

Tonia Reyes Uranga, Chair
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
Suja Lowenthal, Member



CALL TO ORDER

At 5:05 P.M., Chair Reyes Uranga called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Reyes Uranga and O'Donnell

Present:

Councilmembers S. Lowenthal

Absent:

Also present: Craig Beck, Director of Development Services; Alfre Vaille, Sustainability Coordinator; Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 09-0244 Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2008.
A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Chair Reyes Uranga, to receive and file the minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 2 - Reyes Uranga and O'Donnell
Absent: 1 - S. Lowenthal

SECOND ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Reyes Uranga, O'Donnell and S. Lowenthal

Present:

2. 09-0245 Recommendation to introduce the Chair of the Sustainability Commission to the Environmental Committee.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Andy Kincaid, Chair, Sustainable City Commission, introduced himself, gave a brief overview of the Commission's responsibilities, and offered the Commission's support.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Andy Kincaid, Chair, Sustainable City Commission, accepted the proposals.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Reyes Uranga, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation to request the following proposals of the Sustainability City Commission (SCC): 1) Request that the Sustainability City Commission and the Environmental Committee meet bi-annually; 2) Request that the Sustainability City Commission report or meet with the Environmental Committee prior to submitting items to City Council; and 3) Initiate the development of a working plan for implementation of AB32 & SB 375.

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

3. 07-0647 Recommendation to revisit the discussion regarding the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Program.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Alfre Vaille, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a staff report, provided some options and responded to questions.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

Craig Beck, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Brad Beck, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Gordana Kajer, Sustainable City Commissioner, spoke.

Sonya, Heal the Bay representative, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

Dr. Carol Harris, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Sarah Michaels, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Reyes Uranga spoke.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Chair Reyes Uranga, to approve recommendation to continue to support the reusable bag option while waiting on the results of state legislation; explore language change that would take the focus off the term "plastic bags" and use the term "single use bags"; support AB 68; adopt a resolution to join Los Angeles County Program on reusable bags; explore a Regional EIR approach to include research from the City of Santa Monica; avoid a fee, if appropriate; work with the supermarkets on solutions; continue to update the Environmental Committee on new legislation; and work with the City Attorney's office on legal matters. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Chair Reyes Uranga, to approve recommendation to forward AB 68 to the State Legislation Committee for support. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.

Gordana Kajer, Sustainable City Commissioner, spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Reyes Uranga declared the meeting adjourned.