

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**JANUARY 17, 2009**

A special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Genser at 9:20 a.m., on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Community Room, Santa Monica.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ken Genser  
Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor  
Councilmember Richard Bloom  
Councilmember Robert T. Holbrook  
Councilmember Bobby Shriver  
Councilmember Kevin McKeown

Also Present: City Manager P. Lamont Ewell  
City Attorney Marsha Jones Moutrie  
Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez

**CONVENE/PLEDGE**

On order of the Mayor, the City Council convened at 9:20 a.m.. Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
STUDY SESSION:**

Members of the public Jerry Rubin, Cosmo Bua, Gillian Ware, Zina Josephs, Frieda Dubin, and Susan Hartley expressed support for an appointment to the unscheduled vacancy on the City Council left by the recent passing of Councilmember Herb Katz. Member of the public Laura Tuxton expressed support for either an appointment or a special election to fill the vacancy. Member of the public Ellen Brennan expressed support for public participation at City Council meetings and support for an appointment to the vacancy on the City Council. Member of the public Joy M. Fullmer expressed various concerns.

**INTRODUCTION**

**3-A: Introduction - Purpose and Goals of the Workshop.**

City Manager Lamont Ewell introduced the subjects to be discussed at the meeting and provided a status report on various issues.

**ECONOMIC UPDATE**

**3-B: Economic update and Latest Financial Forecast.**

Finance Director Carol Swindell presented information on the financial state of the City and the five year forecast. Councilmembers provided direction and suggestions for presentation of various scenarios, assumptions and long term strategies. On order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

**CONTRACTING CITY SERVICES**

**3-C: Recommendation for Contracting for Public Services.**

Finance Director Carol Swindell provided information on contracting out City services. Considerable discussion was held on this subject including refining the policy for contract services, and determining which services may require detailed economic analysis and presentation to Council for discussion and direction. On order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

**3-D: Informational Discussion on Agenda Management, Conduct of Council Meetings and Commission Liaison Appointments.**

Mayor Genser introduced item for discussion. Considerable discussion was held on this subject. With consensus of Councilmembers, staff was directed to work on a schedule for annual meeting(s) with each Board and Commission for Council to receive their annual reports, meetings to occur at City Council meeting(s) and not at the Boards and Commissions' Dinner. On the subject of Council liaisons to Boards and Commissions, the Mayor to appoint each Councilmember to between 1 and 4 Commissions to serve as a point of contact. Staff was directed to prepare a standard letter/memo, addressed to Boards and Commissions, to be reviewed by Council before distribution and which explains the Council/Board relationship and notifies the Commissions of their Council-appointed liaison. On order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

**COUNCIL VACANCY**

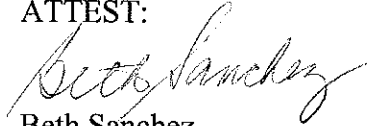
**3-E: Presentation on Procedures and Options for Filling Vacant Council Seat.**

Mayor Genser introduced item for discussion. Staff provided information on the process for filling a Council vacancy in accordance with City Charter Section 603. On order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


On order of the Mayor, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm..

ATTEST:



Beth Sanchez  
Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ken Genser  
Mayor