

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. (started at 8pm) 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 23, 2011 - Motion by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#30-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-3C, SCHEDULE II (325-26) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (STERNBERGER AVENUE)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to carry the public hearing to the meeting of September 27, 2011 was 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 - WEST END AVENUE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone 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 Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adopt on third and final reading was 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 - FRANKLIN AVENUE

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

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the Pier and Ferry. Focused on the time that the ferry takes.

James Parnell – 469 Westwood Avenue

Stated that the Public Safety, Department of Public Works and all city employees did an outstanding job with the hurricane.

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding the ferry, parking and crime.

Vincent Lapore- 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the bill payout to the Sewer Authority for Rainbow Liquors, Community Development, BAC tax arrears, MTOTSA going back to court to appeal and the challenging of ordinance 15-96. Went on to speak about the Monmouth County Improvement Authority, solarization and shared services.

Russell Freed – 762 Greens Avenue Apt. 10A

Spoke regarding pot holes, flooding, North Lake garbage, sewer drains, manhole covers, South Bath and Second, Poole Avenue, no stop sign on Pool and Prospect, the barricade on North Lake Drive, the trestle by the lake, and the RR crossing on Joline.

Mr. Woolley stated that NJ Transit is working on the problem with the RR crossing and took the list from Mr. Freed to pass on to the DPW Director.

Harold Bobrow – 295 Ocean Boulevard

Stated that the City did a great job with the Hurricane. Went on to speak about beach revenue and the pot holes on Bath Avenue. Went on to ask about the exhibits that go with R269-11.

Mr. Aaron stated that this approval was for the conceptual plan. They will be obtained and attached to the resolution.

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:

1. APPROVAL OF AMANDA FARRELL AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT ENGINE COMPANY
- 2.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli - Well it's my pleasure tonight to say how proud I am that we are residents of the City of Long Branch and a member of the elected City Council. I had many many many compliments of the residents of how the City handled the hurricane. Yes, it was very well organized by many many people and Jim, I appreciate what you said tonight because sometimes we don't always hear the good things. Mr. Bobrow, thank you for your comments. However, Stan, during the workshop he was saying a rundown of the Code Red phone calls. There were over 15,000 people reached. This has nothing to do with you, we have a population of over 30,000 and I think we need to work just a little bit harder to see if we can't get some of those people signed up. The City did a marvelous job. I can't say enough for the Police, DPW, the OEM, just everybody who pitched in and the residents because a lot of the residents helped one another. If they didn't have power, some gave generators. If they didn't have food, they gave them food and for that I am very proud to say I am a member of the Council and also a proud resident of the City of Long Branch and thank you to all of you.

Councilman Pallone - I just want to say everything that Mary Jane said and Jim, I couldn't have said it better than you said and Mr. Bobrow. Just everyone did a great job with the City and thank you so much.

Councilwoman Bastelli - I was going to read my thank you but it's almost exactly what Mary Jane said but really it was an outstanding job and I want to thank you all, you make us all proud. Some residents that serve the town (inaudible) in such extreme circumstances and we thank you for your comments to, Jim and Mr. Bobrow.

Councilwoman Billings - I also want to echo what the rest of the Council said. I personally was evacuated. I was in a mandatory evacuation zone, so even though it was an inconvenience I knew the City did it to protect me and the rest of the residents in my neighborhood and thankfully everyone came out unscathed and very minimal if any damage so I thank you all for everything you did.

Councilman Sirianni - And I gave part (inaudible) during the workshop meeting and I will say it again. It was a very exciting week from torrential rains, earthquake, hurricane and throw in the possibilities of a tornado and a flash flood too, oh yes. (inaudible) Just to let everyone know, there was a lot of meetings, a lot of planning to get us through it. Stan Dziuba and his staff and all the other members of the City and the Community pulled together for this and from what he's telling me, they are still having meetings in regards to the cleanup so even though Irene has long gone and it's been a couple of weeks, they are still working very hard with the clean up so thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 p.m.