

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11, 2012
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, December 11, 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:

7:30 – Lake Takanassee Bank Stabilization / Gerald Freda, Avakian Engineering

Mr. Freda stated that the hearing is taking place because the requirements were not met by the first application submitted to the Monmouth County Open Space Grants Program. They gave the opportunity to amend it so that is why a second hearing is being held. The issue is that they require all the improvements to be spent on the property and some of the improvements were spilling into the right of way so changes were made. The new application will consist strictly of the bank stabilization that was spoken about previously and the \$250,000 that is being applied for will be for that and the planting of the slopes to keep them from eroding. Eventually it can be revisited later and put the improvements in. That is the extent of the presentation.

Council President asked if there were any questions from anyone. No one from the public came forward.

Being as there were no questions, the hearing was closed.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

November 27, 2012

Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the listed minutes were adopted upon the following roll call vote:
Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#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 (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 27, 2012)

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

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding privately owned "trucks".

Council President Billings stated that the fire trucks were not privately owned, the Fire Houses are.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the fire houses books being open because they receive tax dollars.

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli to close the public hearing was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt this ordinance on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#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 (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 27, 2012)

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

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli to close the public hearing was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt this ordinance on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joseph Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Spoke regarding the remediation at Seaview Avenue and a smell coming from there.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding FIO's vs Comcast.

Harold Cooper – 113 South 7th Avenue

Thanked the City as a whole for the job that was done before, during and after the storm. Applauds the Mayor for the position he is taking with JCP & L. Out of state workers should also be thanked.

John Torrell – 51 Oakwood Avenue

Thanked Councilwoman Billings, Councilman Sirianni and Mr. Woolley for the meeting last year regarding speeding vehicles on Oakwood Avenue. Asked that police presence be returned to make our roads safer. Went on to speak about the boardwalk and its repairs, uneven roadway and making it safer for everyone.

Vince Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the \$5,000,000 resolution that was adopted at the last meeting, the grant received by FEMA, beach replenishment, Senate Bill 2368 regarding free public beach access, loss of ratables, bill payout and Mr. Aaron / United Capital.

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:

1. APPROVAL OF TAXI OWNERS LICENSES FOR 2013

Motion by Councilman Sirianni to approve the above applications was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – At the last meeting I complimented everyone, employees and residents on how well they survived the storm shall we say

and again I will say to everyone who has helped clean up the City and you made it respectable again, it will never be what it was but it's always a pleasure to drive through some of the streets and see the public works, the police, OEM, everyone who has helped make the City come back and particularly I do compliment the Mayor and I will say that again and the Code Red message was the best thing that happened to the City and with that I would like to say Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councilman Pallone – I would just like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah. Have a great week.

Councilman Sirianni – Also wishing everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. We have a few more meetings coming up. We will be seeing you there and have a good evening and thank you.

Councilwoman Bastelli – First of all I would like to thank Mr. Terrell for coming here tonight to offer his suggestions and also I just appreciate that you also offered your services to serve our community in that capacity and I do appreciate volunteerism and I commend you for that. Also I just like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. Let's remember the reason for the holidays and the reason for the Season and enjoy it together, thank you.

Councilwoman Billings – I also echo my fellow Council members. Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

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