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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LONG BEACH.

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APPEARANCES: DAVID FRASER, City Clerk
JOHN BENDO, City Council President
KAREN MCINNIS, City Council VP
MICHAEL DELURY, City Council Member
SCOTT MANDEL, City Council Member
ELIZABETH TRESTON, City Council Member
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JOHN MCNALLY, Exec. Assist to City Manager
INNA REZNIK, City Comptroller
PHIL RAGONA, Beach Park
PAUL GILLESPIE, Chief of Lifeguards
JOE BRAND, Parks and Recreation

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MR. FRASER: Okay we are live and recording.

PRES. BENDO: Good evening everyone and welcome to our second meeting of June. I hope everyone has been taking advantage of and enjoying the nice weather and let's get going.

MR. FRASER: Good evening and welcome to the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Long Beach held Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will have a roll call.

Council Member Delury?

MR. DELURY: Present.

MR. FRASER: Council Member Mandel?

MR. MANDEL: Present.

MR. FRASER: Council Member Treston?

MS. TRESTON: Present.

MR. FRASER: Vice Present McInnis?

VP MCINNIS: Present.

MR. FRASER: President Bendo?

PRES. BENDO: Present.

MR. FRASER: Let the record indicate the presence of City Manager, Donna Gayden and Corporation Counsel, Simone Freeman. We will now

have a salute to the flag.

PRES. BENDO: I am going to ask Councilman Mandel to lead us.

MR. MANDEL: Thank you President Bendo.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

PRES. BENDO: I guess we will start with our City Manager's report.

MS. GAYDEN: Thank you. Good evening everyone. To start off with, all of my city manager reports in the future will be done a little differently. We work in the City as a team, so at every meeting there will be between 2 to 3 departments that will talk about what is going on in their departments because they are better to tell the community what is going on in their departments and I also want the community to know who they are.

Tonight, to start off with first, one of the things I talked about when I first came was that we were going to be more transparent with our financial information. So if you go to the

website under financial report and you look under the government budget and financial section, you will see the April 2020 and the May 2020 score card. That tells you what the city received and spent up through April and also up through May. We have been working on our multi-year financial plan. It is currently under progress and in late August, we will have a town financial town hall meeting where we will discuss preliminary June 30th financial information and we will discuss the five year multi-year plan.

In doing some of our research, we discovered that the City is owed approximately \$5,000,000.00 in uncollected revenue. And so I am happy to say as of today, we received approximately \$600,000 of that \$5 million and we know that approximately another \$500,000.00 is on its way. That leaves an outstanding balance of \$3.9 million that is owed to the City. We are working extremely hard to get that money into the City. This money has been owed to the City from 2012 and forward.

We also had not spent all of our CDBG money and so now we are taking \$395,000.00 from prior years CDBG grant and it's going to be used to repair the elevators in City Hall as well

as the pool in the Rec Center.

I want to let everybody know that the Farmer's Market will have a soft-opening tomorrow, and after tomorrow, it will be open every Wednesday and every Saturday.

The departments that I wanted to include today, and they can go one right after the other, will be Phil Ragona first from Beach and then Chief Gillespie from Lifeguards and Joe Brand from the Rec Center. So Phil if you want to start off?

MR. RAGONA: Absolutely. Thank you Ms. Gayden. First I would like to thank the City Manager and City Council for inviting me tonight to speak a little about the Ocean Beach Park. This is obviously a very big integral part of our City. I have to say that - to tell all of you that the changing in fluid time would be an absolute and true understatement. We are all navigating these uncharted waters on the beach together. But we all know our primary responsibility is just safety and our residents safety. In regards to the Beach Park, initially we were going to sell beach passes to the beach park on May 4th. That was the idea. Obviously that didn't work out with the COVID19 pandemic that we are facing. We didn't know if we

were going to have a beach. We didn't know, well we have a beach, but we didn't know if we could open it up. When we got direction from the State, we at that point understood that we could start selling passes. So two weeks later, May 18th, we started selling seasonal beach passes and in short order, we made it exclusively to our residents. I'm really happy to say that sales are brisk. Our residents wanted to get to the beach and to date, from May 18th to today, we've sold - our revenue has been \$1,575,450.00 which is pretty impressive compared to years past, and that's without selling passes to non-residents or the daily passes. We've had nine weekend dates pass so far that we have not been open for non-resident dailies. We've really done well and our residents kind of indicated that they want to be on their beach.

As far as the beach park itself goes, which is the boardwalk and beach, bicycle riding has been a big issue and a big item. We opened it up initially just to bicycle riding from sunrise to 10am and that was to keep everybody safe and to make sure that we don't have too many bikes out there. Our City Manager and our City Council ultimately decided that after a short while that okay, we can open it up at night again

to our residents and beach goers and boardwalk dwellers from 6pm on. We've been pretty successful with that. Our boardwalk kiosks that we have which run along the boardwalk that serve food and other items, are open and it's been a grab-and-go type of thing, and it's been successful. People are able to grab something to eat and go with it. We have our five kiosks open. They are open from the morning and they close at sunset. In regards to bathroom accessibility for people on the beach and boardwalk, we have plenty of bathrooms open for them. We have them on Pacific beach, Neptune which is a portable beach, a portable bathroom. Lincoln, Riverside, Edwards, National, Lafayette, Grand, New York which is a portable, and Minnesota beach. Our accessible beaches for individuals that have difficulty getting on to the beach, we have mobi mats set out and there's the following beaches - Lincoln beach, Riverside, Lafayette, Wyoming and Minnesota. In addition to that, if any of our beach goers has an issue getting on to the beach or difficulty, we have posted at every one of our entrances, the number to Lifeguard Headquarters which could be called at 431-1810. We have the beach chairs which can be delivered and assist, and our

Lifeguards will assist you out to the beach if you can't get out there on your own.

Our Special Officer Program that I'm running - I'm really very proud of these young men and women who are mostly criminal justice majors and are anticipating being police officers in the future. The job they are doing - we have them stationed along the boardwalk on foot, on the beach, on ATV's and a polaris ranger. A polaris ranger is very similar to a golf cart in the sand. It holds two of our Supervisors and it goes back and forth. Over the last I guess two weeks, we've noticed that the West End is at a proliferation of people and beach goers going there. As far as shutting the beach down, it is a very difficult decision to make and we do not make that decision lightly. When we decide that a beach cannot be basically socially distant and it is overcrowded, we need to shut the entrance off and I do that in conjunction with our Chief of Lifeguards, Chief Gillespie, his Captains and myself. And we don't take that willy-nilly. We don't want to turn a resident away from their beach. We do it for their safety. This is a very well thought-out action that is only done when we finally decide that we cannot have that beach open via safety.

And we do that - I send my Special down to make sure that all the beach goers have their passes also. If someone has been on the beach prior and they leave to use or whatever they want to do, go to their house and coming back, we let them back on. We don't stop them from coming back on that beach. It's a difficult decision to make, but it's a necessary decision. I don't think it's a forever thing, but it's certainly something that we need to do right now.

Over the last two weeks we've only had two days, June 6th and June 13th, where we've had to stop entry onto some West End beaches. And it's because of the large crowds and being able to safely social distance. The decision is not an easy decision like I said, and we only do it after careful thought.

Our Special Officers that are out there, I have four of them assigned strictly to the West End. And they are out there to make sure that everybody has a beach pass. And there's been some issues and some complaints in regards to beach passes not being with every beach-goer. So they check and they do what we call a beach sweep, each group. And when they do the groups in the West End, if you don't have a pass, you either get

a summons or you are told to leave the beach. The Specials themselves have basically reached an all-time high with summonses. They've issued 185, I'll say that again, 185 appearance summonses for these types of municipal code violations. That includes alcohol on the beach, walking on the jetties, illegal entry, no beach pass, etc. So although it may appear that there's no enforcement, there was a lot of enforcement and these Special Officers are working really hard and they're issuing summonses and they're trying their best, and I think very successfully, to keep non-residents out of the West End and the center of town, and to make sure that the beach is safe.

So we will keep putting one foot in front of the other and every day is a different scenario. We're in front of it and we're doing our best to keep you safe. Thank you all.

MS. GAYDEN: Thank you Phil. I want to say thank you for giving myself and the Council the credit for opening up the boardwalk and the beaches, but who actually gets the credit is the Department of Health, because we had to get their approval prior to opening anything up. I just wanted to make sure that everybody knows that the Department of Health had a key role in everything

opening. Okay Chief, you're up.

