

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD APRIL 5, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Present were Council Pres. McInnis and Council Members Bendo, Lester and Treston. Council Member Posterli was absent.

Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios and City Manager Donna Gayden were also present.

City Council Vice President Treston commended the Girl Scouts who met at a “mock” city council meeting. She also announced that the National Flood Insurance policy had gone into effect and encouraged all to check their policy and speak to their agents to ensure that they are receiving everything they need.

City Manager Donna M. Gayden introduced Tom Vouzakis from CMA to give a financial update.

Mr. Vouzakis proceeded to give his presentation (See attached).

Ms. Gayden explained how funds were expended in all categories.

President McInnis asked about the importance of having a fund balance.

Mr. Vouzakis explained the importance of having a fund balance. He also noted positive indicators and how things were moving in the right direction.

Council Member Bendo spoke about the City’s financial outlook.

Council President McInnis thanked everyone for the presentation.

The City Manager asked Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations to give an update.

Mr. McNally thanked County Executive Blakeman and Legislator Ford for the large supply of COVID 19 test kits. He also reminded the audience about the Easter Egg Hunt and noted that registration was required. Mc McNally announced the date and time of the working session to discuss parking meters and added that the City’s comprehensive plan was in the process of being updated and there would be public sessions to allow for resident input.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of March 15, 2022.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for On-Call Sewer Maintenance Services with the Sole Responsible Bidder

Public Works Commissioner, Joe Febrizio noted the sole bidder was National Water Main Cleaning and would be specifically utilized for television inspection, cleaning, and the installation of cured and placed liners for the storm sewer mains.

Council Member Lester asked about the cost to purchase a camera for the city to perform its own inspections.

Mr. Febrizio explained that the camera inspection is just one part of the process but did agree that it would be a good investment.

Mr. Lester also shared his disappointment in having only one bidder.

Commissioner Febrizio acknowledged that and noted that there weren't many companies that actually perform this type of work which was probably the reason for only one bidder.

Council member Bendo gave his description of what this project entailed. He then asked about cost vs. completion of work.

A discussion ensued regarding product vs. cost and the possibility of preventative maintenance.

Dan Creighton – asked about the work that was completed under the last contract and the cost to the city.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that a very minimal amount was spent on the last contract.

A discussion ensued regarding the equipment used.

Denise Ford – asked about the liners being inserted into the pipes.

Mr. Febrizio noted that the liners would definitely be beneficial in strengthening the pipes.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Lifeguard Stands from the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Febrizio stated that 24 lifeguard stands would be purchased for \$60,000.00 from the lowest responsible bidder. He added that this purchase was being paid for by the charitable donation that was made by the Carbona family.

Council Member Lester asked about the warranty for the new lifeguard chairs.

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios replied that the warranty was a one-year warranty with a possibility of a two-year warranty.

Council Member Lester asked about the material and maintenance of the chairs.

Paul Gillespie, Chief of Lifeguards and Tommy Canner, Director of Operations responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

Norah Egan – Asked about the disposal of the old lifeguard chairs and the opportunity to repurpose them.

James Kirklin – asked about using fiberglass for the new lifeguard chairs.

#4 – Resolution Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

Mr. Berrios described and explained the Aid In Municipalities program (AIM) that was used for municipal services. He noted that the AIM funding had not been increased for 13 years and this resolution would further support the request to increase the funding.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing Annual Allocation of Community Development Funds for the 46th Program Year

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden noted that this resolution was to approve the annual allocation of the annual grant for the 46th year which included some amendments in order to complete the necessary paperwork.

Council President McInnis asked if the council could receive quarterly reporting on CDBG funds.

Ms. Gayden responded yes.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Commissioner Febrizio noted that this transfer of funds from the contingency line to the central garage vehicle, gas and diesel fuel line was to replenish the line since it had been exhausted with no money left. He added that the transfer would be used for fuel usage associated with the temporary A/C unit that was utilized in July and August of last year.

Council Member Lester asked about the kilowatts of the generator used and the usage of the A/C unit.

Mr. Canner responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Letter of Intent Between the City of Long Beach, Sinclair Haberman and Belair Building, LLC

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios gave a brief background and description and the purpose of the resolution. He added that this extension would allow the city an extension to negotiate for up to another 60 days with the intent of finalizing and completing this formal settlement agreement. Mr. Berrios also noted that there would be no interest accruing during this time.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Grant Consulting Services with the Lowest Responsible Proposer

Ms. Gayden noted that the company, Millennium Strategies was a consulting firm who would assist the city in researching and writing grants. She added that this would help the city to receive as much money as possible.

Council President McInnis expressed her support in having Millennium Strategies on board.

James Kirklin – Asked if Millennium Strategies did other grants other than municipalities.

City Manager Gayden replied that she would get back to Mr. Kirklin once she had an answer.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Member Bendo introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #30/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for On-Call Sewer Maintenance Services with the Sole Responsible Bidder

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #31/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Lifeguard Stands from the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lester, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #32/22)

Resolution Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

Council Member Bendo introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #33/22)

Resolution Authorizing Annual Allocation of Community Development Funds for the 46th Program Year

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #34/22)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Member Lester Abstained.

(RES. #35/22)

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Letter of Intent Between the City of Long Beach, Sinclair Haberman and Belair Building, LLC

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bendo, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #36/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Grant Consulting Services with the Lowest Responsible Proposer

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Bendo made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was duly closed, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

Dated: April 6, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Frank McQuade – 573 Magnolia Blvd	Spoke about the proposed wind farm
Michele Knox	Spoke about beach revenue
Judi Vining – 410 E Broadway	Spoke about teen night out
Crystal Lake- 206 E Market St	Spoke about her personal history in Long Beach
Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St	Spoke about the last city council work session and the 6 th floor restroom
Henrietta Staab – 72 Curley St	Spoke about parking for the public library
Kathleen O’Leary	Spoke about parking meters, moving the polling place in the lobby of City Hall to the 6 th Floor and the new lifeguard chairs
Norah Egan – 340 E Chester St	Spoke about the city council work session
Nathaniel Epstein – 200 Blackheath Rd, Lido Beach	Spoke about parking meters and recreational cannabis