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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, June 2, 2005
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
William A. Sullivan

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Jonathan Fuhrman
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Hope J. Boonshaft

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the March 3, 2005, April 7, 2005 and May 5, 2005 Commission meetings. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the March 3, 2005, April 7, 2005, and May 5, 2005 Commission meetings are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the March 3, 2005 and April 7, 2005 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentations of the March 3, 2005, and April 7, 2005 Commission meeting are approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sylva introduced Stephanie Shaw who is an intern with her law firm.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian will request under new business that the Commission approve a resolution for Ms. Suellen Hanlon to express the Commission's wish that she get well.

Chairman Philibosian inquired as to the desire of the Commission concerning whether to have a meeting in August. It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the August meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth handed out a copy of the 2005 Synopsis of Publications which presents the reports and letters issued by the Commission since 1965. The Synopsis will also be available on the Commission's website.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz announced that LGSC has been interviewing individuals from both the police and Sheriff's Department to solicit their input on the design of the new GPS/911 system. Currently, when calling 911 from a cell phone, it is routed to the Highway Patrol's Statewide Call Center, which in turn reroutes the call to the nearest jurisdiction. The task force is carrying on discussions with agencies to see what can be done to connect emergency calls directly to local agencies. LGSC is also working with CALTRANS on the placement of signage.

Chairman Philibosian suggested using another 3 digit number for road hazard calls; this could lessen the hold times for actual emergency calls. Commissioner Oaks proposed that while people are on hold for 911, they could hear a message reminding the caller of the nature of non-emergency calls and directing them to the appropriate department or jurisdiction.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Commissioner Leadership Conference was well attended by about 200 people at the Music Center. The event was worthwhile and enabled those commissioners attending the opportunity to develop contacts and to partner in some work. Also, on June 6, 2005 a Future Directions Workshop will be held for the Q & P Commission. These commissioners will meet to determine the Commission's future direction and to evaluate both the past and present operations.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Grand Jury Task Force

Commissioner Sullivan said that the task force has reviewed last year's grand jury report as well as the county

response. One issue that the task force wishes to look into is the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) and the issues which with it is involved. One possible change includes moving the DVC from Community and Senior Services (CSS) to the Executive Office. The task force also reviewed and investigated the following areas; gang injunctions, custody assistance, jail and superior court lockups, redevelopment agencies, and school lottery money. A report was distributed to the commissioners.

Chairman Philibosian proposed having the Video Arraignment and the Organization and Accountability Task Forces look into putting a task force together to look into the DVC. Since domestic violence is an ongoing problem, he will be looking into the possibility of setting up a task force. Both Commissioner Baltierrez and Anderson expressed interest in participating in this task force.

Organization and Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oaks addressed the Workers Compensation Report and is now following up to track what has been done regarding the reports recommendations. Chairman Philibosian announced that the Commission may perform a follow-up to see what has been done.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva said that the task force is going to start working with the Chief Administrative Office to assist in communications with the department heads to promote more dialogue with the county and city agencies and work closely in a joint venture with the Small Business Commission. By the June meeting, there will be more concrete information to present from the department heads.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

Mr. David Lambertson

Director, Internal Services Department, Los Angeles County

Topic: An Update on the Operating Procedures of the Internal Services Department

Mr. Lambertson discussed the impacts that past audits have had on the Internal Services Department and the modifications to the organization and to the internal operating procedures that have resulted. Mr. Lambertson also noted the areas in which the department wishes to develop further such as purchasing and contracting, management of the Office of Small Business and the design of the ISD website for county departments and vendors which provides details on the rules, standards, and contracting procedures of the County.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Commission Resolution

Chairman Philibosian read the resolution as follows: Suellen Hanlon is a longtime supporter of the Economy and Efficiency Commission. Whereas, Suellen Hanlon currently finds herself not feeling as well as she should; and Whereas, the Economy and Efficiency Commission would like to express its appreciation and affection for Suellen Hanlon. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Economy and Efficiency Commission express its heartfelt wishes to Suellen Hanlon for her recovery and return to serving everyone in Los Angeles County with her professionalism, her kind and sensitive manner and through the gracefulness she displays in accomplishing all she undertakes.

A motion was moved and approved. Mr. Staniforth will send the resolution from the members of the Commission to Suellen Hanlon.

Succession Planning

Mr. Staniforth stated that the Board had received a draft copy of the report in March with a letter saying that it would be approved in the next 2 months. Commissioner Petak made a motion to approve the succession planning report and send the final copy to the Board of Supervisors. It was seconded and discussed. Commissioner Sylva wondered if Mr. Lambertson's comment about training the chief deputies 6 months in advance was in the report. Commissioner Petak replied that it was in the report, but not as specific as Mr. Lambertson discussed. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved. Chairman Philibosian stated that in the fall, the Commission will be following up on the actions, if any that were taken by the Board of Supervisors.

Quorum Discussion

Chairman Philibosian said there were already 3 meetings this year in which the Commission failed to achieve a quorum at its monthly meeting. This has lead to some email and telephone conversations. He was pleased to see a

recommitment of the commissioners that haven't been able to attend meetings. Commissioners Boonshaft and Fuhrman have both had ongoing responsibilities that hopefully will be resolved within the next month.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public commented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.



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