

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 24, 2012

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, July 24, 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; John Pallone, Councilman; Michael Sirianni, Councilman

Absent: Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Councilwoman

Others Present: Mayor Adam Schneider; 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:

July 10, 2012 – Motion by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of July 10, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 14, 2012)

#14-12 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND REAFFIRMING THE OCEANFRONT-BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT ZONE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE LOWER BROADWAY CORRIDOR SECTOR OF THE OCEANFRONT-BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

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 August 14, 2012. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Pat Farley – 427 Atlantic Avenue

Spoke regarding Library functions coming up. Saturday 8/11 10:30 a.m. - annual cake walk, 7/31 @ 7pm at the Elberon Library will be a play.

Joe Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Spoke regarding the removal of handicapped parking at the bottom of the ramp. Mr. Woolley stated that there is a new entrance on the west side with

a lift and the handicapped parking will be at the end of the line of the parking lot. Went from 2 to 4 spaces.

Mr. Turpin went on to speak regarding the co-naming of a street. Asked where the City was at with this.

The Mayor stated that the Council does not have the authority to approve it and he will not approve it because he does not believe in naming public places after private people.

Mr. Turpin believes that this is unfair.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the co-naming of a portion of Seaview Avenue, the article in the Asbury Park Press regarding pension abuse, Mr. Aaron's pension contribution, Pier Village Phase III parking and the Planning Board meeting and lastly a matter involving eminent domain.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding Used car sellers, advertising the beaches and asked about salaries and benefits of the Long Branch Sewer Authority members. He was directed to contact them.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Stated that the Council should show more interest in other City boards.

Ben Gorcey – 36 2nd Avenue

Asked what Ordinance 14-12 was about and Mr. Aaron explained. Also asked about parking meters.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni 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 David Curry and Jonathan Velez-Bey as honorary members of the Independent Fire Company.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the above listed application – Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – Absent

Councilman Pallone – Thank you for all coming this evening.

Councilman Sirianni – Thank you for coming.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you for coming. Hope you're enjoying your beautiful summer.

Councilwoman Billings – And I also thank everyone for coming and I need a motion to adjourn...

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 p.m.