

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2023

5:00 COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mayor Phillips, C. Svendsen, C. Reddy, and C. Coleman were in attendance. C. Phelps and C. Murry were both absent.

WS 23-22 Conflict of Interest

Jerry Phillips, Mayor, presented the workshop bill. The City Attorney, Joel Penoyer, held a workshop to review what constitutes a conflict of interest and provide an overview of council ethics.

There were no decisions or motions made at this time.

7:00 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

David Glasson, City Administrator, called roll with Mayor Phillips, C. Svendsen, C. Murry, C. Reddy, and C. Coleman were in attendance. C. Phelps was absent and excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes, November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting

Payment Approval List for Warrant Registers – 91751-91832 for \$139,736.66

C. Svendsen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. C. Coleman seconded the motion; 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

BUSINESS

AB 23-60 – Ordinance 1026: Amending the Pay Table for 2024

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. The union members of the staff are contractually allowed a 5% salary increase effective January 1, 2024. This amendment reflects that increase for all city staff.

C. Svendsen made the motion to approve Ordinance 1026, amending the pay scale to include a 5% wage increase for 2023. C. Coleman seconded the motion; 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

AB 23-61 – Ordinance 1027: Adopting the Final Budget for 2024 – PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. The purpose of the public meeting is to receive public comments on the proposed budget.

Karla Jensen, from the Mermaid Inn, Snow Peak, LBMA, EDC, and PCTB made a comment regarding the LBMA Visitor Center.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

C. Murry made the motion to adopt Ordinance 1027, approving the 2024 proposed budget. C. Reddy seconded the motion; 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

AB 23-62 – Ordinance 1028: Water and Sewer Connection Fees

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. The council has discussed raising the utility connection fees to account for some of the revenue needed to keep up with repairs and maintenance to the city's infrastructure. This is displayed through Ordinance 1028, raising water and sewer connections from \$2,500 to \$5,500 each. This decision is supported by rate studies conducted by the city's engineers.

C. Svendsen made the motion to adopt Ordinance 1028. C. Coleman seconded the motion; 3 Ayes; 1 Nay (C. Murry); 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

AB 23-63 – Ordinance 1029: 2024 Water and Sewer Fees

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. This adopts the rate increases discussed during the budget workshops. Monthly residential rates for Water increase \$2.04; Sewer increases \$3.94; and Storm Water increases \$.15 for a total monthly increase of \$6.68 per month (including utility tax).

C. Coleman made the motion to adopt Ordinance 1029. C. Svendsen seconded the motion; 3 Ayes; 1 Nay (C. Murry); 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

AB 23-64 – WCIA Delegate and Alternate

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. As members of Washington Cities Insurance Authority, we are required to select a delegate and alternate to coordinate training, respond timely to claims and be a primary contact among other duties. With Brian's departure, the city must appoint a new delegate.

C. Svendsen made the motion to appoint David Glasson as the delegate and Ariel Smith, as the alternate delegate. C. Reddy seconded the motion; 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

AB 23-65 – Bid Award for Surplus Items

David Glasson, City Administrator, presented the agenda bill. The city received one bid on the surplus items. Hill and Son Excavating bid \$4,895.00 on the 2002 F350 Dump Truck. There were no bidders on the 1996 utility trailer.

C. Reddy made the motion to approve the sales of surplus equipment to the highest bidder. C. Coleman seconded the motion; 4 Ayes; 1 Absent (C. Phelps), motion passed.

ORAL REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE AND WRITTEN REPORTS

- ECY Initial Submittal SMP Amendment Confirmation
- Lodging Tax Collections
- Sales Tax Collections
- Transportation Benefit District Collections
- Police Chief's Report for November

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk