

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 10, 2012

7:30 PM

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

Absent: Adam Schneider, Mayor

Others Present: 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:

Commendations presented to various members of the Police Dept and Fire Department for efforts during the West End Fire.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

June 26, 2012 – Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of June 26, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Sirianni

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joseph Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Stated he was here as a follow up of the request he made for a co-naming of a street.

Council President Billings stated that the Council has recommended the co-naming however it's an administrative decision.

Mr. Aaron stated that the Council has no authority to pass a resolution concerning the request. It is an administrative/executive decision. The recommendation has been passed on to Administration and will be discussed with the Mayor to determine whether or not the request can be enforced with respect to a co-naming of the street.

Mr. Turpin thanked Council for their recommendation and time.

Michelle Bobrow – 295 Ocean Blvd.

Spoke regarding R157-12. Asked who LB License Inc was. The Clerk responded. Went on to ask about the Fiber Maintenance resolution to which Mr. Mehlhorn explained that this is not new. Mrs. Bobrow asked to have the meetings broadcast. Spoke regarding the resolution regarding the lower Broadway sector. Asked how much has been spent on law suits with regards to eminent domain? Mr. Mehlhorn stated that records are not maintained by the type of suits. Each year there are "legal expenses" put in place. Mr. Aaron explained the area that is covered by the resolution. Mrs. Bobrow went on to speak about law suits that she believes are listed on the ordinance. Mr. Aaron stated he will check the addresses listed on the ordinance.

Mr. Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the request of the Concerned Citizens Coalition and the naming of streets in the "Ranch". Went on to speak regarding R160-12 and the City's redevelopment, the deterioration of Broadway and the Zoning Board meeting held on July 9th.

Lori Ann Vendetti – 33 & 38 Ocean Terraces

Thanked the Director for the idea of commendations, R160-12 and confirmed the sections that were referred to in the ordinance.

Sharmaine Patterson's daughter

Said thank you to Council for considering naming the street after her mother. She did a lot for the community and thank you.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, 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:

- 1) APPROVAL OF DANIEL J. RICHARDS AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the above listed application – Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – I have two items tonight. First of all, congratulations to all of the people who received awards. It's nice to see that they were rewarded for their heroism and all of the other things that they do good for the City and second of all I can't say enough about what everybody in this room did to make Oceanfest a special day in the City of Long Branch. I'm not going to single out anybody but I am going to say it was a great day in the City. Thank God we had cool weather and it was just great to see the community come together. The fireworks were superb and all I can say is

again, thanks to everybody, Public Works, Police, everybody in the room, all of the workers in the City, thanks again for a great job and for making the City the best in the State, thank you.

Councilman Pallone – Thank you for all coming this evening and have a great week.

Councilman Sirianni – I'd like to thank everyone for coming tonight. Congratulations to the fire and the police officers that were honored this evening and I my memory went blank, I think we broke the 200 number on the 4th of July weekend with the trolley in the City. Did I hear that right? We did break the 200 number so...278 people so I just think that's great for the City and encourage to use it even more, thank you.

Councilwoman Bastelli – I'd like to congratulate all of our hero's. I'm really proud of all of you and impressed by your heroism. Also, I'd like to thank everyone for coming and ditto what Dr. Celli talked about with Oceanfest. It was really an amazing day. Excellent job, thank you.

Councilwoman Billings – I just have a couple things, the first I'd like to say is that personally I'm very happy that we as the Council and also the Administration decided to keep the beaches open until 7:00. The Tuesday night before the 4th of July we almost had our second drowning. A young lady was out in the water, got in trouble, her friend went out to try to save her, he couldn't get her, she went down and thank God we had a lifeguard that pulled the young lady in who had to be hospitalized but is alive and did not drown so that was the reason we wanted to do this and I'm proud it worked out well. The second thing is today we got a letter from a woman in Staten Island. She passed out on the beach. She was scared to death, she had never passed out before and she commended the three lifeguards who set her at ease, made her feel like she wasn't, that something was wrong with her, that you know it happens and she had nothing but positive words for our lifeguards so I want to thank all our beachfront employees for everything they do to help make our beaches safe and prosper. With that I need a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

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