

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 14, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

May 24, 2011 – Motion by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#13-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 147, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (FEES)

A motion by Councilwoman Celli 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 Councilwoman Bastelli to close the public hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

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

#14-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-3C, SCHEDULE II (325-26) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (NO PARKING – WEST SIDE – THIRD AVENUE)

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

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

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

#15-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-3K, SCHEDULE XVIII (324-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (EMMONS STREET – HANDICAPPED PARKING)

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

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

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

#16-11 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$943,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$898,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

Bill McLaughlin - 448 Ocean Avenue

Spoke against bonding. This should have been included in the budget.

Donna Peterson - Rockwell Avenue

Asked about bonding and the road program.

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

Asked if the resolution on the agenda this evening pertaining to Tax Anticipation Notes has anything to do with this ordinance and also spoke regarding the Monmouth County Improvement Authority.

Harold Cooper - 113 South Seventh Avenue

Spoke regarding the current rating and asked about debts in bonds. Asked when this will be all cleared up and Mr. Mehlhorn stated in about 18 years.

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

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

#18-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-3C SCHEDULE II, 325-26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (PARKING - ADAMS STREET)

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

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

(Mr. Aaron left the room)

Asked that Council not vote on this ordinance. Stated the City should maintain the right of way. Wait for DEP results.

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Asked if you can now park on the street – Councilman Pallone responded, yes.

(Mr. Aaron returned)

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, 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

#17-11 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PRELIMINARY COSTS OF A SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$238,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF (HELD OVER FROM MAY 24, 2011)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#19-11 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 244 ENTITLED “PARKING LOTS AND METERS” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#20-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 293 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Billings and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#21-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE FOR THE OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION (“OCTV”) FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON JANUARY 25, 2011 IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#22-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 116-5 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH WHICH GOVERNS RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BEACHES

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#23-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 109 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH WHICH GOVERNS ANIMALS - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 28, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to open the public portion of this meeting.

Donna Peterson - Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding Diamond Beach, Beachfront North, living in Long Branch and an article in the paper regarding Pier Village.

Vincent Lapore- 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the professional service resolutions listed on the agenda, operating expenses and the solar project.

Bill McLaughlin - 448 Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding the professional services resolutions listed on the agenda.

Diana Multare - 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Lapore's remarks regarding the professional service resolutions that are listed, bicyclists and illegal parking on Bath Avenue.

Gerry Scarano - Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the paving on Second Avenue, Chamber of Commerce looking for volunteers for Oceanfest, signs near exit 105 on the parkway, Council receiving health benefits and code enforcement in West End.

Dana Ciaramella - 353 Willow Avenue

Spoke regarding the continued problem she is having with the neighbors. The Mayor stated he will speak with her after the meeting.

Harold Cooper - 113 South Seventh Avenue

Spoke regarding lower Broadway. Mayor Schneider explained where the City is at this point.

Michele Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the brochure, the Open Public Meetings Act, the bill list, unnecessary expenses and executive session minutes.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, 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:

1. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR JOSE MADERA IN THE OCEANIC FIRE ENGINE CO. # 1

Motion by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings 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 – No comment.

Councilwoman Celli – I have three things I'd like to say tonight. First of all, on Saturday they had an Ipoetry contest at the Library. It certainly wasn't what I thought it was going to be and I commend all the young creative writers that wrote their poem, some of them acted them out, some of them read them and it was a delightful afternoon and I will tell you that they are going to take the summer off but they will be back in September so if you have an opportunity, please go and see them and Miss Peterson, are you here? I'm not going to be here at the June 28th meeting and I will tell you why I ran for Council. First of all I have lived in this City for more then 60 years. I care about the City, I love the people and I like to serve the public and I think I've done a good job. The last thing I'd like to say is, we have an American flag over there today and I hope all of you know and remember that today is the 14th of June which is Flag Day. Remember what it stands for, our freedom. Thank you.

Councilman Pallone- No comments. Have a great week.

Councilwoman Billings – No comment.

Councilman Sirianni – And for myself, I'd like to thank everybody for coming out this evening and have a great weekend, enjoy the beach, the sun and the fun.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.