

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of May 17, 2022

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| 2. (22-0540) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the City Council meeting of Tuesday, May 3, 2022 and the City Council Study Session of Tuesday, May 3, 2022. | Dave Shukla | dave.shukla@gmail.com | | Will the minutes reflect that on the end of that meeting, as stated in e-comment last week, the current CM of the 5th district could not focus her attention to hear a man try to right a, well, pretty telling wrong given how this City works, and for who, and how not? Or that the current elected leadership of the City apparently cannot help but be distracted by that CM's constant chirping in their ear? Pretty evident from being in the room, where the rest of my comments on today's agenda need be given? ds | 5/17/2022 |
| 21. (22-0560) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to disburse direct relief grants for the Long Beach Recovery Act (LB Recovery Act) programs, consistent with City Council approval of the LB Recovery Act. (Citywide) | Marc Davidson | banjowithmarco@gmail.com | | It is recommended that this item be approved. It makes it easier for staff to provide direct payment to grantees, nonprofits, and small businesses without having to return to council if changes are made. | 5/16/2022 |
| 22. (22-0563) Recommendation to request the Mayor to convene the Charter Amendment Committee of the City Council within 30 days to discuss placing a City Charter amendment before the voters to combine City Charter Article XV (Department of Public Utilities) with Article XIV (Water Department) to merge the existing water, sewer and gas utilities into a single publicly-owned utility, governed by the existing independent Water/Utility Commission, for the purposes of improving customer service through better coordination of street pipeline and infrastructure repairs. (Citywide) | GLennis Dolce | glennisd@mac.com | | I suggest that you wait until after the November elections to have this discussion with the voters. There is simply too much about this that needs to be discovered and understood before rushing through a charter amendment like this. We have not even had the monies resolved from the lawsuit over the city stealing money from the water utility payments. Have the decency to postpone this until after the elections and save it for a future ballot. We don't trust you and I don't consider the water commission "independent". | 5/17/2022 |

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| 26. (22-0533) Recommendation to declare ordinance approving approving Resolution No. WD-1441A, A Resolution of the City of Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners Establishing the Rates and Charges to be Charged For Water and Sewer Service and declaring the urgency thereof, and providing that this ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2022, read and adopted as read. (Citywide) | diana lejins | dianalejins@yahoo.com | | This is not clear and needs to be explained.! | 5/15/2022 |

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| PUBLIC COMMENT | Vanessa Covington | vanessa56291@gmail.com | | Hello My name is Vanessa Covington and I am resident of district 6. I would like to hear an update on file #21-0335 CD5 - Tree Replacement Program Memorandum that was approved last year on 4/20/21. This agenda item asked the city to come up with a comprehensive plan to replace trees that are removed, and provide a maintenance plan from when the tree is planted through maturity in 90 days. It has been far too long and a draft should be done by now. I also wanna advocate that the Youth climate Corps only hire residents of Long Beach as that is sustainable and equitable as a city of about half a million in population. Thank you | 5/10/2022 |