

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 11, 2011

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 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: Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

Absent: Adam Schneider, Mayor

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

#### **READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**September 27, 2011** - Motion by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#34-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO LEASE SPACE FOR FIRE TRUCKS FROM PRIVATELY OWNED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR 2011 (INTRODUCED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2011)**

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

#### **Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway**

Asked why Council only does this yearly. Mr. Mehlhorn stated he would look into it.

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 this ordinance on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**#35-11 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" TO EXTEND NO PARKING ON BERG AVENUE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE STREET FROM NORWOOD AVENUE TO VANCOURT AVENUE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law

and set the public hearing for October 25, 2011 was 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.

**David Waldman – 13 Berg Avenue**

Stated that he is looking forward to this ordinance being passed.

**(Inaudible) Roberto – 55 Chelsea Avenue**

Spoke regarding sidewalks and snow removal.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding R242-11, beach fees, shared services energy program, eminent domain and the Hoagland case.

**Pat Farley – 427 Atlantic Avenue**

Stated that the Library was going to have a Tea for Three on Saturday at 2pm in the main library.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding eminent domain and stated that the process should be monitored.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding snow removal on sidewalks, the Arts Center leaving the City, ordinances and the Columbus Day Parade.

**Russell Freed – 762 Greens Avenue**

Spoke regarding Branchport Park, fencing needs to be repaired. Went on to speak about trees in the water at Takanassee Lake, storm drains, railroad trestles, railroad crossings, pot holes and city employees.

**Harold Cooper – 113 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Spoke regarding Mr. Lapore's comment of the 1 million dollar grant and hoping eminent domain is a done deal.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, 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:**

None

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

**Councilwoman Celli** - Thanked everyone for coming and stated that there was a nice crowd at the festival after the parade and everyone seemed to have a nice time at the parade. Commended DPW for their fast cleanup. Wished Kate a Happy Birthday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Mayor a Happy Birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Councilman Pallone** - Thanked everyone for coming.

**Councilwoman Bastelli** - Thanked everyone for coming.

**Councilwoman Billings** - Thanked everyone for coming and have a great week.

**Councilman Sirianni** - Thanked everyone for coming and spoke regarding the Long Branch Concordance Fund Raiser.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 p.m.