

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 2009

8:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 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; Barry Capp, Esq., City Attorneys Office; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Anthony Giordano, Councilman; James G. Aaron, City Attorney

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Certification was read.

PRESENTATIONS:

Alcohol Awareness Month – The Mayor read a resolution declaring this Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Long Branch. The Chairman of the Coastal Monmouth Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse accepted the resolution on behalf of the Alliance and thanked the Mayor and Council for all their help over the years.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MARCH 24, 2009 – A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Brown to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Abstain 1 DeStefano / Absent 1 Giordano

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#4-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 116 BEACH FEES 2009 (INTRODUCED: MARCH 24, 2009)

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

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 Brown, 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

#5-09 AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$50,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTROOM PROJECT AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY (INTRODUCED: MARCH 24, 2009)

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

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 Brown, seconded by Councilperson Unger 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:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Michele Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Stated that April was Parliamentary Law Month, birth month of Thomas Jefferson, month before the birth month of General Henry Roberts who wrote Roberts Rules of Order. Went over the purpose of Roberts Rules. Sending a copy of a resolution declaring this Parliamentary Law Month for Council to adopt in Long Branch.

Harold Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Thanked the Mayor, Mr. Woolley, Carl Turner and Mr. Talwar who were instrumental in putting together the meeting with people from Beachfront South. Encouraged the City Council to make a condition of the new cable contract to have live meetings of the City Council. Commended Council for selecting Leonard Goldshein as a Commissioner on the Long Branch Housing Authority. Reiterated the points made regarding Roberts Rules of Order. It should be adopted as a methodology for a process to run the meetings.

Bernard Gorcey – 76 Second Avenue

Spoke about talking things over with regards to lower Broadway. Would like a committee to form to see what they can do there.

Vincent Lapore – Long Branch

Spoke regarding recorded deeds in the County concerning Beachfront North, Matzel Mumford, agreement with the Hotel and GEM Holding and the Cicalese litigation. A portion of the disposition agreement was read aloud.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding a speech made by President Obama at Georgetown University regarding the economy, spoke of businesses that are for sale or rent in the City, stimulus packages, there is too much red tape.

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding demands amongst each other being citizens and political leaders.

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 A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR LADACIN NETWORK INC.
2. APPROVAL OF TWO (2) LICENSES FOR THE JERSEY SHORE JAZZ & BLUES FOUNDATION
3. APPROVAL OF JAMES P. MILLER AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY
4. APPROVAL OF JOHN E. VOGT AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY
5. APPROVAL OF JEFFREY A. GRECO AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY
6. APPROVAL OF MIGUEL N. GUARDA AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY
7. APPROVAL OF DAVID J. PHILLIPS III AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY

Motion by Councilperson Brown 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 – Thank you for showing up, thank you for continued interest in your City. Hope everyone had a very happy Easter and a glorious Passover season. I can go on and make comments about what was said and how we're thinking. Remember what the President has tried to do thus far on his first 100 days in office. I know I'm rambling, I'm purposely rambling because we are in dire straights as people. We are a country now just passing the Easter Season and the Passover Season and the thought of being religious in this Country, it's making people out to be the bad guy, the thought that a person can go out and make as much money as he can work, he becomes the bad guy. The thought that class warfare is entering our society again in the envy of one brother against the other brother, it's troubling. The thought that this is the 21st century and America has progressed as far as it has and we're going back into the dark ages. The fact that we come to a council meeting and I assure that this is being repeated all across this very United States of ours. The difficulties of a public listening to its media, its newspaper, its radio and its TV broadcasters and they are not true to them selves. The disillusionment that our children are being raised upon, not understanding the strife and the turmoil that they see the adults bickering about. Long Branch, the Friendly City, Long Branch the Fun City, the fun is going out, the friendliness is no longer here. We are not going to allow that as elected officials, we are not going to allow this little piece of America to turn into the stone hard cold heart of America like the rest of the Country. Long Branch is still going to be a beacon, Long Branch still has the finest people, it still is the sunlight at 6am in the morning when you stand and face the east, we see the sun first. Thank you.

Councilman Giordano – Absent

Councilman Unger – No comment

Dr. Celli – No comment

Mr. DeStefano – I only have one and that is that if things move according to plan the budget should be introduced at the next meeting. I will not be here probably for the meeting that it is going to be adopted so I just thought that you should all know a month in advance that it's been a long planned vacation I'll be taking in May and if I'm not here for the budget, I'm not dodging it. I'm on vacation. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

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