

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 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:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Anthony Giordano, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 10, 2009 – A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Brown to approve the minutes of February 10, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Giordano

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#1-09 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "LONG BRANCH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE – LONG BRANCH, NJ – **HOLD**

#2-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 345-10 OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH COMBINED LAND USE ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION FROM COMPLIANCE WITH DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS APPROVED PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF COMPLETE DESIGN GUIDELINES

Motion by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Unger to introduce ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for March 10, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Giordano

#3-09 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENGINEERING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LONG BRANCH PIER PROJECT IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to introduce ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for March 10, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Giordano

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Vincent DeGennaro – Fuchsia Triangle

Handed information to administration and Council.

Fran DeLuca – 272 Ocean Avenue North

Asked the Council to consider an ordinance that would pertain to border hedges.

The Mayor asked Kevin Hayes if there were an ordinance on the books for this and Mr. Hayes stated that there was not an ordinance that pertained to border hedges. The only restriction is 10' from the street or 25' of a corner.

Mr. Aaron stated that he would check with the League of Municipalities to see if there are any such ordinances in the State and if there are he will run them past Kevin Hayes, the Public Safety Director and Planning to see if in fact they would be applicable.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding an article in the NY Times regarding transferring diesel fuel for cooking oil and the use of vegetable oil.

Harold Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Thanked the Mayor, Mr. Woolley, Mr. Talwar and Mr. Turner for all the work they are doing with the people at Beachfront South. Spoke regarding a decision as to what the area will be utilized for and a de-designation for Beachfront South. Went on to speak regarding the Pier and the cost, spoke about purchasing guns back from people within the City, cost for demolishing 95 West End Avenue, Cable Television Light Path – monthly lease of dark fiber for IT administration for \$3,000.00.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated it was for the fibers to come into City Hall to operate the computers.

Vincent Lapore – Long Branch

Thanked the residents of Beachfront South for commencing action against the City and remaining back to an RC3 zone. Went on to speak about Subordination of mortgage, Hovnanian properties being approved by CAFRA, report of findings of January 1996, fire at 95 West End Avenue and Transit Village.

Kathy Polinberg – 105 Norwood Avenue

Spoke regarding historic preservation and read an article about historic cultural landscape preservation and historic funicular landscape from a publication pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 amended.

After ample time was given and no one came forward a motion was made by Councilperson Celli seconded by Councilperson Brown 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 RAFFLE LICENSES FOR MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
2. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
3. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR ASHLEIGH LAYTON IN THE BRANCHPORT HOSE CO. #3
4. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR KENNETH BANACH, JR., IN THE INDEPENDENT ENGINE & TRUCK CO.
5. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR ANTHONY COOK IN THE INDEPENDENT ENGINE & TRUCK CO.

Motion by Councilperson Brown seconded by Councilperson Celli 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 – Just for folks who were here for the historic preservation ordinance, its just about done. We tied up a few loose ends and it will be back on at the next meeting.

Dr. Celli – No comment.

Mr. DeStefano – No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch City Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.