

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 27, 2011  
7:30 P.M.

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The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, December 27, 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: Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James G. Aaron, Esq., City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Deborah Talerico, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Absent: Adam Schneider, Mayor; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:** Denial of ABC Card – Brendan Corridan

Mr. Corridan was sworn in for his statement by Barry Capp, Esq. Mr. Corridan gave his testimony as to why he should have an ABC card. Discussion ensued between Council, attorney, Director of Public Safety regarding various circumstances that had arisen over the years for the reason he was denied.

Council decided to grant Mr. Corridan a temporary card pending the outcome of the charges brought forth against him in July.

Motion by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli – Ayes 5

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**December 13, 2011** – Motion by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#40-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 345-3 AND 345-11 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (STORAGE UNITS) (Introduced: December 13, 2011)**

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 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 (Introduced: December 13, 2011)**

A motion by Councilman Pallone to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilwoman Billings.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding the design and engineering of the terminal and the specs of the ferry itself.

Mr. Woolley stated that he has met with a ferry consultant that works with New York Waterway and how qualified McLaren Consulting is with all walks of Pier and Ferry services.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding ferry's not being self sufficient, ferry terminal and how the ferries are not generating any monies.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 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 \$421,200 AND A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,200 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 (Introduced: December 13, 2011)**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding the fine work of the Save Ocean Avenue Committee. Went on to speak regarding Hovnanian leaving and monies left by them.

**Dennis Sherman – 510 Ocean Avenue**

Stands behind the passing of this ordinance.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 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 (Introduced: December 13, 2011)**

A motion by Councilman Pallone to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilwoman Billings.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Asked about the Elberon trestle and flooding and if NJDOT could be a contributor to funding.

Mr. Woolley stated that he reached out to them several years ago and they said the trestle was the City's responsibility.

Asked if this ordinance has any effect on the MTOTSA street paving.

Answer: No

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

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

**Dennis Sherman – 510 Ocean Avenue**

Thanked the Council for voting on the Ordinance and the safety of Ocean Boulevard.

Councilwoman Celli asked Mr. Sherman to speak with the Historical Commission.

**Vincent Lapore- 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding 337-11 and asked who the taxes are on and who will maintain the lot. Went on to speak about the lease agreement. Requests

the matter be tabled. Spoke regarding the resolution of Ocean Place Development (364-11).

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding Long Branch being a boardwalk town. Pleaded with the Council to rethink the Pier project.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Pallone 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 Bastelli** – Thank you all for coming. We had very informative presentations that I appreciate and I thank again Mary Jean Lepis and Dennis Sherman for coming and all the work that they have done and for Faith and for her presentation, thank you Michelle.

**Councilwoman Celli** – I'd like to thank all the citizens and residents of the City of Long Branch who took the time to decorate and put up lights and make our City just a little bit more beautiful. I did drive around the City and some of the lights are absolutely gorgeous. There is a lot uptown I think you know as we come into town. It's a very wonderful display so thanks to the citizens for making our City just a little bit brighter and based upon that I would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy 2012. Thank you.

**Councilman Pallone** – Just like to thank everyone for coming this evening especially considering the weather outside and I'd also like to wish everybody a happy and healthy new year to you and to your families.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I just want to wish everyone a happy new year and may it be prosperous and healthy for all of us and I hope that the City continues on the positive road it seems to be going, thank you.

**Council President Sirianni** – And I to would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2012. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday this past week. On the news yesterday they were showing a recap of what December 26<sup>th</sup> looked like last year. Thank God we're not repeating that one. And with that, I need a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:50 p.m.