

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 8, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

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

Others Present: Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; James 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:

None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#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 (INTRODUCED: DECEMBER 27, 2012)

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

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

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

#26-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69, SECTION 29, SUBSECTION "C" GOVERNING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEES AND ESCROW SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (INTRODUCED: DECEMBER 27, 2012)

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

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 22, 2013

#1-13 AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 177 "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" OF THE CODE OF 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 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the calendar that was mailed out, \$25,000,000 bonding for Pier Village III and hiring local contractors to do the job.

Bernard Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue

Spoke regarding the Pier and updates and monies being spent.

Honnie Burkett – 120 South 7th Avenue

Spoke regarding what would have happened to a Pier if it were built when Sandy came along.

The Mayor stated that it would sustain that kind of storm. Things are designed differently specifically for water pressure. Pier Village sustained very little damage.

Went on to ask about Broadway. The Mayor stated that the City is waiting for the bank / property owners to resolve their issues so we can move forward.

Ed Thomas, Long Branch

Spoke regarding an interview he gave with regards to the buildings that survived the storm. The whole designed worked.

Vince Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding Ordinance 1-13 that was on for introduction and its terms, R3-13, 3-14, 3-15 and 3-16 and the Ocean Place Hotel.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Celli 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 COREY BASTIANELLI AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY #1
2. APPROVAL OF BRIAN DINERO AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY #1

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Billings – I have nothing for this evening. Thank you.

Councilwoman Celli – I have two things this evening, first of all I'd like to compliment the people who did the calendar. It's been a couple of years since we had it and I think they did a great job and I'm very proud to have it hanging on my refrigerator. The second thing which is I want to remind everybody next week, beginning on Thursday through Sunday or Monday, I'm not sure the festivities for the Martin Luther King weekend. Please don't forget. They are listed on the website. Thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – I'd like to thank also those involved with the calendar. This was something that we've been working on through our strategic planning meetings that we've had and again I am stating that we've held it in public, a project that we are complying with the Best Practice for the State of New Jersey that we are graded on as a City that if I'm not mistaken our grade was brought up by a certain individual that we were running low and we've done this to boost up our grading and it gives information in regard to the City when things are being picked up, departments to call, if you look through it, it covers all the different departments and vital information that the City offers. I applaud this that we were able to put this out and work with UEZ to have it properly distributed.

Council Vice President Pallone - As always I'd just like to thank everyone for being here this evening and have a great week.

Council President Bastelli – I would like to take this opportunity now to thank Councilwoman Billings, I wasn't here at the last meeting, for her leadership as our past President during a very difficult 10 months. She led us through two tragedies on our beachfront as well as through Hurricane Sandy even though she was a victim herself and sustained substantial damage. Thank you Kate for your dedication, perseverance and leadership. I appreciate all you've done and I realize you are a tough act to follow.

Councilwoman Billings – Thank you.

Council President Bastelli – I'd like a motion to close this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.