

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 27, 2009

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 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:

Adam Schneider, Mayor; Howard Woolley, 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 13, 2009 – A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Brown to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Michelle Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Asked Mr. Mehlhorn what the \$100,000 was that the City gets from Comcast.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated it was a franchise fee we receive each year representing 2% of the basic subscription rate.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding a meeting at the Sheraton regarding an artificial island that will pipe foreign fossil fuel constructed in Federal waters, 13.5 miles south of Long Beach NY and 25 miles east of Sandy Hook NJ.

The Mayor stated that the City is already on record as being against it.

Harold Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Thanked the Mayor and Mr. Woolley regarding the letters that were sent out to the people in Beachfront South creating the meeting for goals and ideas. Asked Mr. Aaron if he was asked to looking into removing the designation of the eminent

domain from the Beachfront South area and the effects it might have for both the City and citizens.

Mr. Aaron stated that he has looked into it. There will be an attorney/client privilege document provided to the governing body and then they will share that as they see fit.

Went on to speak regarding the meetings being broadcast live on Cable.

Vincent Lapore – Long Branch

Spoke regarding the Union County decision rendering blight designation worthless for a redevelopment zone and the alternative of a rehabilitation zone, read portions of Judge Barisonek's metro report, blight in Beachfront South and Broadway Gateway, Diamond Beach third party foreclosure proceedings and Transit Village.

After ample time was given and no one came forward a motion was made by Councilperson Brown seconded by Councilperson Celli to close the public portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE
2. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENE FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
3. APPROVAL OF A BINGO LICENSE FOR THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
4. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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 – Yes, I'd just like to say good evening and thanks to all who came out tonight, be careful of the intending snow storm tomorrow and we look forward to seeing you in two weeks at the next meeting.

Councilman Giordano – Absent

Councilman Unger - Absent

Dr. Celli – I have only one comment. I hope all of you enjoyed the city calendar, 2009 calendar. My compliments to the administration for a great job. Thank you.

Mr. DeStefano – No comment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m.