CHIEF GILLESPIE: Good evening everyone. I just like to add what Phil --- it's very difficult working down in that West End because the reality of it, the kids think they're invincible. It's very difficult to have them social distance and forget about masks. They don't wear them. That's the reality of everything. And we are trying hard and we continue to work towards making the beach better down there. I think as a whole, the beach is doing pretty good. I have taken a few of the City Council people and of course our City Manager has been down there all the time, knowing what's going on. She knows a lot about the beach that a lot of City Managers didn't care to know. I have to give her tremendous credit for that because it's not an easy thing but we do a lot down there.

The first thing I'm going to go over is we have been sanitizing all 24 chairs about 8:15 in the morning, before the kids get on the chairs. Because during the week and even after hours and before hours there are a lot of people that sit up there and you never know who has what. So every morning at 8:15 we sanitize our chairs.

Then all Guards that are working on the patrol along with the Officers and EMT's, everybody that works down there, does their morning survey that they ask the four questions about the COVID and it goes into City Hall I think. I think Richie Berrios does the looking at and evaluating the surveys they do. They have to answer and we contact Richie right away and he takes it from there usually. We haven't had any, excuse me, we had a couple of yeses but they were mistakes by some of the lifeguards.

I'd like to explain something about "saves". We make "saves" down there. But the less "saves" we make the better the patrol is doing. We do what we call preventative actions - lifeguarding. What they do in California is lifeguard saving. They don't get out of that tower to go down and tell a person to go over; come in; you're stepping in a hole; watch where you're going; the rip is over here; please move over. That's the kind of things that we do that help us that are pretty good record we have of not losing people. We have that emergency response team that is out there right now during the days that the patrol is not on the beach. What we try to do is keep the people out of the water when we

have a huge crowd down there. I'll take the whole response team, we look at the weather religiously, the water religiously to see how bad it is. We have had a break because the weather - the temperature is pretty good. It hasn't gone sky high so we're not getting huge crowds. We had a couple of days where we did have big crowds down there.

After we get going during the day, we try to go around and evaluate everything we have been doing. I think this new thing we are going to try with the filling in the beaches that are out there with out of town people, I think it will work. I think, I shouldn't say I think, I know, like standing on the beach and we have the boardwalk to look at, you could see the people in line, you can see the people on the beach. It makes it a lot easier for us to evaluate only 50%, or are we over. The West End is tough because you got that big dune there. You never know who is coming over the hill so to speak. That's one of our problems with the West End too. I wish we had a better way of really seeing what's coming over like we do on the boardwalk. I think that's about it. Does anybody have any, wait a second I do have one thing. You know, I have a few worries,

and this is for everybody to understand. The colleges could be going back to school at the end of July. They're talking about it and ending in November. Has anyone heard about that? So that means we will lose Lifeguards. Every patrol will be going through this. Not just us. So I'm hoping that it's pushed back a little bit to the middle of August, but I don't know yet, we haven't heard anything. If that does happen, we will have to close some beaches as we go along because we won't have enough Lifeguards to man them. That's just another problem, worries that we are going to have to look for. That we're trying to prepare for in the future. Are there any questions that you would like to ask?

MS. GAYDEN: Alright, thanks Chief. I don't think anyone has any questions. At least I can't see where anybody has any at this time.

It was important that everyone hears about what's going on at the beach and why we have to close some beaches and how things happen. Because we have been getting a lot of calls and we have been getting a lot of questions. So it was important for the two of them to speak. I know we have also been getting some questions about summer programs. Joe Brand is on, so he can answer those

questions. He can give an update from the Rec Center.

MR. BRAND: Good evening everybody. It seems like every few days we are getting great news with returns to recreation activities and the lifting of certain COVID restrictions. Especially with outdoor activities. The latest news we go in terms of recreation, came late last week. It has to do with the ability for us to open up parks and playgrounds. We were given a directive late last week. It's at local discretion provided appropriate distancing of at least six feet is abided by and that face coverings are worn. In speaking with Donna, the game plan is for sometime this week, maybe Thursday or Friday to get the playgrounds open. The lone exception would be the Pacific playground only because there is a collapse fence that separates the beach, and the playground was inundated with sand. And that may require a day or two for beach maintenance to get in there with pay loaders to remove the sand that has to be taken out of there and some sort of temporary fencing to be put in until we could build something more solid.

