

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD MAY 23, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday May 23, 2023.

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

Corporation Counsel Dennis Cohen and Acting City Manager Ronald Walsh were also present.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024, Appropriating Sums Set Forth Therein and Determining and Fixing the Real Estate Tax Levy

Council Member McInnis made a motion to amend the budget with the adoption of an errata sheet and to change the following figures:

Total Expenditure: \$102,103,751

Tax levy: \$58,574,654

Tax rate for Homestead properties: \$24.2821 per \$100

Tax rate for Non-Homestead properties: \$42.8292 per \$100

It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was approved unanimously.

Council President Bendo then spoke about the history of the Haberman litigation and settlement and gave a presentation on the Errata Sheet.

Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh added his comments regarding the preparation and outcome of the budget. He commended everyone who participated.

Council Member Posterli acknowledged and thanked everyone who worked together including the residents. She added that the city was still in a fiscally sound position in easing the burden on the taxpayers.

Council Vice President Treston acknowledge and thanked all the staff who attended the budget work session meetings.

Ronald Paganini – acknowledged the council for working on getting the tax rate down and expressed his concern regarding overtime expenses.

Mr. Walsh noted that there continues to be extensive negotiation and discussion with the Fire Department Union and this administration was committed in finding ways to reduce expenses of the overtime and structural problems within that contract.

Carmin Carmantino – asked about the original figure of the Haberman settlement.

Corporation Counsel, Dennis Cohen responded to Mr. Carmantino's question.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – asked for clarity on the tax increase due to the Haberman settlement. He continued to express his concern regarding salaries and how important the MLK center is to the community.

Mr. Walsh and Council President Bendo responded to Mr. Hodge's concerns.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Replacement of Outdoor Condenser Water Piping & Insulation at the Magnolia Senior & Child Day Care Center

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio gave a complete description of this resolution.

Council President Bendo asked if temporary air conditioning would be needed during this process.

Mr. Febrizio noted that no temporary air conditioning would be needed.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Replacement on Curley Street Between East Pine Street and East Chester Street

Commissioner Febrizio gave a complete description of this resolution.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – asked for clarification on the location for this sanitary sewer replacement. He also asked if there was an order of which streets were getting these replacements.

Mr. Walsh explained the area that was being replaced and the process involved in the repair.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that there is a detailed list and guide in place but could also be based on several issues.

Acting City Manager Walsh also added that in emergency situations, things may go out of order.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Member Lester introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution (as amended), seconded by Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #98/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024, Appropriating Sums Set Forth Therein and Determining and Fixing the Real Estate Tax Levy

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

(RES. #99/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Replacement of Outdoor Condenser Water Piping & Insulation at the Magnolia Senior & Child Day Care Center

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

(RES. #100/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Replacement on Curley Street Between East Pine Street and East Chester Street

There being no further business before the Council, Council Pres. Benso made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was duly closed, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

Dated: May 24, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk