

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 14, 2012

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, August 14, 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: 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:

Director Muolo gave a commendation award to Patrolman Hueston.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

July 24, 2012 – Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli seconded by Councilman Sirianni to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Celli

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#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 (Introduced: July 24, 2012)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding rehabilitation / redevelopment / free market of the Broadway Corridor.

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28, 2012)

#15-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$24,900,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$24,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF, DIRECTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF A PART OF THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for August 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Roll call

Councilwoman Celli – Before I vote I would like to make a comment. This is a very large project that the City is going to undertake. There is some risk but I think this is exactly what the City needs to get it moving again. It will be good for the entire City. There will be jobs and I think everybody will be very proud of the project. It's going to take time and we ask for your patience but please, give us the chance and with that I would vote "yes".

Councilman Pallone – Yes

Councilman Sirianni – I'd like to support and back Dr. Celli in regards to what she said. This is a major undertaking that the City is planning on doing but it's something that is needed in this time period that we're in. The economic condition, having people working, taking a stance that improvement is needed in this City and to continue working on this program. This has been on the books from the first segment has taken place so I vote "yes" and we will speak further if anybody has any questions after the meeting about this.

Councilwoman Bastelli – I would like to say a few words also before I vote. We have consulted with third party professionals, financing professionals on this, experts. We have done due diligence on this. This is a calculated risk. We have researched it and spent many hours studying this and this is actually going to be helping our tax base, it's going to sustain our tax base so that's an important piece of information I would like everyone to know and my vote is "yes".

Councilwoman Billings – I also would like to say a few words. We realize this is a huge project for the City of Long Branch, probably one of the biggest. We have spent not only hours but years working on this project. We have looked at all angles of it, we have looked at the financial risks, we have looked at the public improvements and this project is going to be a great asset to the City of Long Branch and we will receive numerous public improvements as a result of this project. Next meeting the 28th there will be a public presentation made for everyone before the public hearing is held that will give you more detail. For that reason I vote "yes".

Ayes 5 / Nays 0

#16-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 FOR CITY-WIDE PAVING, DRAINAGE AND CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,300 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE APPROPRIATION

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 August 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#17-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,270,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,209,000 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 August 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#18-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF AND THE EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL

AGREEMENTS WITH HOTEL PV IIIA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, RETAIL PV IIIA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND RESIDENTIAL PV IIIA URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR LONG TERM TAX-EXEMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PIER VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#19-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF AND THE EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH RETAIL PV IIIB URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, RESIDENTIAL PV IIIB URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND PARKING PV IIIB URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR LONG TERM TAX-EXEMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PIER VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#20-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 325-28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS TO RESTRICT PARKING DURING THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. AT 127 MYRTLE AVENUE DURING SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for August 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#21-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 296 ENTITLED "STORM SEWERS" OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for August 28, 2012 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Alice Kessler – 74 Cedar Avenue

Spoke regarding what's going on at the oceanfront. Would like the City to reap the rewards of the success of the businesses at Pier Village. Does not want to see parking meters. Would like to see turnstiles at the entrances to the beach. The City is doing a fine job.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the RAB bond ordinance. Would have liked to see a town hall meeting with regards to this. Went on to speak about funding and how will these improvements benefit the City taxpayers.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the replenishment of trees after storms, National Night Out, bar codes on beach badges, PILOT program and specifics of Ord 15-12. The Council stated that there will

be a presentation at the next meeting regarding PVIII and he can have all his questions answered then.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the bill payout, Julia Wheeler Way, bonding obligations and the Pier Village proposed agreement.

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 PATRICK GLEASON AS HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ELBERON ENGINE CO. #4

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – Tonight there were a lot of good questions asked about 15-12 and I would invite everyone and anyone who is interested in the new project to come on August 28th here at 7:30 and hear the public hearing and you'll have an opportunity to ask the people all the questions that you want within the time limit. I am going to tell you I will not be here, I happen to be on a business trip, however I will be here by phone and my vote will count so I just want you to know that and I also want to thank the Police Department for the wonderful National Night Out that we had. It was very successful. It seems like it never rains on our parade and I think they have done a great job and I think the kids all enjoyed so thanks again. That's all.

Councilman Pallone – I would like to thank everyone for coming this evening. As I indicated I think a lot of the questions would be answered in two weeks but I think along with the rest of the Council members will be happy to answer whatever I can later. Each of these questions are so involved and so complicated and take a lot of time to answer but again I will certainly make myself available and whatever I can offer I will.

Councilman Sirianni – Thank you again also for coming. The 28th is going to be a very exciting meeting so please do come as Councilman Pallone said, they are trying to get the power point presentation so that we can get it on to the website so hopefully that will be up, if not it will be presented at the meeting. Thank you again for the National Night Out. It was a great success. The crowd was bigger, the vendors were bigger, it had more people there so thank you very much. Have a good evening.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you again everyone who is here and I ditto what has been said regarding the questions. They are good questions and we have asked all of those questions like I said, we spent many hours studying this project. I feel very confident in it. I was taught years ago that don't just take a risk but take a calculated risk and we've really studied this and I feel very glad to actually be on board with this project because I think its going to be a very successful project. Its going to be a project that's going to improve our town and in the end I'm looking forward to seeing that end. Thank you.

Councilwoman Billings – I also would like to reiterate that I am also very much in favor of this project. I think its really going to do a lot for the City of Long Branch and before I close I would like to wish our fellow Councilwoman Mary Jane Celli a happy birthday at the end of the week. We wish you the best and I need a motion to adjourn...

ADJOURNMENT

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