

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 27, 2012
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, November 27, 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:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

October 23, 2012 and November 7, 2012

Motion by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed minutes were adopted upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Bastelli

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#23-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO LEASE SPACE FOR FIRE TRUCKS FROM PRIVATELY OWNED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR 2012

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 December 11, 2012

#24-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES AND SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 2012

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 December 11, 2012

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding Code Red and storm related issues. Also thought beach badge fees should be raised to create revenue due to the storm.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding R238-12, Special Emergency resolution.

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.

Mr. Aaron – Council President, with respect to Resolution #280-12 please note that I have recused myself previously with respect to that matter. I have not been involved in the preparation or the negotiation of any of those contracts. Thank you.

APPLICATIONS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – First of all I would like to congratulate the Mayor and say thank you very much for all the time that he spent putting out the messages to the residents. I don't think I have ever heard so many positive comments and everybody waited for that phone call at 7:00 at night so they knew what was going to happen and he did that, I assume for the last 30 days so Adam, thank you not only for myself as a Councilperson but also as a resident and to all of the members I see here in the audience that have worked so hard, the Police Department, the Fire Department and all the rest of our employees, thank you. I can't tell you how much it meant to me and the feed back I got from the residents on how grateful they were for the information and for all the different things that were done and I don't see

Gene here, not Jean Hastings but Gene the fellow who is the manager...Fred are you here? Please make sure that you convey to him, thank you for the nice job he did decorating City Hall. That's it.

Councilman Pallone – Couldn't be better said then what Councilwoman Celli just said, thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – And I will back that up with a heartfelt thank you, from the Mayor to all of the City employees who took care of us when things were very rough and people truly truly appreciated it so thank you very much.

Councilwoman Bastelli – Ditto on that thank you and just the responses that I've gotten are so encouraging. I don't think I've received as many through the whole term. People are just so grateful and have complimented the Mayor. I heard one, I heard 25 and all of our Directors, really, thank you for working so hard and so tirelessly. It was amazing.

Councilwoman Billings – I also would like to just echo what my fellow Council members said. I spent a lot of time down at Fire Headquarters because I kind of lost everything in my house so I was, that became my house, I spent time with them. I got to watch the Police, the Fireman, some First Aid members, National Guard work day in and day out and they never complained. They never complained. They were working 14 hours shifts some of them. I'd get there early in the morning, they were there. I'd leave there at night, they were still there. We should be so proud of the job that these people have done for this City and it was way more than a job, way more than a job. It was their love for the City and I want to thank all of them for everything they did.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m.