

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 25, 2008

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, November 25, 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; Michael DeStefano, Council President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Adam Schneider, Mayor; Howard Woolley, Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Deborah L. Talerico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

ABSENT:

Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

NOVEMBER 12, 2008 – A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Unger to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 – Abstain 1 Giordano

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#23-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO LEASE SPACE FOR FIRE TRUCKS FROM PRIVATELY OWNED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

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

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#24-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 116 "BEACHES", SECTION 5., "RULES AND REGULATIONS", SUBSECTION 1. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, REGULATING THE PRESENCE OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS ON MUNICIPAL PUBLIC BEACHES

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

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Giordano, seconded by Councilperson Unger to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joe Chevalier – Long Branch

Representing 1,200 senior citizens and wanted to know why cant they be taken out of the redevelopment area.

Mayor Schneider responded stating that as he explained when he was at the Senior Center two weeks ago, it wouldn't be appropriate to take the Senior Center out of the redevelopment zone. There are a number of issues including the future development of Broadway and lower Broadway that have yet to be resolved. The Mayor went on to explain further.

Michelle Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Asked if R350-08 was going to be on the agenda and what is the cost of the improvements.

Mr. Aaron responded by saying it was roughly \$110,000.00.

Michelle Bobrow went on to ask about Mark Aikins bill for legal work.

The Mayor stated that he was the conflict attorney who has been handling the negotiations between the City and K Hov.

Denise Hoagland – 68 Ocean Terrace

Asks that the City of Long Branch reconsider and consider a new and adapted form of the ordinance that was introduced last April protecting the American Dream ordinance. Went on to speak about the ordinance.

Mary Ann Romano – 307 Chelsea Avenue

What is going on with the animals on the beaches?

Council President DeStefano stated that it passed. They are permitted on the beaches from Brighton to Seaview Avenues.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the clean up of leaves and branches and also spoke regarding giving people violations for putting items out to soon. Went on to speak about weeds and brush along Ocean Boulevard, the recession and empty lots owned by the City and Long Branch having a Beautification Committee.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the Beachfront South meeting to be held on December 4th.
Asked if the Council was invited to the meeting.

Mr. Brown stated he will not be attending
Mr. Unger stated he has a prior commitment
Mr. Giordano stated he was not aware of the meeting
(Notice of the meeting was sent out by Harold Bobrow as per Diana Multare)

The Mayor stated the meeting was set up between Beachfront South and the City's administrator.

Vince LaPore – Long Branch

Spoke regarding R334-08 and the assignment of the number to another resolution. Spoke regarding the bills for Public Strategies Impact, Ocean Place LLC, property on 1032 Woodgate Avenue and the use, not taking of the land.

Avery Grant – 405 Atlantic Avenue

Invited the Mayor and the Council to a meeting hosted by the Concerned Citizens Coalition on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm, Brookdale Learning Center to see what can be done about the sewer odors. Also invited everyone to the Thanksgiving dinner at St. Lukes Church, 12 – 2:30. Free to the community.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR ROBERT L. GAIDA IN THE BRANCHPORT HOSE CO. #3
2. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR TEMPLE BETH MIRIAM
3. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

Motion by Councilperson Giordano seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the listed applications was approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Brown – Good evening everyone, I just have one statement and that is to wish each and every one of you and your families a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Giordano – Wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and stated he wont be at the next meeting and for those celebrating the holidays in December, happy holidays.

Councilman Unger - I have one comment and that is that I think the Senior Center is in a great location. I think its proximity to Pier Village and the boardwalk is great and its an asset that if there is redevelopment in that area, obviously I think and I've discussed this with Mary Jane and Anthony that we want the senior center to stay very close to the current location, at least that was our opinion because you could still walk over to Pier Village and the boardwalk and some seniors have pointed out that its also fairly close to three senior residences so in my own opinion, as the Mayor says, everything is not worked out, we don't know what the future will bring. I think the City owns the property and that's where it should stay and the redevelopment can certainly be around it on either side so I just wanted to say that for the record and everyone have a great Thanksgiving, don't eat to much and get out and take a walk on the boardwalk after you do.

Dr. Celli - I have two things this evening, first of all, several of the employees are here in the conference room and they certainly need to be thanked for the great job they did in Atlantic City hosting the booth. Carol, it was a great "Go Green" booth and to everybody who worked, I say thank you very much and I also on behalf of myself and my family wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and I to will be away at the next Council meeting so for those of you that do celebrate in December, my best wishes to you.

Mr. DeStefano - No comment

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.