

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 10, 2012

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Present: Kathleen Billings, Council President; Joy Bastelli, Council Vice-President; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Councilwoman; John Pallone, Councilman; Michael Sirianni, Councilman

Others Present: Adam Schneider, Mayor; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; Lawrence Shapiro, Asst City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

Absent: James G. Aaron, City Attorney

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

March 27, 2012 – Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of March 27, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

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

#5-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION UNDER NJSA 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOODROW WILSON URBAN RENEWAL PHASE II PROJECT (Introduced: March 27, 2012)

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

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Asked what this ordinance was about.

The Mayor responded that it was Housing Authority property so they don't pay full taxes and by arranging a tax credit with them its part of our participation with the Woodrow Wilson redevelopment project.

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

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

#6-12 CALENDAR YEAR 2012 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14) (Introduced: March 27, 2012)

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

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Asked if the public has a right to vote on this if you increase the CAP?

The Mayor responded no, that it was not an increase in the Cap. If the City exceeded the 2% Cap levy then you would have to put it up for referendum but that is not what this is.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni 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

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

#7-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CITY-WIDE PARKING METERS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$855,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

#8-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 345, SECTION 42 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO REGULATE TEMPORARY SEASONAL PARKING

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

#9-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 324-44 AMENDED ON JANUARY 28, 2003 (NO. 2-03) TO RESCIND A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 667 MARTIN STREET OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

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 April 24, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Karen Leigh – 310 Ocean Avenue North

Spoke regarding her concerns with the proposed metered parking. Putting them on her street will negatively affect their quality of life.

The Mayor asked a few questions regarding parking on that street and the availability of parking at her complex. He also spoke about the city needing a source of revenue.

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding taxes, police officers, Pier Village tax break and letters being sent out for donations by the Police Department and First Aid Squads.

John Hunt – resident of the Dunes Condo's

Spoke regarding the additional revenues from the parking meters and where the monies will go.

The Mayor responded by saying that monies will be used as to not have to lay employees off. My goal is to start replacing Police Officers and DPW workers. I will welcome all suggestions and the City is willing to listen.

Mr. Hunt went on to ask about what the savings was with regards to no snow removal this year.

The Mayor said he would have to check out the figures and would have no idea at this time. Last year we had an emergency appropriation and there is a savings there.

Mr. Hunt asked where the jump in monies from the beach badge fees go.

The Mayor responded that it goes into the general fund.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding other cable companies other than Comcast being used in the City.

Went on to speak about the parking meter monies.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the Municipal budget.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli 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 ANDREW B. COOK IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE FIRE CO.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – I would like to give kudos to the Long Branch Police Department. This afternoon, tonight and tomorrow they are standing Honor Guard for Anthony Chiafullo one of Long Branch's' well known citizens who owned Tony's Pizza Pie. You looked great, you did the City proud and thank you very much.

Councilman Pallone – I would just like to thank everyone for coming this evening and for expressing your concerns.

Councilman Sirianni – I'd like to thank everyone for coming out and please do... I know the Mayor and Council President has offered to continue the conversations about the meters. I know there has been dialogue to the point where if we use them during the day since they are electronic they can be zoned, there can be times put into it where they would be used, if we could come up with a compromise, with a solution to make everyone happy in the City and the only way that's going to happen is that if we have dialogue and we talk about it and we listen to your concerns and you listen to ours and then we can put something together. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you for coming.

Councilwoman Billings – And I thank everyone for coming and again, we will be here to speak to anybody who would like to speak with us individually or as a group.

ADJOURNMENT

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