

Val Lerch, Chair  
Gerrie Schipske, Vice Chair  
Rae Gabelich, Member



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## FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

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At 1:03 P.M., Chair Lerch called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

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**Councilmembers** Lerch, Schipske and Gabelich  
**Present:**

Also present: Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson; and City Clerk Specialist Gloria Harper.

Councilwoman Schipske suggested forwarding to the City Council the Fire Department's recommendations regarding installation of fire sprinklers in new construction as well as fire sprinklers in existing construction.

Councilwoman Schipske suggested the following alternatives to the recommendations of the Fire Department: 1) Mandate that buildings that have been determined to need fire sprinklers, be required to provide Fire Department approved educational programs and fire drills to the tenants annually as certified by the Fire Department at fee to be determined by the department, and for staff's review of program approval and determination of program completion; 2) that the program should meet the general requirements of the Fire Emergency Plan and the information that is currently found in the California Code of Regulation, Title 19; 3) mandate that fire extinguishers be installed in each unit, specifically for those buildings that go through the ISO with the rating in terms of fire hazard and the recommendation by the Fire Department that this kind of fire suppression effort needs to be made; 4) recommend that the owners and operators be required to maintain a list of permanent tenants who have special emergency evacuation needs available; and 5) recommend that based a provision in the California Fire Code that would allow the Fire Chief to invoke fire watch requirements, which are when a building or premises present a hazard to life or property as a result of a fire or other emergency or when its determined when any fire protection equipment or life safety equipment is inoperable, defective, inadequate, has been taken out of service or is not approved or when deemed necessary by the Fire Department.

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1. [06-1362](#) Recommendation to receive presentations regarding Fire Suppression and Fire Alert Requirements in the City of Long Beach.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Member Gabelich, to approve recommendation requesting that the Fire Department work with the City Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance that would allow flexibility in the implementation and adoption of the eight (8) recommendations on Fire Sprinklers and Fire Alerting Systems, on a case by case basis, the report should also include the number of condominiums that would be impacted by the implementation requirements of retrofitting and the legal ramifications as determined by the City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Lerch, Schipske and Gabelich

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Member Gabelich, to approve recommendation that would require those buildings that cannot be retrofitted with fire sprinkler systems as indicated by the Fire Chief as having a need for a sufficient fire suppression system be required to have mandated educational programs, required fire drills and fire extinguishers in each unit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Lerch, Schipske and Gabelich

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Schipske, seconded by Member Gabelich, to approve recommendation that a list of all permanent tenants that have special emergency evacuation needs be given to the Fire Chief on a voluntary basis. The motion carried by the following vote: . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Schipske and Gabelich

**No:** 1 - Lerch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.  
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Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board of Southern California Executive Director Robert Rowe spoke.

Hughes & Associates Fire Protection Engineer Mike Madden spoke.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) representative Mr. Segura.

Apartment Association, California Southern Cities Executive Director Nancy Ahlswede spoke.

Survivor Products representative Rudy Pavesi spoke.

Derek Brown, Partner with Investment Banking, Segway Capital, spoke.

Beach Front Property Management Chief Executive Officer Kyle Kazan spoke.

International Realty and Investments Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Bennett spoke

Long Beach Firefighters' Association Vice President Mike DuRee spoke.

Long Beach resident Harvey Cochran spoke.

Long Beach resident Robert Armstrong spoke.

Long Beach resident Dan Havel spoke.

Long Beach resident Herbert Gould spoke.

Long Beach resident Jack Thacker spoke.

Long Beach resident Joe Marrs spoke.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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At 2:50 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Lerch declared the meeting adjourned.