT: NONE

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sandy Fox led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Blanco opened the public comment period. As there were no requests to address the Board on non-agenda items, the public comment period was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 1, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Townsend, seconded by Commissioner Dallman and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2009 were unanimously approved.

NOTE: Commissioner Clarke joined the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

**4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2009**

- Paul C. Blanco, President, Board of Water Commissioners

The Board discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the month of November 2009.

The Board agreed to the following meeting schedule:

November 5, 2009	Regular Meeting – 9:00 A.M.
November 19, 2009	Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

**6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Paul C. Blanco, President, Board of Water Commissioners

President Blanco thanked board members Allen and Clarke, and staff who attended the Federation of Filipino American Associations, Inc., Filipino-American History Month event on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

PRECIPITATION UPDATE FROM RECENT STORM

Mr. Wattier reported on the effect of the recent storm on the water supply. He noted Oroville had a minimal storage increase. He also reported there was essentially no effect on statewide water supplies from the recent storm.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES NEWS ARTICLE

Mr. Wattier commented on the October 15, 2009 article written by John E. (Jack) Hoagland, Director of Rancho California Water District, proposing to temporarily stop issuing new water supply letters in his area (necessary in the approval process for new development) due to the water crisis.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Blanco asked the Board if any items were being pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and a vote. Commissioner Clarke pulled Consent Calendar items b. and c.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve Consent Calendar items 7a. and 7d.

President Blanco asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the Consent Calendar items 7a. and 7d. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Consent Calendar items 7a. and 7d. were unanimously approved.

### **7a. Approval of Transfer of Funds by Journal Entry Dated October 15, 2009**

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

### **7d. Authorization to attend the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce State of the County Address on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at the Long Beach Convention Center**

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

Commissioner Clarke requested clarification on consent calendar item 7b. as to why staff had chosen to work with Virginia Tech, rather than a group in California.

Mr. Cheng, Deputy General Manager – Operations, noted that staff had selected Virginia Tech due to Professor, Dr. Marc Edwards being on staff, (a recognized expert in this field) and that they had the available facilities to perform the testing to look at specific aspects of corrosion potential of desalinated water on residential plumbing.

There was general discussion regarding statewide expertise versus national expertise in this field of study.

President Blanco called for a motion on Consent Calendar item 7b.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Dallman to approve Consent Calendar item 7b.

President Blanco asked if there was any further questions or discussion regarding Consent Calendar item 7b. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Consent Calendar item 7b. was unanimously approved.

**7b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) to provide analytical services for corrosion testing through Virginia Tech's Technical Assistance Program, in an amount not to exceed \$24,500**

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

Commissioner Clarke inquired if Paso Robles Tank, Inc. as noted in consent calendar item 7c. was located in southern California. There was general discussion regarding acceptance of the lowest bidder. Principal Deputy City Attorney Parkin clarified the requirements the city needed to meet when reviewing bids. He noted these were qualifications of responsible bids, and obligations under law to amend contracts.

President Blanco called for a motion on Consent Calendar item 7c.

It was moved by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Commissioner Dallman to approve Consent Calendar item 7c.

President Blanco asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding Consent Calendar item 7c. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Consent Calendar item 7c. was unanimously approved.

**7c. Adopt Specifications WD-03-09 for the Alamitos Tank No. 1 Rehabilitation Project and Authorize the General Manager to Sign a Construction Contract with Paso Robles Tank, Inc., in the amount of \$752,550**

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

**8. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with AECOM USA, Inc., to provide Engineering Services for the Fatal-Flaw Assessment of Sites for the Development of a Full-Scale Seawater Desalination Plant Project (EO-3132) in an amount not-to-exceed \$368,181.00**

- **K. Eric Leung, Director of Water Resources**

Mr. Leung provided an overview of Seawater Desalination research initiatives. He reviewed an outline of the proposal/selection process for the Fatal Flaw Siting Study.

