

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 12, 2013

7:30 PM

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Camille Boronin – 525 Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding access at Ocean Plaza and Brighton Avenue. Agrees with the City not to have beach access.

The Mayor stated there was a meeting with regards to what was going to be done down at the beachfront regarding access and the problems that are going to be encountered.

Went on to speak regarding funding for the bluffs.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding Ordinance 1-13, Ocean Place Hotel, NJ Transit beach agreement, Transit Village, West End Gazebo, tax reserves and the City calendar.

**Sam Nativo – Owner Mix Bar, West End**

Spoke regarding the Shuttle coming through West End area.

The Mayor suggested he speak with Jake Jones as its run through him.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Thanked the Mayor for his explanation of the beachfront. Went on to speak about the Zoning Board meeting on 3/11 regarding West End and the Synagogue.

**Joyce Fedoro – West End Avenue**

Spoke regarding the opening of the beaches, the importance of reviving West End to how it used to be. Asked about tax ratables as a result of Sandy.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to close the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 5

**RESOLUTIONS:**

On file in the Clerks Office and posted on the City's Web Site.

**APPLICATIONS:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed applications were approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

1. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR AARON CARLEY IN THE ELBERON ENGINE CO. #4
2. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR TREVOR GOOD IN THE ELBERON ENGINE CO. #4
3. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR BRIAN DINERO IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1
4. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR COREY BASTIANELLI IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 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:**

February 26, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#3-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 345-10 AND ORDINANCE NO. 345-17 IN THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (Introduced: February 12, 2013)**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding an article in the Atlanticville dated February 21, 2013 regarding height. Asked about tidal flow.

Kevin Hayes responded to Mr. Lapore from the back of the room.

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

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

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

None

5. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR JONATHAN VELEZ-BEY IN THE INDEPENDENT FIRE ENGINE & TRUCK COMPANY #2
6. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR ANDREW COOK IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1
7. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR SEAN LAMPF IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE CO. #1

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilwoman Billings** – To respond to your question about the tax base, I personally am one of the people that is not living in my home and I did ask that question because I was concerned how it is going to impact the City and the Tax Assessor told me that the amount of taxes loss will be less than 1% of our total tax base so it won't be a huge impact, it will be some impact but it won't be a huge impact.

**Councilwoman Celli** – I'm kind of shy tonight so I'll only make one comment and I would wish everybody a happy St. Patrick's Day and also congratulations to the new Director of Public Safety, Jay Roebuck.

**Councilman Sirianni** – Thank you for coming out tonight. Thank you for bringing up a lot of interesting topics, the beach and what we plan on doing with that, the care of West End which is very near and dear to me so thank you very much for your concerns and explaining it to us. We appreciate that very much and happy St. Patrick's Day.

**Council Vice President Pallone** – I just also want to thank you all for being here tonight and for taking the time to come out. It really does help us and it's very good to hear your input and your comments and it helps us a lot so thank you and have a great holiday and a great week.

**Council President Bastelli** – I'd like to just state, I am grateful that you're all here that you took the time out of your schedule to come and speak with us. I do want to assure you that we want the beaches open. We want every beach open and we're working very hard to see that happen. Right now it is a health and safety issue as I'm sure that you realize when you saw it. If you walk down there, that bluff is very damaged so we have pictures available if you'd like to see that but right now that's what the problem is. We do want to see them open, we do want to see West End succeed absolutely. We want to see everything possibly done to see that happen so I do want to assure everyone that Council does and we all feel in that vein and with that said, I do want to say happy St. Patrick's Day

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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