

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25, 2011

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:30 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:

October 11, 2011 – Motion by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#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 VAN COURT AVENUE (INTRODUCED: OCTOBER 11, 2011)

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

Tom Conlon – 17 Berg Avenue

Explained to Council why he believes this ordinance should be passed. He is in favor of the ordinance.

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#36-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 116 BEACH FEES

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

and set the public hearing for November 9, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#37-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 262 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for November 9, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 - Abstain 1 - Sirianni

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Donna Peterson - Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding Tax Abatement for Pier Village.

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding Ordinance 36-11 and Council should allow 14 - 17 year olds on the beach for free. Went on to speak about beach revenues, solarization and the Monmouth County Improvement Authority.

Thomas Critelli - 29 Emmons Street

Thanked the Council and Mayor. The City has never looked so good. Everything has been great in this town. Went on to speak about a problem with traffic on Emmons Street and it being used as a cut through and the speed of the cars. He is looking for some sort of solution.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to close the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 5

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 - I have two things tonight. First of all I'd like to commend the administration for the outstanding job they did on cleaning up this room. It absolutely looks beautiful. It was like I came into a new place and luckily we had it in time for the swearing in of the new promotions for the police officers so for everyone, Chubby, please thank them. I know they worked very hard on it and the second thing, I'd like to remind everybody, before we have our Council meeting, we have an election date and that's November 8th. As your right, please go out and vote and we're not on the ballot. That's it.

Councilman Pallone - Just thank you for all coming this evening. Have a great week.

Councilwoman Billings - I'd just like to announce publically, the Council, and I presume the administration, we received a letter from the office of the Fire Chief of Monmouth Beach regarding an accident that took place on July 8th in which the Long Branch Fire Department came to the help of Monmouth Beach Fire Department and the letter was a letter of commendation especially for Carl Griffin, Todd Feiter, Joe Johnson and Kevin Hayes for their operation and for all the help they gave to the Monmouth Beach Fire Department in that emergency; so publically I'd like to congratulate them also for a job well done, thank you.

Councilman Sirianni - And I too would like to thank everyone for coming this evening. Thank you for all those who put our room back together again. I like the table, I hear some people don't and with that I'd like to say thank you very much and may I have a motion to close the meeting?

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 7:58 p.m.