

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 13, 2010

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 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:

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

ABSENT:

Anthony Giordano, Councilman; Brian Unger, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Mayor presented a proclamation to the Woman's Club of Long Branch regarding Autism Awareness.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

March 23, 2010 - Hold to the meeting of April 27th, 2010.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Michelle Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Stated that it was not only Autism Awareness Month but it is Parliamentary Procedure Month and Teenage Dating Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Robert Belock - Teamsters Union Local 210 NY City

Spoke regarding the representation of approximately 18 Crossing Guards and the expiration of their contract, getting to the bargaining table and salaries.

Mr. Woolley stated that he received an email today from someone in the operation proposing some bargaining dates which will be responded to.

Robert Belock - Would like to see this resolved and would like this brought to the bargaining table.

The Mayor stated that he can call his law office and he will sit down with him.

Nicky Morris - 89 Woodrow Wilson

Spoke regarding a problem she is having with a Police Officer harassing her family.

The Mayor stated that if she would like to file an Internal Affairs complaint she could go to the Prosecutors office. The Mayor stated that he will read it after the meeting.

Alphonse Muolo stated that if she feels more comfortable she could go the Prosecutors office. He will also talk to her at another time and give some advice.

Bob Krebs

Asked about the new condos at Beachfront South and the gazebo being built there. The Mayor and Mr. Krebs continued the conversation regarding contributions in the project and the impact of the contribution. Spoke regarding rights being transferred under a contract without the City's consent.

Mr. Aaron discussed assignability in projects.

Vincent Lapore - Long Branch

Spoke regarding the Tajfel proposal in Beachfront South, purchase of the Garfield School, Matzel Mumford property on Seaview Avenue, John Brockreide, Solomon Dwek and Newport Townhouses, Mitchell & Robert Burlant and the Long Branch Armory site.

Harold Cooper - 113 South 7th Avenue

Asked Mr. Woolley, what percent of the oceanfront residential units are occupied? Mr. Woolley stated that he is not positive but it's a fairly substantial amount, about 80 - 90%. Asked the Mayor if they are all paying taxes and the Mayor stated, absolutely. Spoke about the comments that Mr. Lapore makes.

Harold Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke about R80-10. Stated there were not tax abatements on this project and asked the Mayor if that was correct. The Mayor stated, yes. Asked if Aaron's law firm ever do business with the Tajfel group? Mr. Aaron stated, not to his knowledge. Asked if the consultants that were used were paid for by the developers. Mr. Mehlhorn stated that they are being paid by the City until you have a redeveloper.

Ken Thornton – 320 Long Branch Avenue

Spoke regarding the gang problem in Long Branch and gang violence, high school drop out rate and the unemployment rate dropping in Long Branch. Asked what is being done.

The Mayor stated that the murders were 3 ½ years ago. There hasn't been any since so we must be doing something right. Stated that he should look around at the cooperation between the City and the Housing Authority and look within the different divisions of the Police Department. The crime rate has gone down 16 years in a row. Eight or ten years ago there were no jobs on the oceanfront and now there is upwards of 1,000 people working in the course of a day.

After ample time was given and no one else 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 posted on the City's Web Site.

MOTIONS:

1. MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 22ND AND 23RD AS FREE YARD SALE WEEKEND

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the above listed motion was carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE APPLICATION FOR JERSEY SHORE JAZZ AND BLUES FOUNDATION
2. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE APPLICATION FOR NJ STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

A motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the above application was passed upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2- Giordano, Unger

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilman Brown – Good evening ladies and gentlemen, before you dismiss I do have a comment to make. Thank you all for showing up, for coming and being interested but as was stated, this is Autism Month and it was also stated that it was Teen Abuse Month, something very serious and I'm going to make a statement on that because I am the person of three granddaughters. Our young women are in jeopardy and as was stated by our resident, she is very articulate in the matters of the human nature, we should take very conscience protection of our young women. Our young girls, our young men in the gangs are something else but our young women are in the belief that when men, teenage boys take them out to dinner, take them out to a movie, that they for some reason feel that they are obligated to do those things that they normally wouldn't think of doing of giving their bodies and themselves for payment. It's a very serious thing, its not just New

Jersey, its national. We need to educate our young women, our young girls that they have the right just to say no. For a young man to take you to the movies, for a young man to take you to dinner, you don't own him anything. I applaud those citizens who are in honor of autism. I applaud those citizens who are in honor of our teens and our youth, especially those for prevention of gangs. Thank you very much.

Councilman Giordano - Absent

Councilman Unger - Absent

Dr. Celli - I would like to compliment the Women's Club of Long Branch for bringing the attention, to my attention, I didn't know that it was Autism Month but sometimes we know these things and we don't do anything about it and it is about time that one of our organizations within the City did something about it so Shirley, thank you to you and the Women's club for picking up the banner and going forward to it. And Pudgy, I just have a comment. Maybe 20 years is long enough but I haven't made 20 years yet so I'll settle for 16, how's that?

Mr. DeStefano - This evening, obviously there was a little disruption during the public portion. As you know, I state the rules very clearly before every public portion and I've allowed more than adequate time for people to get up. I'm sorry that Mr. Thornton who has been observing didn't realize that he should just come up to the microphone. I certainly didn't have a problem with you speaking and I would have given you that right but I did make it clear, Mr. McLaughlin, he would be the only one to speak. The other thing is, regarding people speaking out from the audience, the rudeness, I ask for respect, clearly there are people here who can't follow the rules and can not be respectful, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Mauriello a council candidate who had to be removed. Mr. Thornton reminded me of my comments, thank you for defending my first amendment right to say what I feel as she did, it is what I felt and I stated it and finally a comment that was made before. Lake Superior in Michigan on a regular basis chooses words that should be removed from the political lexicon of things that are over used. One of the words that they felt should be removed...transparency. Those who claim their needs to be usually aren't. With that we're adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.