In addition to that, the splash parks - they abide by a different set of

guidelines than the traditional playgrounds. Once those guidelines are passed along to us, we will review them and make the appropriate plans to open those splash playgrounds as well. We also got some information about youth sports. Hopefully getting the green light sometime in early July. We are excited about that. We've been in contact with a lot of the local youth athletic programs in addition to the programs that we offer. We are hoping little by little we can start getting kids back to the activities that they've missed for the last three months. Beyond that, as everybody knows, the decision was made not to open the summer camps this year. It was a very difficult decision to make but in the end, in fairness to the safety and well-being of our children and the guidelines set forth, it just wasn't going to be prudent or from a technical standpoint, for us to have the kids in the schools in this situation, or in the atmosphere that we have there. So that's where we are at now and hopefully more good news is on the horizon.

MS. GAYDEN: Thank you Joe. I did miss one person. John McNally wanted to speak quickly about the new clock at the train station.

MR. MCNALLY: Sure and thanks Donna.

So as everyone will recall, Assemblyman Weisenberg made a very generous donation of \$25,000.00 in January of this year to replace the clock, the historic clock in front of the Long Island Railroad station. It has been a long wait, but at long-last, that clock came in early on this week and was installed. Harvey and I sat and watched them along with Donna to install part of it. Harvey is ecstatic as are the rest of us. It's just a great symbolic gesture on his part and something uplifting for the city. There is going to be a plaque in front of it that Harvey dedicated to the timeless tradition of law enforcement, to those who have served and those who continue to serve. Again, following on Joe's heels, some more good news.

MS. GAYDEN: And then to end my report, I just wanted to mention - about three weeks ago, a Mr. Jake Jacobi was down at the Lifeguard facility on the beach, eating lunch with one of his colleagues. His colleague began to choke and Mr. Jacobi saved him from choking. It was an intense minute or two there, but Mr. Jacobi was able to make sure that what was stuck in the gentleman's throat that it was enlarged and that the gentleman survived and he is doing well. I

believe that we should tell our employees that we appreciate them. I want Jake Jacobi to know that I appreciate what he did as a Lifeguard and as a Firefighter, but one as a colleague, that he was there at a time of need, and he did what was correct. I'm just thankful that he was there and I'm sure the gentleman that he saved is very thankful. So I want to say to Jake Jacobi that I appreciate you and the work that you have done. That ends my report.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, thank you Donna. Next we are going to go to Councilman Mandel.

MR. MANDEL: Thank you President Bendo. I just want to briefly talk about something. I observed Saturday night, last Saturday night, June 13th, one of our residents John Nichols found a disoriented elderly man wandering the streets here in Long Beach. Mr. Nichols, without hesitation, stepped in, transporting the man to the Long Beach Police Department to make sure the man was safe. At which time Sergeant Walsh and also Officer Walpole assisted and the three of them made sure that this man was returned home safely. This was late Saturday night. It was dark. The City was busy. This gentleman was definitely in need of

assistance and the three of them stepped up and answered the call. So on behalf of the city, want to thank them and also highlight that Mr. Nichol's acts serves as a reminder of what is really the true Long Beach spirit and what makes this city the best place to live, which is our residents. So thank you Mr. Nichols, thank you Sgt. Walsh and thank you Officer Walpole. Thank you President Bendo.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Great. Good story to hear. We are going to hear now from Councilwoman Treston.

MS. TRESTON: These past several weeks, can everyone hear me ok? These past several weeks and months have been challenging to say the least. Our hands were filled with a fiscal crisis and then COVID19 hit. These have tested us all as individuals and as a society in unprecedented ways. Then the killing of George Floyd happened. Unfortunately this killing was not unprecedented. It should force our society to take a hard look in the mirror. We are not born racist. Racism is learned. Racism is destructive and divisive. A practice that needs to be left in the past. That said, as elected officials of this of this city, what we must make unequivocally

clear is that hate has absolutely no place here. We are a diverse and caring community. Whether it comes from outside our community or from within, hate and discrimination will not be tolerated in Long Beach. In the days ahead, we will be making an announcement about a virtual community meeting where we can all come together to discuss how Long Beach can lead by example and forge a path forward towards a more equitable and just community. Thank you President Bendo.

