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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

April 12, 2023

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Margaret Finlay
John Lee
Robert Lewis
Gerard McCallum
John Mirisch

Anthony Bell, Alternate
Michael Davitt, Alternate
Mel Matthews, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Holly Mitchell
Francine Oschin

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member
Alternate General Public Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. as both an in-person and virtual meeting.

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Commissioner(s) request to participate remotely pursuant to Government Code § 54953(f)(2): Commissioner Mel Matthews request to participate remotely for the April 12, 2023 Meeting (today) and the May 10, 2023 Meeting.

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved Commissioner Matthews request to participate at today's meeting (April 12, 2023) and the May 10, 2023 meeting, remotely.

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: Lewis APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lee, McCallum, Mitchell, Oschin

[Commissioner Lee arrived at 9:06 a.m.]

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Dear.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The EO read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The EO announced that, consistent with State law, the agenda for today's meeting was posted at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

The EO noted that staff received late comments, electronically, relating to Agenda No. 6.f. (Annexation No. 2021-10 to the City of Bradbury). Copies of those comments were provided to each of the Commissioners and posted to the LAFCO website.

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO swore in ten (10) members of the audience who planned to testify.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Item(s):

- a. Approved Minutes of March 8, 2023.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of March 2023.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.
- d. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 & 56857.
(None).
- e. Miscellaneous Communications.
(None).
- g. Legislative Update.
- h. Executive Officer Written Update.
(None).

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lee, Lewis, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: McCallum, Mitchell, Oschin

[Commissioner McCallum arrived at 9:15 a.m.]

The Commission moved to Agenda Item No. 6.f. to allow for public testimony.

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following action under Consent Item No. 6.f.

- f. Annexation No. 2021-10 to the City of Bradbury, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission received testimony on this item.

Ten (10) members of the public testified before the Commission, as follows:

- Kevin Kearney (City Manager, City of Bradbury).
- Andrew Smith (Executive Director, Human Good)
- Daniel Jordan (City Manager, City of Duarte)
- John Fasana (former Mayor/Councilmember, City of Duarte)
- Martha Faith (resident of Royal Oaks)
- Jim Kirchner (resident of Westminster Gardens)
- Jim Lawler (resident of Royal Oaks)
- Pam Evans (resident of Royal Oaks)
- James Macklin (resident of Royal Oaks)
- Jean Malone (resident of Royal Oaks)

One (1) member of the public testified in support of the annexation, and nine (9) members of the public testified in opposition to the annexation.

There was no additional testimony, nor written communications submitted prior to the close of this item (beyond those published as an attachment to the staff report).

Commissioner Barger suggested that this item be continued for two (2) months to allow for the representatives of Royal Oaks and/or the City of Duarte to submit an application for annexation of both Royal Oaks Drive North and the Royal Oaks property to the City of Duarte.

The Commission thanked the residents of the Royal Oaks retirement community for attending today's meeting.

The Commission took the following action:

- Continued this item until the June 14, 2023 meeting.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lee, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch,
Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell, Oschin

WELCOMING NEW COMMISSIONER

Chair Dear introduced new Commissioner Robert Lewis as the special district Voting Member. Mr. Lewis' (Board Member, Rowland Water District) term will expire in May of 2026.

The Commission recessed at 10:04 a.m.

[Commissioners Barger and Lee left at 10:04 a.m.]

The Commission reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Adriana Romo, Deputy Executive Office (DEO), summarized the staff report on this item.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony on this item.

There being no additional testimony and no written opposition, nor e-mails, submitted prior to the close of the public hearing (beyond those published as an attachment to the staff report), the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to transmit the adopted Final Budget to local agencies and other parties as required by law.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Bell APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Status of Commission Ad Hoc Committee for the Selection of an Alternate Public Member.

The DEO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Status Report of the Ad Hoc Committee's progress in the selection of the Alternate Public Member. Directed staff to agendize the interview of selected finalists for the May 10, 2023 Commission Meeting.

MOTION: Bell SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Revised Fee Reduction/Waiver Policy.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the Fee Reduction/Waiver Policy, as amended; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to post the amended policy on the Commission website.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. Report to the Commission concerning the City Selection Committee.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The EO indicated that since the posting of the staff report, staff confirmed that legislation from last year AB 1053 (Gabriel), was converted to a two-year bill. Given this information, the EO suggested that the Commission authorize Chair Dear to send a letter in support of AB 1053 to the appropriate legislators, committees, and to the Governor.

The Commission took the following action:

- Took a “SUPPORT” position relative to AB 1053, and authorized the Chair to sign letters documenting this position, and directed staff to convey this support to the Governor, legislators, and other stakeholders.

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- d. Other Post-Employment Benefits Actuarial Study as of June 30, 2022.

The DEO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the “Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities Under GASB 74/75, Valuation Date: June 30, 2022”.

MOTION: Finley SECOND: Lewis APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

10 REQUESTED POSITION(S) ON LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Request to Support AB 1753.

The Commission took the following action:

- Took a “SUPPORT” position relative to AB 1753, and authorized the Chair to sign letters documenting the position, and directed staff to convey this support to the Governor, legislators, and other stakeholders.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

11 COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

Commissioner Lewis indicated that he will join next month’s meeting, in a virtual format, as he will attend the 2023 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference, in-person.

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

The EO noted that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting room (381-B) will not be available on May 10th, due to BOS budget hearings. The EO indicated that next month’s meeting (May 10th) will be held in the Business License Commission meeting room (374-A). The EO recommended that the May 10th meeting start at 8:30 a.m.

The Commission took the following action:

- Authorized the Executive Officer to move the regular meeting location on May 10, 2023 from the Board of Supervisors meeting room (381-B) to the Business License Commission meeting room (374-A); and changed the regular meeting start time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: Bell SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 6-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Lee, Mitchell, Oschin

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

May 10, 2023 (meeting will be held in 374-A at 8:30 a.m.)

June 14, 2023

July 12, 2023

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Commissioner Dear adjourned the in-person and virtual meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer