

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 26, 2012

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 26, 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

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:

June 12, 2012 – Motion by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of June 12, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#11-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 345-17.1 STREAM CORRIDOR PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (Introduced: June 12, 2012)

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

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli 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 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 (Introduced: June 12, 2012)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding allowing children under 18 to go onto the beach for free.

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding charging children to get on to the beach and how he is against this.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli 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 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 (Introduced: June 12, 2012)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding beach revenue and expenses for lifeguards.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding signage at the beaches regarding riptides.

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding the hours that the lifeguards stay on the beach.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli 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 4 / Absent 1 Sirianni

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Star Cleveland – 264 Long Branch Avenue

Spoke regarding free beach passes to children who are residents of the City.

Joseph Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Spoke regarding the letter he sent about naming streets after two individuals.

Council President Billings stated that she met informally with all the members of Council and at this time they need more discussion.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding R141-12 and R142-12 appointments to the Boards.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding bill payout, Mazza appointment, former Councilman Anthony Giordano and beach admission.

Bernard Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue

Spoke regarding the Downtown Renew and asked if a report was given about the clean up. Went on to speak about the Paramount Theatre and the downtown area being in need of clean up. Went on to speak about beach erosion and signs on the beach.

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding a top police officer in the City being suspended without pay.

The Mayor stated that he will not discuss a personnel issue with anyone.

Mr. Cooper went on to discuss this issue.

Avery Grant – 405 Atlantic Avenue

Spoke regarding having the two individuals of the Concerned Citizens Coalition having a street named after them.

Council President Billings stated that she is discussing this with Council and need more time to come up with a decision.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding banners being placed on the Boulevard welcoming people to Long Branch. Went on to speak regarding forming a committee to save the City money and GPS systems in police cars and also asked if you get compensated for being on the Sewerage Authority.

Joe Huff – 260 Central Avenue

Spoke regarding the police officer that was suspended without pay.

The Mayor stated that he was not going to get into it in a public meeting and will not get into it in a private meeting. It's completely inappropriate. It's a personnel matter.

Mr. Huff went on to say that he believes it is a harsh punishment in this day.

The Mayor stated we do not discuss personnel issues in public. There are a number of different reasons, the nature of the charge, who does the investigation, the punishment for the charges. It will not be discussed publically.

Mr. Huff asked what do you do to get suspended without pay.

The Mayor stated you can look it up through Civil Service Personnel Code.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, 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 Celli – I would just like to remind everybody that next week in the middle of the week on Wednesday is July 4th, our freedom day. Please come down to the beachfront and enjoy our Oceanfest and enjoy the ocean and Happy 4th of July to everybody.

Councilman Pallone – Just like to thank everybody for coming this evening and Happy 4th of July.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you for coming.

Councilwoman Billings – I'd like to thank everyone for coming. We appreciate your input and we'll see you in two weeks, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m.