

Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Chair
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
James Johnson, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (4:07 PM)

At 4:07 PM, Vice Mayor Lowenthal called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (4:07 PM)

Councilmembers Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson
Present:

Also present: Amy Burton, Deputy City Attorney; Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

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1. [12-0214](#) Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Environmental Committee for the meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member Johnson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson

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2. [11-1061](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the implementation of the City's Plastic Bag Ban.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations, Public Works, who gave a staff report; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations, Public Works.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

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Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Vice Chair O'Donnell, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson

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3. [12-0212](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on operations of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF).

Vice Mayor Lowenthal gave opening remarks.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Charles Tripp, Manager, Electric Generation Bureau, S.E.R.R.F. Operations, Long Beach Gas and Oil, who gave a staff report; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Charles Tripp, Manager, Electric Generation Bureau, S.E.R.R.F. Operations, Long Beach Gas and Oil.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair O'Donnell, seconded by Member Johnson, to forward recommendation to City Council that the communication be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson

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4. [10-1260](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report on Urban Agriculture.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, who gave a staff report; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal requested that staff come back to either the Environmental Committee and/or the Sustainable City Commission with a draft policy modifying Title 6 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to allow up to four (4) chickens, four (4) bee hives and two (2) goats, with neighbor to neighbor distance and include community input.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Councilmember O'Donnell.

Donna Marykwas spoke.

Steve Passmore spoke.

Rick Berry spoke.

Elliott Gonzalez spoke.

Gabrielle Weeks spoke.

Henry Carolyn spoke.

Valerie Blassio spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Chair Lowenthal, to request staff to come back to either the Environmental Committee and/or the Sustainable City Commission with a draft policy modifying Title 6 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to allow up to four (4) chickens, four (4) bee hives and two (2) goats, with neighbor to neighbor distance and include community input. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Lowenthal and Johnson

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

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5. [11-0740](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on air quality impacts of airplanes, including general aviation.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Mario Fabila, Noise Abatement Officer, Airport Operations, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Johnson spoke.

Councilmember O'Donnell spoke.

A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Chair Lowenthal, to receive and file the Airport Advisory Commission Technical Subcommittee Policy and forward the Policy to City Council which would foster the City's efforts in support of Federal legislation, regulations and/or initiatives that promote a financially prudent transition towards safe "green" aircraft fuel while balancing the safety and financial concerns of the general aviation community for potential adoption at the Federal level. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson

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6. [12-0213](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Gray Water Pilot Program.

A motion was made by Chair Lowenthal, seconded by Member Johnson, that the item be laid over to the next Environmental Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Lowenthal, O'Donnell and Johnson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:08 PM)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT (5:08 PM)

At 5:08 PM, there being no objection, Vice Mayor Lowenthal declared the meeting adjourned.

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