

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 12, 2012

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 12, 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

Absent: Michael Sirianni, Councilman; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator

Others Present: Adam Schneider, Mayor; 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:

May 22, 2012 – Motion by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of May 22, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#10-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 262 IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"

This ordinance was pulled from the agenda.

#11-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 345-17.1 STREAM CORRIDOR PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 26, 2012: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

#12-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 116 ENTITLED "BEACHES", SECTION 2 "ADMISSION RATES" IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 26, 2012: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

#13-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 116-4 ENTITLED "LIFEGUARDS" IN ORDER TO ALLOW PROTECTED PUBLIC BEACH ON DUTY LIFEGUARD HOURS TO EXTEND DURING HOLIDAYS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 26, 2012: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Kristin Rodriguez – 119 Avery Avenue Unit B4

Spoke regarding parking rules that were put into effect on Berg Avenue. The no parking from 8am – 4pm is a problem for some residents.

The mayor stated that the reason for this was to break up the overnight parking from the college kids. We can look at a compromise.

Went on to speak about Van Court Park. Would like to see the park cleaned more often and made safer.

Joseph Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Spoke regarding a request for renaming a portion of Seaview Avenue after Julia Wheeler and Sharmaine Patterson. Asked the status.

Council President Billings stated that she apologizes and it must have been overlooked. Council will discuss this.

Precious Davis – 123 John Street

Concerned with the Anastasia School traffic being rerouted onto John Street which is a very narrow street. Since then, the buses are going very fast and the traffic is horrendous.

The Mayor stated that he will communicate with the Superintendent again and will have our Police look into this also.

Greg Umberto – 55 Chelsea Avenue

Spoke regarding parking meters and has concerns with portions of the ordinance. Went on to speak about the fees for parking for residents and reduce the weekend fee and also lower the time in Pier Village.

The Mayor stated the reasons why the parking and time is the way that it is. He believes that they are reasonable charges for what is being provided to people who use the parking.

Asked the procedure as to how ordinances are enforced.

Mr. Aaron replied.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the eminent domain case in New London CT, Greenbaum Rowe Smith and Davis bills for redevelopment, charges filed with the NJ DEP and DCA with regards to beach revenue spending, requested a no vote on the Tax Anticipation resolution and the article in the Star Ledger regarding Solomon Dwek.

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 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR ANDREW DICHIARA IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1

2. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR MICHAEL ANTHONY MARTIN IN THE INDEPENDENT ENGINE & TRUCK CO. #2
3. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR MICHAEL SAMUEL IN THE BRANCHPORT HOSE CO. #3
4. APPROVAL OF CITY AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR TIMOTHY WARREN HAGERMAN IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1
5. APPROVAL OF CITY HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR BRANDON MCDONOUGH IN THE BRANCHPORT HOSE CO. #3

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the listed applications was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – I have two things this evening. First of all I'd like to wish all the gentlemen and possibly some of the women a Happy Fathers Day on Sunday. Mr. Lapore did recognize that this Thursday is Flag Day. Fly the flag proudly and be proud of the United States, thank you.

Councilman Pallone – I'd just like to thank everyone for coming this evening. Have a good week.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you for coming tonight.

Councilwoman Billings – I'd like to thank everyone for coming tonight and like I said before, we do listen to your comments and we do take them into consideration when we do make decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:05 p.m.