

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
SUSTAINABLE CITY
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
LONG BEACH, 4:00 PM**

Morgan Wheeler, Chair
Hilda Gaytan, Vice Chair
Donna Bergeron-Birge, Commissioner
Sona Coffee, Commissioner
Carla Dillon, Commissioner
Keisha Gaines, Commissioner



Rey Gonzales, Commissioner
Jenny Novak, Commissioner
Eric Rock, Commissioner
Coby Skye, Commissioner
Alan Tolkoff, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (4:12 PM)

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

ROLL CALL (4:12 PM)

Commissioners Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan

Present: Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

Commissioners Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona

Absent: Coffee

Also present: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Kristyn Payne, Sustainability Analyst; Veronica Allen, Clerical Aide; Kyle J. Smith, City Clerk Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Sustainable City Commission on non-agenda items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

Pete Marsh spoke regarding the Climate Action plan.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:04 PM)

1. [22-010SC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon, seconded by Vice Chair Gaytan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoff, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

Absent: 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

2. [22-011SC](#) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Aquarium of the Pacific on Conservation and Community Connections through Volunteering.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke; and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Gaytan and Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Commissioner Gaines spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gaines and Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Cassandra Davis, Volunteer Services Manager Aquarium of the Pacific, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tolkoﬀ, seconded by Commissioner Gaines, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoﬀ, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

Absent: 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

3. [22-012SC](#)

Recommendation to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission for 2022 - 2023.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoﬀ spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tolkoﬀ, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Keisha Gaines, Alan Tolkoﬀ, Hilda Gaytan and Morgan Wheeler

Absent: 5 - Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock, Coby Skye and Sona Coffee

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF (5:06 PM)

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Gaytan spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wheeler and Vice Chair Gaytan.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS (5:22 PM)

Pete Marsh made a community announcement.

Dave Shukla spoke regarding various topics.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Chair Wheeler spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge made community announcements.

Chair Wheeler made community announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (5:36 PM)

There being no objection, Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, June 23, 2022 - 4:00 PM