

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 27, 2012
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Present: Kathleen Billings, Council President; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Councilwoman; John Pallone, Councilman; Michael Sirianni, Councilman

Others Present: Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; Lawrence Shapiro, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Adam Schneider; Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman; James G. Aaron, City Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

December 11, 2012

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#25-12 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY (RIVINGTON AVENUE 50.0 FEET ROW., PAPER STREET) SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY TO BE VACATED AND BECOME PART AND PARCEL WITH LOTS 5, 6, 7 AND 8 IN BLOCK 342

Motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for January 8, 2013 was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and introduced upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

#26-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69, SECTION 29, SUBSECTION C GOVERNING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES AND ESCROW SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

Motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for January 8, 2013 was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and introduced upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding bulky waste removal and asked if Mazza put a Stay in. Mr. Woolley responded, no. Went on to speak about the bill payout and FEMA monies for clean up, UEZ promotion and the City's calendar, shuttle service, Pier Village storm repairs and the Transportation Trust Fund.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding parking on snow covered streets.

Vera Pizzo – 105 Jerolamon Avenue

Asked about elevation levels. Council President Billings stated that there was a presentation in Workshop and there will be some changes in the ordinances. Councilman Sirianni gave Ms. Pizzo the paper presentation that was made.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, 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 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR LUIS R. VAMVAS IN THE PHIL DALY HOSE CO. #2

Motion by Councilman Sirianni to approve the above application was seconded by Councilman Pallone and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Celli – Tonight I would talk directly to the Council President. Kate, you've done a great job as our Council President. You've led us through some pretty trying times when you had your own problems and for that I say thank you for myself and for the rest of us, you've done an outstanding job and thank you so much.

Council President Billings – Thank you.

Councilwoman Celli – Even though Joy is not here, I did speak to her and I wished her well in her tenure as the President and I also would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and good health in 2013. That's it.

Councilman Pallone – Thank you Kate. You did a great job and to everyone here tonight I'd like to wish you and your families a very healthy and happy New Years.

Councilman Sirianni – Come on down Kate! This is where they put us out to pasture. We get far away from the gavel so none of us can lunge over for it out of force of habit but thank you very much for the fun time that you had as Council President. Good luck to Joy. Happy New Year to everyone and those that believe that 13 is an unlucky number, I'm doing a lot of prayers to keep it a lucky number.

Councilwoman Bastelli - Absent

Council President Billings – I'd also, this has been a tough year for this City and a lot of us have been personally affected by it and what's taken place and all we can wish for is a happy New Year that will be prosperous, healthy and everything will be looking up for 2013. With that I need a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.