

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 13, 2011

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, December 13, 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 22, 2011** – Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

None

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#40-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 345-3 AND 345-11 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (STORAGE UNITS)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 27, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

**#41-11 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LONG BRANCH PIER PROJECT IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$952,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE APPROPRIATION**

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 27, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

**#42-11 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OCEANFRONT BOARDWALK BETWEEN MORRIS AVENUE AND BRIGHTON AVENUE IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,000 AND A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT TO**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURSUANT TO THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 27, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

**#43-11 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CITY WIDE PAVING, DRAINAGE AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$407,000 OF \$387,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 27, 2011 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Amy Ongalono – Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding the curb and sidewalk work being done on Bath Avenue. Concerned that not all of the sidewalks and curbs were going to be replaced and the poor job that was being done.

**Cheryl Farr – Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding curbs and sidewalks on Bath Avenue and concerned also as to why all of the curbs and sidewalks are not being replaced.

**Donna Chefkowski – 428 Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding curbs and sidewalks on Bath Avenue. Went on to ask why the sidewalks and curbs weren't done in front of her house.

**Antonio (last name inaudible) 161 Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding bicycles on sidewalks. Asked if this is permitted. It's a dangerous situation. Also spoke regarding leaf pickup.

**Gerry Scarano – 336 Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding positive improvements to Bath Avenue, health benefits of Council, installing GPS systems in city cars, street signs and house numbers and snow removal.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding US Office on Climate Change conference and Green construction and solar panels in the LB school system.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding street paving for MTOTSA, ordinance 42-11, bond ordinance, pier and ferry, ordinance 43-11, strategic plan to include attorney fees and legal bills

**Ben Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue**

Spoke regarding eminent domain.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, 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 2012 TAX OWNERS LICENSES
2. APPROVAL OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR BRAD LEVITZKI IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY

The above applications were offered for approval by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Pallone and approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

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

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – I'd like to congratulate the City of Long Branch and the Long Branch Green Committee on receiving the Municipal Open Space Grant from Monmouth County for the Troutmans Creek Greenway Park Improvements. I want to say thank you to all who worked on that application and we look forward to seeing those actual improvements. Also I wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe and happy New Year.

**Councilwoman Celli** – I have three things this evening, first of all for the people who addressed the Council concerning the sidewalks on Bath Avenue, I would ask you to come and talk to Mr. Woolley, he does have the plans and I think he can explain some things as to why they were done and why they were not done but this is your way of finding out information and the second thing, I would like you to know that last Thursday I had the pleasure of going out to the Police Academy with the Director and we had seven young men from Long Branch graduate from the Police Academy and we are very proud of them and my last thing of course is to wish everybody a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and next meeting I will wish you a happy New Year.

**Councilman Pallone** – I'd like to thank everyone for coming out this evening and I'd like to just wish everyone a happy healthy safe holiday to all of you to all of your families.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I also thank everyone for coming out. We listen to you, we've taken notes, we will talk to the administrator about what's going

on, especially on Bath Avenue and I wish everyone a happy Holiday Season. Thank you.

**Council President Sirianni** – And for myself, I'd like to wish everyone a great Holiday Season. I'm looking forward to a new year, 2012 and with that I'd like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 p.m.