

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 11, 2008

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

David G. Brown, Councilman; Anthony Giordano, Councilman; Brian Unger, Councilman; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Deborah Talerico, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

Michael DeStefano, Council President; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

PRESENTATION – ARC AWARENESS MONTH

Jamie Skidmore present to receive the resolution from Mayor Schneider

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

February 26, 2008

Motion by Councilperson Unger to approve the minutes of February 26, 2008 was seconded by Councilperson Giordano – Ayes 4 / Absent 1 DeStefano

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#5-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 325-44 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH – HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE (233 WESTWOOD AVENUE) (INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 26, 2008)

A motion by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Unger.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 DeStefano

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (Public Hearing set for 3-25-2008)

#6-08 AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$261,725.26 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER FOR THE VARIOUS PURPOSES LISTED HEREIN IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law

and set the public hearing for March 25, 2008 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 DeStefano

#7-08 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A 10 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY BY FILED MAP 72-2 RUNNING BETWEEN LONG BRANCH AVENUE AND BAY AVENUE (UNIMPROVED) AND VACATING A 10 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF EASEMENT BY FILED MAP 72-2 OVER LOT 6.02 IN BLOCK 477 AND VACATION OF 10 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF EASEMENT BY FILED MAP 72-2 OVER LOT 4 IN BLOCK 477

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for March 25, 2008 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 DeStefano

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Leslie Hunt - 611 Wardell Place

Spoke regarding the school district.

Bill Dangler - 112 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding the conversation between Mr. LaPore and Councilman Brown - Asked that Mr. LaPore apologize publicly to Mr. Brown

Harold Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Agrees with Mr. Dangler. Asked Ron Mehlhorn about ordinance 6-08 and R85-08. Spoke about R89-08, K Hov and Beachfront South

Austin Gelzer - 385 Ocean Boulevard

Thanked Mayor and Council for the toilet and demolition and commended DPW

Carolyn (last name inaudible) Middletown

Came to support Mr. Gelzer - Lawsuit against Pier Village for not being ADA compliant. Spoke regarding Mr. LaPore's comments

Avery Grant - 405 Atlantic Avenue

Congratulated ARC - Spoke regarding Mr. LaPore's comments and Easter dinner at St. Lukes.

Bill Nordahl - 67 Marine Terrace Apt 3

Spoke regarding 89-08. Uncomfortable with Mr. LaPore's remarks.

Lila Poch - 1175 Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding the conditions of streets in Elberon, detention basins. Thanked Council for calendar, preservation ordinance / economic development

Herbert Poch – 1175 Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding safety on Ocean Avenue with regards to traffic.

Marco Diaz – 135 Rockwell Avenue Apt. 15

Spoke regarding 83-08, foreclosures, homes lists, R91-08 and Mr. LaPore's remarks

Donna Peterson – 104 Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding the ADA ramp, R93-08 and wants a resolution put in for pay to play

Harold Cooper – 113 S. 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding how council acts and how the audience acts. Very hostile towards each other.

Diana Multare – 21 N. Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the five-minute rule and televising Council meetings.

Josh (last name inaudible) Middletown

Supports ADA with Mr. Gelzer.

Evelyn Allison – 268 Ocean Avenue North

Spoke regarding the RC 1 Beachfront mix zone. Why hasn't City Council addressed this? Planning Board voted on it July 24, 2007.

Robert Allison – 268 Ocean Avenue North

Spoke regarding the five-minute ruling and Mr. LaPore's comments. Spoke regarding the Planning and zoning matter and Strollo's.

Denise Hoagland – 68 Ocean Terrace

Spoke regarding Mr. LaPore's remarks, R89-08, voting on resolutions and the public not knowing the whole story because of litigation.

Ken (last name inaudible) 14 Riverview Avenue

Spoke regarding R89-08.

Lori Ann Vendetti – 33 and 38 Ocean terrace

Spoke regarding R89-08, Keelan business and using the microphone when presentations are being made.

Jane Cortex – 280 N. Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding no parking ordinance on the street.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilperson Giordano 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 RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE NEW JERSEY REPERTORY COMPANY
2. APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF A TAXI OWNERS LICENSE FROM PIERRE SIMON TO MOHAMMED AFZEL
3. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER
4. APPROVAL OF KENNETH B. GAYLIN AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE OCEANIC FIRE ENGINE COMPANY
5. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF LONG BRANCH
6. APPROVAL OF BRIAN UNGER AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY
7. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to approve the listed applications was approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 DeStefano

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Brown - All comments have been appreciated, thank you.

Councilman Giordano - Spoke regarding Mr. Lepore's comments and the publics' comments. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Unger - Thanked everyone for coming to his mother's funeral and went on to speak regarding 89-08.

Dr. Celli - Stated that this was a good Council meeting - good comments - hats off to the people who spoke on behalf of Mr. Brown - Happy Easter.

Mr. DeStefano - Absent

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Unger to adjourn this meeting at 9:50 pm.