

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; Lawrence Shapiro, Acting City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

Absent: Brian Unger, Councilman; James G. Aaron, City Attorney

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

October 23, 2007

Motion was made by Councilperson Giordano seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the minutes of October 23, 2007 - Ayes 4 - Absent 1 Unger

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#42-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 325-27 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ENTITLED SCHEDULE III: "PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO LIMIT PARKING ON HOLLYWOOD AVENUE FROM NORWOOD AVENUE TO MONMOUTH PLACE

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

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

A motion by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to adopt said ordinance on third and final reading was adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 - Absent 1 Unger

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (Public Hearing set for 11/27/2007)

#43-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 325-30 SCHEDULE V: (325-30) WESTWOOD AVENUE

A motion was made by Councilperson Giordano seconded by Councilperson Brown to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for November 27, 2007. Ayes 4 - Absent 1 Unger

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Rob Roberson – Off Broadway, Fourth Avenue

Spoke regarding his property being in a redevelopment zone.

The Mayor stated that he was in the redevelopment zone. There is no designated developer for that area.

Discussion ensued regarding the church next door purchasing the property, which use would have to be permitted and the buyer would have to be approved as the developer for that sight.

Lila Poch – Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding a rally held at St. Michaels Church on behalf of saving Takanassee Beach Club. This is important to Long Branch, we can't afford not to care for it. Spoke regarding the Green Acres question on the ballot on the November 6th election that passed.

Vincent LaPore – Long Branch

Spoke regarding the handling of mortgages for the City, Takanassee Lake funding, Green Acres and assessment of properties in Elberon.

Kevin Brown – 162 Broadway

Spoke regarding his tax-exempt status on his property and tax court he attended at the beginning of the week. Spoke regarding the process of eminent domain and the 14-day letter sent out. Commended the City Clerk and her office on the outstanding job they do. Spoke regarding a meeting he saw going on at City Hall regarding Mr. Panday and the City. Spoke regarding the letter he received as being served inappropriately.

Austin Gelzer – 386 Ocean Boulevard

Stated a commendation to the Public Works Departments Director for repairing a board on the boardwalk that was dangerous. Asked if the program was still running with regards to the replacing of boards on the boardwalk.

Mayor Schneider stated that absolutely and there is money set aside and there will be more replacement boards.

Mr. Gelzer went on to speak regarding the berm and plant growth on it. Horticultural mess. Asked if the City could cut off the seedlings that spread the pollen and the ragweed. Handed information out regarding American Beach Grass.

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:

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Brown - Good evening everyone, just like to remind us all that we will be celebrating November 11th Veterans Day. Eleventh month, eleventh hour, eleventh day. There is a program at St. Lukes United Methodist this Saturday, 6pm, those of you Veterans and non veterans who want to come out and do honor to our living and passed veterans in the remembrance of those who served to protect our Country. With that I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Veterans Day and happy holiday that's coming up. Thank you.

Councilman Giordano - I to would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy Thanksgiving in a couple weeks and again, like every year we have to remember our Veterans, we have a couple that serve here on Council, a couple, many who work for the City, some attend our Council meetings, we'd like to obviously recognize them and thank them for all their service to our Country and those who are serving today. Thank you.

Councilman Unger - Absent

Dr. Celli - Thank you to Councilman Brown and Councilman Giordano for remembering the Veterans and for the service that we will have here on Sunday. Yesterday was election day and that was mentioned but I think for all the candidates that ran, those that won I say congratulations, those that lost, I'm sorry you lost but thank you for trying to give up your time. And the lady who comes up and gives you the story about the Library every two weeks, I mentioned two weeks ago that she had fallen. She was in the hospital, she had a pin put in her hip, she was out of the hospital now, she was at Health South and I believe now she's home and she just wanted to be remembered to everybody. Thank you.

Mr. DeStefano - No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.