

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 23, 2011

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, (Conference Room) 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:

August 9, 2011 - Motion by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of August 9, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#29-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69, ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES" SECTION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (FEES) (Introduced: August 9, 2011)

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

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli to close the public 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 5

#31-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 244-2B OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS (Introduced: August 9, 2011)

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

Donna Peterson - Rockwell Avenue

Asked if these were new?

Council President Sirianni stated that these were parking lots that are already in existence and not new.

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#30-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-C, SCHEDULE II (325-26) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (STERNBERGER AVENUE)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 13, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#32-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-3k, SCHEDULE XVIII (325-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE - WEST END AVENUE)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 13, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#33-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-3K, SCHEDULE XVIII (325-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE - FRANKLIN AVENUE)

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 13, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Celli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Dana Ciaramella - 353 Willow Avenue

Mrs. Ciaramella handed the Council a letter. She stated that nothing has changed with her neighbor. Still has raw sewerage coming out a window into her yard. More people living in the home that should be. Her home is being destroyed. Called the police. Something needs to be done now.

Donna Peterson - Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding beach assess on Garfield Avenue and "no smoking" not being enforced on the beach.

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding shared services and asked if anyone has been in touch with Freeholder Arnone. Mr. Woolley stated that they had a meeting. Went on to speak about the AA rating and the effect on Long Branch. Asked if a Code Red was sent out for the earthquake. Spoke further about legal bills,

affordable housing with the Gregory School and Ocean Township affordable housing.

Gerry Scarano – 336 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the Lincoln plaque and fund raisers, flooding and the Asbury Park Press representation at the meetings.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding Historical buildings, the Booth Family home in Long Branch, biting bugs and bats.

Russell Freed – Greens Avenue

Spoke regarding Joline Avenue railroad tracks. Mr. Woolley stated that he and Councilwoman Bastelli have been in touch with NJ Transit. They are going to fix it next week with a full fix in the Spring. Mr. Woolley went on to state that the storm drains are being cleared, the manhole cover had a crack and one is on order by the Sewer Authority.

Harold Cooper – 113 S. 7th Avenue

Stated that he likes the meeting in a smaller setting. Continued to speak about Councilwoman Bastelli's representation of the City.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Billings 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 – Stated that she regrets Mrs. Ciaramella's circumstances. Suggested a Crime Watch and assured her that everything is being done legally. Stated that this was the last meeting before 9/11 and Senator Lautenberg is requesting a moment of silence at 1pm to remember them. Accepted Mr. Cooper's apology and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilwoman Celli – Stated that the bronze plaque costs between \$1,500 to \$2,000 and is located in front of Its Greek to Me. This is an ongoing project. Thanked all city employees that came in to help clean up the Chambers last Sunday after the flood in City Hall. Reminded everyone that this Sunday is the last Jazz & Blues. Remember September 11th. Drive safely, school will be opening up again soon.

Councilman Pallone- Thanked everyone for coming and have a nice week ahead.

Councilwoman Billings – Thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Sirianni – Thanked the employees for the clean up in the Chambers. Everything is being fixed. Lost a few offices and some

paperwork. Stated that there are dehumidifiers throughout the building. Asked everyone to check Code Red. Told everyone not to drive through streets that are flooded.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:20 p.m.