REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:25 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman; Kathleen Billings, Councilwoman; John Pallone, Councilman; Michael Sirianni, Council Vice President; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, RMC, City Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

February 8, 2011 - Motion by Councilwoman Billings seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#5-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-27, SCHEDULE III, ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (HOLLYWOOD AVENUE) (INTRODUCED: January 25, 2011)

A motion by Councilman Pallone to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

Joseph Ades - 225 Hollywood Avenue

Mr. Ades stated that he wants the ordinance to stay the way it is.

Mayor Schneider explained why the City is revisiting this ordinance. Some residents want some sort of ban on parking.

Mr. Ades stated that he wants parking in front of his house at all times. The signs should be taken down.

Phyllis Bermensolo - 289 Hollywood Avenue

Spoke regarding the problem with the survey and no third option. Proposed a compromise to have no parking at 2am - 6am. There would still be a deterrent there for college kids to now park on Hollywood overnight.

Rick Illian - 215 Hollywood Avenue

Sided with Mr. Ades. Stated that he would like to have the parking ban lifted totally.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 0 - Nayes 5

Ordinance defeated.

#6-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", 5-17 "PUBLIC RECORDS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO REMOVE FEES FOR FUNERAL HOME FILING AS PER THE VITAL STATISTICS PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 8, 2011)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (Public hearing scheduled for March 8, 2011)

#7-11 ORDINANCE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for March 8, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Billings and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

#8-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 247 "PARKS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR NON-RESIDENT YOUTH GROUPS FOR USE OF PARKS AND PAVILIONS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for March 8, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to open the public portion of this meeting and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 5

John Grimes - 4 Rivergate Way

Spoke regarding Rivergate Way being no parking.

The Mayor stated that it was but not enforced. We are trying to find out why the signs were never put up. We don't know why there is no parking allowed.

Mr. Grimes - Asked what is going to be done. There is a problem with one or two people parking on the street. Is trying to get the problem vehicle to park at the end of the street in front of the vacant lot.

Jeff DeSpencer - 6 Rivergate Way

Stated that the ordinance goes back to before it was Rivergate Way.

The Mayor stated he thought this goes back to when the townhouses were built.

Mr. DeSpencer asked that it be researched.

Gerry Scarano - Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the train schedule, community gardens, broken curbs and pot holes, 5 minute ruling for public hearing on ordinances and employee insurance incentives.

Diana Multare - 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding college tour funding, library and first aid funds.

Ben Gorcey - 36 Second Avenue

Spoke regarding snow removal, design guideline book #7 (Broadway) and asked if anything has changed in that book since 2002. Went on to speak about the beach ordinance and the Long Branch Parking Authority.

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the Ocean Place Hotel, R47-11 asking Council to vote the resolution down, MTOTSA and the loss of life of Josephine Vendetti.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilman Pallone to close the public portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli - I want you to know regarding the parking situations, we are considering it; we're weighing and taking evaluation. We really haven't come to a resolve on it but we are considering everyone's opinion here and trying to come to a fair decision. Also I don't appreciate the comment that was made referring to our Mayor. I think that kind of behavior is wrong. Thank you.

Councilwoman Billings - I just want to thank everyone that came out tonight. We appreciate your comments and as Councilwoman Bastelli said, we do listen to them and we do discuss them. Sometimes you may not think we do but we do and I hope you all have a wonderful evening, thank you.

Councilman Pallone- Thank you for all being here tonight. Have a great week.

Councilman Sirianni – Thank you for coming out. It was nice to hear from other people in this City and as Councilwoman Bastelli said, we will be meeting further on these and I appreciate all of your view points and your candor so thank you and have a good night.

Councilwoman Celli – I have three things I'd like to bring up for those who don't know over the weekend, Monmouth University had a Woman's conference and it saluted all the women athletes in the local high schools, the local middle schools and I'm ashamed to say that there was only one person there from Long Branch. It's a shame to think that they had a big conference like that and nobody from our high school was there. Mr. Migliaccio, you're going to be honored on March 5th by the Amerigo Vespucci, congratulations, I'm sorry I wont be there, I'll be down fighting in Washington with a bunch of lobbyists, okay but good luck and what Mr. Lapore said about Mrs. Vendetti, my condolences to the family.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Sirianni made a motion to adjourn this meeting of the Long Branch City Council at 8:09 p.m. which was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli- Ayes 5