PRES. BENDO: Thank you Liz. I think that's something that needed to be said. I guess before we move on to the agenda, we've been hearing from a lot of people about the situation with the bars and the restaurants, particularly in the West End. We are sensitive to the impact the pandemic had on our businesses and the workforce, and quite frankly, we worked very hard to let the businesses know the rules and have issued them a lot warnings in the hopes of avoiding further economic hardship. But the Governor has made it clear that he is taking enforcement seriously. The city is not going to risk our beach, our boardwalk or the other businesses being shut down because a few certain establishments refuse to abide by the rules. It is unfair to our

residents, it is unfair to the businesses playing by the rules and it's definitely unfair to the businesses still waiting to reopen. During a conference call we had earlier today, Staff members from the Governor's office in New York State Department of Health and the New York State Liquor Authority reminded, that's the word, reminded city officials that gatherings of more than 10 people are still prohibited by the Governor's executive order. Individuals or businesses who violate the orders are subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 per violation, per day. We were also reminded that the penalties for bars and restaurants that operate outside the Governor's executive orders and in the New York State Liquor Authority guidelines for outdoor, takeout, indoor delivery food services could be subject to monetary fines ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$100,000.00. So beginning this week, if we see businesses not adhering to the guidelines they agreed to, those businesses can expect to be issued summonses. We've tried very hard to work with the business community and they have been warned multiple times, but the Governor has made it clear that the time for education is over and it's time for businesses to adhere to the

guidelines that they agreed too. We look forward to seeing full compliance moving forward. So with that, I guess we can move on to our agenda.

MR. FRASER: Okay. Item #1 is a resolution designating a responsible local official for the city's Edwards Boulevard project.

PRES. BENDO: Okay do we have anyone that is going to address that item? Is Commissioner Mirando on?

MR. FRASER: Yes. Hold on, I have to unmute him. John - you're unmuted.

MR. MIRANDO: Okay. We have a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation - a TAP Grant, to redo Edwards Avenue from Broadway --- from West Park down to Broadway. That contract has been bid. We have a reasonable price on the contract and now we're filing all the paperwork with the New York State Department of State. They require having a local official that they can have communication back and forth with. Generally on these type projects, it's one of either Joe or I. Joe has a pretty full plate so I volunteered to be the person that they would contact.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Are there any questions from the Council?

MR. DELURY: Just one question President Bendo for Mr. Mirando. John - what would your timeframe be for the project? In other words, you are going to be the local designated official - do you foresee the project---

MR. MIRANDO: The bid documents are being reviewed right now by New York State DOT. Their review will take about four to six weeks. We hope by end of September, and I'm meeting prior to September, we will be able to come to the Council and ask for authorization to proceed with the contract. Maybe the starting date for the work would be October. We'd like to start sooner.

MR. DELURY: Thank you.

MR. MIRANDO: It all depends on how quick DOT reviews the plans --- reviews the bids.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, any other questions from the Council? Okay, did we get any questions from the public?

MR. MCNALLY: Yes. We did get one question from Alison Blanchette. I think it's been answered, but I'll give it a read.

(Alison Blanchette) Is Item one due to us changing staffing from the original project proposal? Will you explain why this is being voted on?

MR. MCNALLY: I think Commissioner Mirando said because it's a requirement from the TAP program. The other part of her question was if you have an update on the project timeline, that would be great to know as well. And we just heard from the Commissioner that he is hoping to start in October if not sooner. I believe that answers those two questions.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Was that the only question we got? From the public? That was it?

MR. MCNALLY: Yes it was.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Then I guess we can move on.

MR. FRASER: Item two is a resolution adopting a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the City of Long Beach.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, I guess Commissioner Mirando again.

