

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 10, 2012

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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:**

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

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

None

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24, 2012)**

**#1-12** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBSECTION E OF SECTION 345-28 "RC-1 BEACHFRONT MIXED" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce this ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for January 24, 2012 was seconded by Councilwoman Billings and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Debra Clark – 510 Springdale Avenue**

Spoke regarding the property at 518 Springdale that caught fire a year and a half ago. The building is still up and the tarp was ruined during the hurricane. Debris is being tossed about the neighborhood.

Kevin Hayes stated letters have been sent to the attorneys and insurance company and the banks. We are trying to get them to voluntarily demolish the building. They are being cited for code violations, unsafe structure penalty. It's in a foreclosure. The insurance company agreed to settle with

the property owner but because it's in foreclosure they are not releasing the funds.

The Mayor will look into this and get back to her. Mr. Aaron gave various scenarios as to how the building could come down and legal aspects.

**William Mauro**

Spoke regarding his vehicles being parked at the Poultry Farm on Branchport Avenue and has a problem with fees he has to pay to the City through the Fire Prevention office. He claims he does not run a business out of that location.

The Mayor and Mr. Woolley are going to look into this and get back to Mr. Mauro.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding R3-12, the 2012 temporary budget, ordinance 1-12, the Boro of Red Bank with regards to redevelopment zones and legal bills.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Asked how many redevelopment zones the City has.

Mr. Woolley responded, six. You can get them through the Clerks office.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding health benefits, having GPS's put in city owned vehicles and broadcasting council meetings.

**Adam Schneider**

Spoke regarding phase III of Pier Village. Spoke regarding technical infrastructure issues related to the development and to finalizing beginning construction and they indicated their support for resolving this matter. Urge Council to keep moving forward.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, 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 Honorary Membership for Charles R. Murphy in the Oliver Byron Engine Company
2. Approval of Honorary City and State Active Membership for Patrick Gleason in the Elberon Engine Company

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to approve the listed applications was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

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

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – Offer best wishes to everyone for a New Year and thank you for coming.

**Councilwoman Celli** – I'd just like to remind everybody that this weekend is the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King. Thursday night begins the festivities and there is something on Friday and also something on Sunday so if you can it would be nice if you attended. That's it.

**Councilman Pallone** – I'd just like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and thank you for coming this evening.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I have nothing for tonight, thank you.

**Council President Sirianni** – And for myself, I'd like to thank everyone for coming and reiterate again with what Councilwoman Celli had to say about the Martin Luther King celebration coming up this weekend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.