

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 22, 2010

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

David G. Brown, Councilman; Anthony Giordano, 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:

Brian Unger, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record. A moment of silence was given for Ex Chief Ralph Zambrano who passed away June 18, 2010.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

June 8, 2010

Motion by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Brown to approve the minutes of June 8, 2010 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Abstain Giordano / Absent 1 Unger

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Michelle Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Asked who William Coleman was and what are the charges he has brought against the police officers.

The Mayor stated that typically that is what happens. The person is arrested and brings charges against the Officer and under the contract, they are entitled to hire a lawyer of their own choosing up to a limit of \$750.00. You can go to the Municipal Court or the Clerk's office to find out what the charges are.

Michelle Bobrow went on to speak about the departure of the present Council regarding redevelopment and eminent domain abuse. Also stated that the new administration should remember that they have been elected by the citizens and they should be responsive to their welfare. Went on to speak about the new administration redeeming itself.

Mr. Aaron stated to Mrs. Bobrow that it was a simple assault charge brought on by William Coleman on the police officers.

Harold Bobrow - 295 Ocean Boulevard

Mr. Bobrow stated he was sorry to hear about Mr. Zambrano. Asked about the public hearing on the budget. Mr. DeStefano stated that the public hearing will be on June 29th. Went on to speak regarding the budget and asked Mr. Mehlhorn about anticipated revenues and what was not carried into 2010, CAP in 2011, bonding and debt service.

Donna Peterson - 104 Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding the removal of R141-10, Ord 5-10, budget hearing on the 29th for the budget and certain line items in the budget.

Harold Cooper - 113 S. 7th Avenue

Stated that he was concerned with the numbers of police officers that are being charged. Went on to say good bye to this Council and spoke about the length of service allowed. Stated that you are all good family people and wished each and everyone the best in their future endeavors.

Vincent Lapore- Long Branch

Asked Mr. Mehlhorn about R136-10 and asked him to describe all of the anticipated changes from the original April 27th budget to the 29th of this month that would cause an amendment to the budget.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated projections for 2011 and 2012 based on recommended changes in CAP laws, various scenarios that the City would be hard pressed to come up with a budget within those CAPS in those two years and it requires an amendment to this year's budget in order to lessen that impact in the future.

Asked where the million and a half went on the Gregory School and what fund was it put in.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated that it was put in the major capital fund.

Asked Mr. Mehlhorn if he was going to refund on the 29th any portion of the 38 million in long term bonds.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated that he was going to pay off a debt that was required.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue, tax rate, total deferred charges, statutory expenditures and an increase in the total municipal levy.

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 portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

**Councilman Giordano left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#5-10 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CITY-WIDE PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$115,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$109,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF (INTRODUCED: JUNE 8, 2010)

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to hold the above ordinance to June 29th, 2010 was carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

#6-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 26-09 (BROWN ROAD / OLD OCEAN AVENUE) (INTRODUCED: JUNE 8, 2010)

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on this ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Celli and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, 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 Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to adopt said ordinance on third and final reading was adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

#7-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-44 "RESTRICTED PARKING" TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE ON JEFFREY STREET (INTRODUCED: JUNE 8, 2010)

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on this ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Celli and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, 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 Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to adopt said ordinance on third and final reading was adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

#8-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH "PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS" FOR A PORTION OF MORRIS AVENUE (INTRODUCED: JUNE 8, 2010)

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown to open the public hearing on this ordinance was seconded by Councilperson Celli and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

Harold Cooper - 113 S. 7th Avenue

Asked what happened to the parking commission?

Council President DeStefano stated that it still exists but it is not active.

Donna Peterson – 104 Rockwell Avenue

Asked if the times were being changed on Morris Avenue.

Mr. Woolley stated that a small area will have a limited time parking.

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 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22, 2010

None

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR R. DAVE BILLINGS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.
2. APPROVAL OF DAVID IVINS AS HONORARY AND ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE BRANCHPORT HOSE COMPANY

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilman Celli to approve the above listed applications were carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Absent 2 Giordano, Unger

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilman Brown - Yes, ladies and gentlemen, good evening. I would just like to say these past 16 years has been my honor and my pleasure to serve you and this great City of ours. Thank you. We will miss you momentarily but I promise I will be back. Thank you.

Councilman Giordano – Absent

Councilman Unger – Absent

Dr. Celli – I’m not going to say good bye. I’m going to say hello. First of all I have had the pleasure of working with these gentlemen although a couple of them are absent for the last 16 years and it has been my pleasure to serve with great Council colleagues. I am looking forward to working with the new Council and I’m glad the citizens gave me the opportunity again and I will do the best that I can. New subject, I’d like to wish everybody Happy 4th of July and please do not forget Oceanfest. I have ordered special good weather, not to hot, not to cold and we are going to have a good day so come on down to the beach and help us enjoy Oceanfest.

Mr. DeStefano – I wasn’t really sure how you can sum up 20 years of service except to say that it’s been great. Its been a wonderful experience and then it kind of fell into my lap when NJ magazine did an article on Long Branch and its Renaissance and its an article that couldn’t have been written 20 years ago, couldn’t have been written 16 years ago, couldn’t even have been written 12 years ago but after 20 years of work, unfortunately a number of those years was wasted but we

did get some 12 solid years out of it, we made NJ monthly magazine as a destination location. You know for years I sat here and listened to a lot of the naysayers, you know, people who are very very negative on redevelopment, negative on Pier Village, what they liked and they didn't like and the only thing I can say about that is, you know, I don't particularly care about Bruce Springsteen's music but I'm pretty sure it hasn't affected him at all. The difference is that I am smart enough to know that so thank you for letting me serve for 20 years. We're adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch City Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.