

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 22, 2008

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

David G. Brown, Councilman; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice-President; Michael DeStefano, Council President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

ABSENT: Anthony Giordano, Councilman; Brian Unger, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

January 8, 2008

Motion was made by Councilperson Celli seconded by Councilperson Brown to approve the minutes of January 8, 2008 - Ayes 3 - Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#1-08 CALENDAR YEAR 2008 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on this ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Celli.

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to close the public hearing.

A motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to adopt said ordinance on third and final reading was adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 - Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

#2-08 AN ORDINANCE DELETING SECTION 11(G) "REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS" WITHIN CHAPTER 300 "SUBDIVISION OF LAND", ARTICLE V "MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE XI, WITHIN SECTION 300-23 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT"

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on this ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Celli.

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to close the public hearing.

A motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to adopt said ordinance on third and final reading was adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 - Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

#3-08 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$2,205,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Hold public hearing and adoption over to the meeting of February 13, 2008.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (Public Hearing set for 2/13/2008)

#4-08 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (JCP&L) FOR INSTALLATION AND LOCATION OF EQUIPMENT AS MAY BE NECESSARY ALONG THE CORNER OF OCEAN BOULEVARD AND CHELSEA AVENUE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED FINAL MAP PIER VILLAGE, BLOCKS 290, 292, BLOCK 224, LOTS 8-16, BLOCK 225, LOTS 2-14 AND BLOCK 298, LOTS 2.01, 3.01 AND 4.01, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, MONMOUTH COUNTY PREPARED BY LYNCH, GIULIANO AND ASSOCIATES INC FILED 11/7/07

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown seconded by Councilperson Celli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for February 13, 2008 - Ayes 3 - Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion by Councilperson Celli to open the public portion of the meeting was seconded by Councilperson Brown.

Lori Ann Vendetti - 33 & 38 Ocean Terrace

Spoke regarding the Bond Ordinance.

Harold Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the Bond Ordinance and R36-08

Harvey Stein - 385 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding having the new ADA Compliance ramp on the boardwalk named after his mother Essie Stein who loved the boardwalk.

Austin Gelzer - 385 Ocean Boulevard

Agreed with Harvey Stein and it would be nice to recognize Essie Steins life by naming the ramp after her. Inquired about a Senior Office.

Mayor Schneider stated that there was a Senior Center in town and Dr. Celli will pass the number on to him.

Denise Hoagland - 68 Ocean Terrace

Spoke regarding the City being "fair" and the quality of life.

Vincent LaPore – Long Branch

Agrees with Denise Hoagland. Spoke regarding Tax Abatement issues, values of property, Monmouth Community Bank, master deed of Pier Village, Beachfront South and Mark Aikens, conflict attorney.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilperson Celli seconded by Councilperson Brown to close the public participation.

RESOLUTIONS:

On file in the Clerks Office and the City's Web Site.

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF A BINGO LICENSE FOR THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, INC,
2. APPROVAL OF THREE (3) RAFFLE LICENSES FOR PT RUMSON, INC.
3. APPROVAL OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. JAMES GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the listed applications was approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 – Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Brown - Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, as you know, yesterday being a national holiday in remembrance of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, I would like to commend the City of Long Branch and its establishments and the unity in the community shown by the organization, the MLK Guild and the various churches and synagogues that participated in this past weeks remembrance of Dr. King. I would also like to make a statement for the record that Dr. Kings annual birthday is not just for celebration, but it should be one of remembrance, least we never forget the life he lead, the life that he lived and what he stood for, that we still have a long way to go in our compassion. That we still have a long way to go in our convictions. That we still have a long way to go in remembrance that each and every one of us human to human in the love of man is still here and that America is the greatest place on earth.

Councilman Giordano - Absent

Councilman Unger - Absent

Dr. Celli – Well after that speech I wouldn't follow that with a ten-foot pole.

Mr. DeStefano – No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.