

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 22, 2008

8:00 P.M.

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

**PRESENT:**

David G. Brown, 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; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, Deputy Municipal Clerk

**ABSENT:** Anthony Giordano, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

July 8, 2008

Motion by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Unger to approve the minutes of July 8 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Abstain 1 - Brown / Absent 1 - Giordano

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#16-08** ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF NARRAGANSETT AVENUE AND NABERAL AVENUE IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

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

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

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#17-08** AN ORDINANCE FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was pulled off the agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Bill McLaughlin - 448 Ocean Avenue**

Asked about ordinance 17-08.

Mr. Aaron stated that it will be put to further review and he also explained the ordinance.

**Glen Partuck - Gansett Court**

Spoke regarding the problems that Gansett Court are having with the development of Manahasset Creek Park.

**Harold Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding ordinance 17-08.

Mr. Mehlhorn explained what limits are with pensions. This ordinance could save the City money.

Mr. Bobrow went on to speak about R237-08 and wanted Council to confirm that Greenbaums law firm was not involved in Beachfront North or Beachfront South. Went on to speak about R236-08 and the hourly rate of the principle. Asked if parts were paid for by the developer. Went on to speak about the boards on the boardwalk popping up and the Boardwalk Café holding outdoor events and the noise.

**Pat Carr - 295 Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke complaining about the Boardwalk Cafes outdoor activity and the hedges that she feels are to high and are obstructing her view of the ocean.

**Lori Ann Vendetti - 33, 38 Ocean Terrace**

Thanked the Director of Public works for the steps leading down to the beach and spoke regarding the plywood that fell off the DeLuca home.

**Kimberly Signa - Gansett Court**

Spoke regarding the tree removal for the new Manahasset Creek Park.

**Brian Parker - Gansett Court**

Asked if impact surveys were done and was DEP notified.

The Mayor stated that all guidelines set by the State have been followed.

**Tim Kurcher - Gansett Court**

Thrilled about the park but there are concerns regarding trespassing now that the trees are being removed.

The Mayor stated that there would be buffers.

**Vicky Gatti - Gansett Court**

Spoke regarding the drainage problem in the area since the park project has started.

**Jody Connors – Gansett Court**

Spoke regarding the privacy issues and a buffer.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding public perception and ethic boards.

**Helen Henry – Corner, Narragansett & Manahasset**

Spoke regarding water and speeding issues.

**Vincent Lapore – Long Branch**

Spoke regarding Takanassee property and asked Council to vote no on R232 and 238-08 and spoke regarding the Second Baptist Church.

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 RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE AMERIGO VESPUCCI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Councilman Brown** – No comment.

**Councilman Giordano** – Absent.

**Councilman Unger** – Spoke regarding the removal of trees and establishing some kind of tree ordinance in the City.

**Dr. Celli** – No comment.

**Mr. DeStefano** – No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Long Branch Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.