

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 12, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

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

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

Absent: Adam Schneider, Mayor; Michael Sirianni, Council President

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

June 28, 2011 – Motion by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 3 / Abstain 1 Celli / Absent 1 Sirianni

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#24-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT (BLOCK 332, LOT 1) (GREGORY SCHOOL) (INTRODUCED: JUNE 28, 2011)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke against this ordinance. Went over various parts of the ordinance that Council should look at again. Questioned the length of the exemption.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli to close the public 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 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

#25-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-3k, SCHEDULE XVIII (325-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES – COTTAGE PLACE) (INTRODUCED: JUNE 28, 2011)

A motion by Councilman Pallone 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 Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

#26-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 325-27, SCHEDULE III, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO PROHIBIT OVERNIGHT PARKING ON HOLLYWOOD AVENUE BETWEEN WESTWOOD AVENUE AND JOHN GUIRE AVENUE (INTRODUCED: JUNE 28, 2011)

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

Dr. Celli asked to speak on behalf of Wayne Stevenson who couldn't make it to the meeting and he wanted to state that he is very pleased with the outcome of this ordinance.

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

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 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#27-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-42 SCHEDULE XVI BUS STOPS OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (OCEAN BOULEVARD)

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for July 26, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Celli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

(First name inaudible) Morris - Woodrow Wilson

Spoke regarding problems she is having with the police regarding incidents with her son. Director Muolo responded and went over the procedure she should follow with the Prosecutors office.

Lucky Wiggins - Woodrow Wilson

Spoke regarding the police department and their behavior. Also spoke regarding "trespassing" in Woodrow Wilson.

Russell Fried – Long Branch

Spoke regarding Takanassee Lake, manhole cover that is missing, the lake bank is caving in. Stated that the drains need to be cleaned and the street floods. Went on to speak about the RR crossing on Joline Avenue and Brighton Avenue.

Mr. Woolley stated that he will look into Brighton Avenue and that the City is working with the Environmental Commission with regards to Takanassee Lake.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding Second Avenue paving, Oceanfest, weekend code enforcement, brush and furniture on curbs and asked Council to give up health benefits.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding affordable housing and the percent of affordable housing that is for senior citizens.

Dana Ciaramella – 353 Willow Avenue

Spoke regarding ongoing problems with her neighbors. Roofing shingles were in her pool, overcrowded home, wastewater line in driveway. Kevin Hayes stated that he is waiting for the case to go to court.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding Ordinance 24-11 and read a portion of exhibit A. The Council should not have passed this ordinance. Went on to speak about the solar panel bond ordinance and asked again that the City team with the County on the project.

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 MICHAEL SIRIANNI AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE WEST END ENGINE COMPANY NO. 3

Motion by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed application was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli – I'd like to thank everyone for coming and I'm sure we had some serious issues tonight and if they are not resolved I would appreciate knowing about that. Also I'd like to just commend again the public works department, the Oceanfest and everybody involved with Oceanfest. The Chamber of Commerce, our police department, public works, really and excellent outstanding job. I walked the boardwalk the next

morning and I was amazed at how clean it was and how everything was completely cleaned up and I'm grateful, I felt safe walking there and the entire Oceanfest and I just wanted to really commend everyone involved. It really was excellent work and it really reflected well for our City. Thank you.

Councilwoman Celli - I have three things tonight but my slant will be on Oceanfest. It's a pleasure to say all of the residents of the City of Long Branch make it what it is today. Of course all our city employees do a wonderful job but it is the people of the City of Long Branch who make it what it is and for that I say thank you. I would like to remind everybody that on the 22nd of July there will be a lifeguard tournament down by Pier Village at 5:00 and then I have another happy birthday to Councilman John Pallone who has a birthday this week. I won't embarrass him by telling him the date or ask him how old he is but I will say happy birthday John.

Councilman Pallone- I would just like to second what my fellow Council members have said about Oceanfest and everybody involved and thank you for all coming this evening.

Councilwoman Billings - I also would like to commend the entire City and volunteers for Oceanfest and job well done by everyone.

Councilman Sirianni - Absent

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 p.m.