MR. FEBRIZIO: This is Joe Febrizio. I'll take this one. I just want to give you a quick background on this. The original solid waste management plan that the city has is basically from the period of 1995 to 2009. Obviously it has expired. The regulations require that municipalities maintain plans for a minimum

of ten year periods. Back in 2012, we actually create/update and make a new solid waste management plan and we submitted it to the DEC for approval. Unfortunately, we received comments back on that submittal in 2014. Two years after it was submitted. So we had to update it again and we submitted the document on October 15, 2015. Three years later and in February 2018, we received comments again from the DEC and at that point, all the regulations regarding solid waste had changed. So now we had to go through the whole process and update it again. This most recent version that I sent to all the Council people and is posted in the Public Works Department, it's posted online, it's in the City Clerk's office, it's in the Library, covers the period of 2019 through 2028 and it complies with all current regulatory requirements. The solid waste management plan update it basically takes a comprehensive look at the city's solid waste management program. It includes sections on a full detailed description of the City of Long Beach which they call the Planning Unit. Includes all the quantities --- generated and disposed of as well as disposal destinations. It contains projections of future solid waste disposal. Is a

complete implementation plan and schedule for future program elements. And it also discusses potential education opportunities to increase awareness of recycling.

We did have a public meeting on this and it was on October 22, 2019, which was a requirement of the DEC. One of the last requirements is it is required that the Council adopt this local solid waste plan update before we can submit it. Hopefully for final approval by the DEC. That's a pretty quick overview of the solid waste management plan update. If you have any questions, I will be happy to field them.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Any questions from the Council? Alright, and just so people know, this is - if you're not familiar with this, Joe and the Public Works folks put a huge amount of work into this. This document is 722 pages. So if you need some reading material for the beach, that will keep you busy for a while.

So any questions from the Council? Okay, did we get any questions from the public?

MR. MCNALLY: One question from the public from Alison Blanchette again. (Alison Blanchette) The agenda notes that the last WMP update is available to the public at the Library,

at the Clerk's office, the Department of Public Works. Because the library and city hall are currently closed, would you need to amend the agenda item and make a note of this? I spoke with both the Clerk and Corporation Counsel's office, and because this is a project that spans out into 2028, and because it's available online, we are all hopeful that folks - if they are so desirous, will be able to go to the library or city hall sometime before 2028 when this pandemic wraps up.

MR. MCNALLY: So it does not need to be amended because that information will still be valid and hopefully in the not too distant future, and because it is available online now.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Were there any other questions from the public?

MR. MCNALLY: That was the only other question on this item.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, then we can move on.

MR. FRASER: Okay, lastly Item three is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the county of Nassau for the providing of the review of tax grievances for the 2021-22 tax year and a budget amendment.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, and I think we have Mr. Berrios on who is going to talk about this one.

MR. BERRIOS: Right. Good evening all. Can everyone hear me?

ALL: Yes.

MR. BERRIOS: Just an overview, this is an inter-municipal agreement between Nassau County and the City. The purpose of this agreement such that the city basically handles all of the county's commercial and residential tax grievances that the county deems conflict cases, meaning cases of people who are in the Department of Assessment, who are being assessed and things of that nature. The rate would be \$95.00 per residential tax grievance and \$250.00 now for commercial tax grievances. Both of those rates also include reimbursement from the county for reasonable and customary expenses or activities that are incurred by our staff. The duration of this agreement is only one year and that's only what the law allows for. It's a year to year thing so they couldn't do more than one year at a time even if we wanted to. At this point, I believe the County's budget is about \$32,750.00 for this and we're conservatively budgeting at

\$30,000.00. We hope this to be basically, the goal of this agreement essentially is to make it a source of revenue for the city and pending it's success after this year, making it a recurring source of revenue for the city.

PRES. BENDO: So just in layman's terms, this is basically if like a Long Beach City employee wanted to grieve their taxes, it wouldn't be appropriate for a Long Beach staff to review that grievance since they probably know the person. So the County will do it and vice versa we will be doing it for County people that are conflicted out because perhaps they are an employee or something like that, of the County.

MR. BERRIOS: That's correct. This is essentially a reciprocal agreement where each the county and the municipality which is us, handle each other's conflict cases. So if the Tax Assessor decides the case is you know a conflict because of an employee being assessed, then it goes to the County and vice versa. You're right John.

MS. GAYDEN: It is important to note that it is just not employees. It would include Councilmembers so that nobody thinks that Councilmembers will get a special, you know their

assessments will be done in the City of Long Beach. They will not.

