

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 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 22, 2011 – Motion by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#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) (Introduced: February 22, 2011)

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

**Michelle Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard**

Asked if the ordinance meant that the City wants to exceed the amount that the City is allowed to spend by over \$500,000.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated that the City would like the ability to bank that much for the future. This is not being taxed.

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 Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 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 (Introduced: February 22, 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 Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

#### **Michelle Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding March as being Woman's History Month. Next month is Parliamentary Law Month.

#### **Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Asked if there were feasibility studies on the Broadway strip.

The Mayor stated that there was a planning study done as part of the redevelopment plan that included lower Broadway. The City is talking to people, holders of mortgage and second mortgage, talking to potential developers. There are legal issues that need to be resolved. There have been a number of meetings over the last two years.

#### **Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding assessments of the Board of Education vs the City of Long Branch from 1999 through 2011, attorney payouts on the bills list and redevelopment agreements wherein it states that the developers pay certain fees.

Mr. Mehlhorn stated that the Tajfel fees that Mr. Lapore was referring to were paid out of developers accounts.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

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

## **APPLICATIONS:**

1. Approval of Alan Greenspan as an active member of the West End Engine Company

Motion by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed application was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – Thank you for coming and Happy St. Patrick's Day and I hope to see you again next month.

**Councilwoman Billings** – Yes I would also like to thank everyone for attending and see you in two weeks, thank you.

**Councilman Pallone**- Thank you for coming this evening.

**Councilman Sirianni** – This past Saturday, Councilman Pallone and I participated in the IPoet at the Long Branch Public Library. I'm sorry to say I left my pamphlet home. There are other dates coming up. They had readers from people reading poetry, students from the school district who wrote their own poetry, there had to have been maybe between 50 – 60 people there. It was a very nice afternoon, it was very enjoyable especially to hear the young writers from the school. Mrs. Fields class participated in it and they will be advertising the other dates. Please stop by and listen to the poetry reading, it was done very nicely. Thank you.

**Councilwoman Celli** – And I too would just like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Sirianni made a motion to adjourn this meeting of the Long Branch City Council at 7:28 p.m. which was seconded by Councilwoman Billings.