

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 22, 2011
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, November 22, 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, Esq., 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:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#39-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES AND SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 2011

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

Vincent Lapore - 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding non-union positions and the position of the City Prosecutor.

Frank Fitapoldi - 57 Pavilion Avenue

Spoke about the impact of the salary ordinance on the budget.

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 Councilwoman Billings, 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:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the oral acceptance of the Improvement Authority with regards to the solarization. Went on to speak regarding Kushner and the Adams Street settlement.

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. 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 Bastelli - I'd like to announce that the City of Long Branch has received its Bronze level certification for Sustainable Jersey and we received an award, the town has received an award for this and we received it at the luncheon at the League of Municipalities last week and I would just like to congratulate those that worked on it, Michele Bernich and also the others, the Environmental Commission and all those involved. They did an excellent job and I know that we are also working towards our Silver certification and I would just like to congratulate them and also I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to count your blessings and think about what you are thankful for. We have a lot to be thankful for in this country. Thank you.

Councilwoman Celli - I have two things tonight. The first thing is that next Wednesday night which is November 30th at the Long Branch Free Public Library there will be a history of the Library. It is being sponsored by the Historical Association and for many of you, you know it's a Carnegie library and if you'd like to know the history, I invite you to come. It starts at 7:30 and the meeting will be held at the Library and my second thing is of course, I have to wish everybody a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you.

Councilman Pallone - I just like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for coming out here this evening.

Councilwoman Billings - Like my fellowmen, I'd like to thank everyone for coming. Enjoy the holiday with your family. Treasure them all and don't eat too much.

Council President Sirianni – And myself, I'd like to thank everyone for coming out this evening. Enjoy a great Thanksgiving. Remember the Tree Lighting will be done in Pier Village and through the City on Sunday. Also, I would like to thank those involved with the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th. With that I will ask for a motion to adjourn...

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 7:46 p.m.