PRES. BENDO: Yes, actually I think I was the impetus for this because my wife went to grieve our taxes and we found out that we couldn't because of this. So we have to, once this is passed, and if we decide to grieve our taxes, it will actually have to be done by the County. Which is a good thing. To take any conflict out. Any questions from the Council?

MR. DELURY: Just one. I did review it with the Comptroller, Inna Reznik and I didn't know something like this existed but I'm very happy that it does. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. And we actually, we had asked the --- we had the Comptroller and the Tax Assessor put a budget together that shows the anticipated hours worked and things like that just to make sure that this wasn't going to cost the city more than the city was going to be making doing it.

Did we get any questions from the public on this one?

MR. MCNALLY: There were none.

PRES. BENDO: Okay, assuming, one

last ask if there's anymore questions from the Council? Okay, we can move on.

MR. FRASER: Okay onto the voting.

Item #1 is a resolution designating a responsible local official for the city's Edwards Boulevard project. Who will introduce and move the adoption of this item?

MS. TRESTON: I will.

MR. FRASER: Second?

PRES. BENDO: I will.

MR. FRASER: Voting. Councilmember Delury?

MR. DELURY: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Mandel?

MR. MANDEL: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Treston?

MS. TRESTON: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Vice President McInnis?

VP MCINNIS: Yes.

MR. FRASER: President Bendo?

PRES. BENDO: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Item 2 is a resolution adopting a comprehensive solid waste management plan for the City of Long Beach. Who will introduce and move the adoption of this item?

MR. DELURY: I will.

MR. FRASER: Second?

MS. TRESTON: I will.

MR. FRASER: Voting. Councilmember Delury?

MR. DELURY: I would like to thank John Mirando and Joe Febrizio for a lot of work that went into this plan and I am happy to vote yes. Thank you.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Mandel?

MR. MANDEL: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Treston? You are muted Councilmember Treston.

MS. TRESTON: I would also like to thank the Department of Public Works on their efforts. It was a very large document. There was good public input. I was at the meeting back --- and with that, I vote yes.

MR. FRASER: Vice President McInnis?

VP MCINNIS: Yes.

MR. FRASER: President Bendo?

PRES. BENDO: Yes.

MR. FRASER: And finally, Item 3 is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the county of Nassau for the providing of the review of tax grievances for the 2021-22 tax year and a budget

amendment. Who will introduce and move the adoption of this item?

PRES. BENDO: I will.

MR. FRASER: Second?

MR. DELURY: I will.

MR. FRASER: Voting. Councilmember

Delury?

MR. DELURY: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Mandel?

MR. MANDEL: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Treston?

MS. TRESTON: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Vice President McInnis?

VP MCINNIS: Yes.

MR. FRASER: President Bendo?

PRES. BENDO: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Who will make a motion to close the meeting? --- Who was that?

MS. TRESTON: Me. Liz.

MR. FRASER: Okay, thank you.

Second?

VP MCINNIS: I will.

MR. FRASER: Voting. Councilmember

Delury?

MR. DELURY: I didn't hear you.

MR. FRASER: Vote to close the

meeting.

MR. DELURY: Okay, yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Mandel?

MR. MANDEL: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Councilmember Treston?

MS. TRESTON: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Vice President McInnis?

VP MCINNIS: Yes.

MR. FRASER: President Bendo?

PRES. BENDO: Yes.

MR. FRASER: Okay.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Good and

Welfare - did we get? What did we get for Good and Welfare?

MR. MCNALLY: So we have - I'll just note that the questions that were asked for the June 2nd meeting - those questions and the responses are up on the city's website at this time. And we got - it looks like questions from 11 individuals - Roy Lester, Ed Smith, Marie Brutus, Karen Cybernet, Robin Donovan, Ellen Bloom, Lisa Santinos, Robert Saminsky, Daniella Halas, Eric Fox and Albert Albuquerque - are the folks we have questions for and those will all be responded to in advance of the next meeting.

PRES. BENDO: Okay. Then I guess we are done. Thanks for attending folks and have a good

evening. Enjoy the rest of your evening.

MS. TRESTON: Don't forget to fill out your census.

PRES. BENDO: Don't forget to fill out your census. We are falling behind everyone else.

ALL: Have a good evening.

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