Commissioner Townsend inquired what would be included in the deliverables from the consultant study. Mr. Leung advised that the goal was for the study to identify three proposed sites for further consideration, and that non-engineering issues would be included also.

Commissioner Clarke requested background information on AECOM, and the other bidders for this proposal.

Mr. Wattier provided an overview of contract award procedures for professional service contracts.

Mr. Parkin gave an overview of the CEQA process after feasible sites are identified.

It was moved by Commissioner Dallman and seconded by Commissioner Allen to Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with AECOM USA, Inc., to provide Engineering Services for the Fatal-Flaw Assessment of Sites for the Development of a Full-Scale Seawater Desalination Plant Project (EO-3132) in an amount not-to-exceed \$368,181.00

President Blanco called for the question and a vote. Agenda item 8. was approved by the following vote: Townsend; Dallman; Allen; Blanco – yes; Clarke – no..

**9. Update on New Utility Billing System**

**• B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager - Business**

Mr. Falagan provided a briefing on the new utility billing system which included the following points: 1) Water, Gas and Refuse are the major stakeholders; 2) City Technical Services Department and Commercial Services (Financial Management) lead the project; 3) Reviewed preliminary project budget; 4) Noted Request for Proposal was issued September 1, 2009; 5) Reviewed 2009 milestones: October – proposals due; November – notification of finalists; November/December – vendor demonstrations to take place; 6) Reviewed 2010 milestones: January – vendor site visits and fact finding to take place; February – vendor site proposals due; March – announcement of selected vendor; March/May – contract negotiations to take place; May/June – council approval; July – implementation begins (18 months); 7) 2011 – implementation of new utility billing system; 8) January 2012 – “go live” with system.

**10. Asset Management Program Update**

**• B. Anatole Falagan, Deputy General Manager - Business**

Mr. Falagan provided a briefing on the Long Beach Water Department Property Management program.

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

**• Matthew Veeh, Special Projects Officer**

Mr. Veeh provided an update on legislative issues as follows:

**FEDERAL:**

He noted there was the \$33.5 Billion FY10 Energy & Water Appropriations bill had now been passed by both the House and the Senate

The bill will now go to President Obama for a final signature before it becomes Public Law

He reported a total of \$1.13 Billion for Department of Interior water programs had been approved. He noted Long Beach received \$670,000 for the Long Beach Seawater Desalination Research & Development Project and \$634,000 for the Long Beach Water Reclamation Project, for a total of \$1.3 million for FY10 Appropriations Title XVI projects

**STATE:**

Mr. Veeh reported that on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Governor had called a special session of the legislature to focus on water.

He noted talks had been ongoing, with progress seemingly being made toward working through the myriad of issues, such as:

- \$9.4 Billion bond – down from earlier version for \$12 Billion
- Half of the bond funds would be used prior to 2015, with the other half being used after that time
- About \$3 Million to be used for storage – dams, underground, etc., – not for peripheral canal
- 2/3 majority vote necessary for bond passage
- Bond would go before voters in November 2010
- Public Hearings to be held in the coming week, with the possibility of each floor also taking up the legislation for a vote next week

Mr. Veeh also reported that the Governor had signed AB 1366 – Residential Water softener bill that the Board took a support position on at the July 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. He noted this law would make it easier for regional water and wastewater agencies in California to impose local bans or restrictions on water softeners.

Mr. Veeh advised that LBWD was revising the department website and that it was close to a launch date, and he planned on reviewing this revised site with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Clarke complimented staff on the conservation/bill stuffer. He noted this type of a communication piece could be used in the future to communicate rate increases and the cost of water.

**12. REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2009**

- **Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager**

Mr. Wattier reported that the MWD board had withdrawn the agenda item regarding the tentative Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between Metropolitan and its employees. He noted instead, negotiating teams had been directed to meet again for further deliberations.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**


None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Blanco adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Water Commission to be held November 5, 2009, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow, in Long Beach, California.

  
Frank Clarke, Secretary

Attest:

  
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Paul C. Blanco, President