

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 9, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, April 9, 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; 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

Absent: Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Councilwoman

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

March 26, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 – Absent 1 Celli

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

None

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#4-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 325-44 AMENDED ON MARCH 11, 2008 (NO. 5-08) TO RESCIND A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 233 WESTWOOD IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce this ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for April 23, 2013 – Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Avery Grant – 405 Atlantic Avenue**

Spoke regarding a portion of Seaview Avenue to be co-named Sharmaine Patterson and Julia Wheeler and read a letter from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian supporting this.

**Elizabeth Brennan – Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Monmouth Medical Center**

Spoke regarding having the City participate in an awareness campaign called Roll Out the Ribbons to raise cancer awareness by tying ribbons on the rails on the Promenade.

**Joseph Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor**

Spoke in support of the letter Avery Grant read from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. NJ American Environmental Federation will be canvassing Long Branch to let people know about issues regarding the environment.

**Laureen Haldeen – 491 West Street**

Spoke regarding the use of Manahasset Creek Park Soccer fields.

**Karen Sanders – 46 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Spoke regarding the use of Manahasset Creek Park fields.

**Bernard Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue**

Spoke regarding monies spent on the Pier design, parking meters and the parking lot that Pier Village III is being built on.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding Ocean Place Hotel, Birdsall Engineering and the support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to the Long Branch Concerned Citizens Coalition with regards to the co-naming of a portion of Seaview Avenue.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding Transit Village, use of parking lots as flea markets, health insurance, EZ Pass on city vehicles, GPS's to be in City vehicles, Cable Commission appointment, house numbers, the need for a new hotline number in the City and mosquito spraying.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to close the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**MOTIONS:**

1. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FREE CITY WIDE YARD SALE WEEKEND FOR MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – NO RAIN DATES

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the listed motion was approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 – Absent 1 / Celli

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

**Councilwoman Billings** – I'd like to thank everyone for coming tonight and I wish you a great rest of the week, thank you.

**Councilwoman Celli – Absent**

**Councilman Sirianni –** Again, thank you for coming up this evening. We really appreciate all of the input we've heard and have a safe rest of the week and enjoy the weekend. Hopefully the nice weather will be with us all.

**Council Vice President Pallone –** I'd like to thank you all for coming this evening. I'd also like to congratulate Public Safety Director Roebuck who was officially sworn in last Friday.

**Council President Bastelli –** I would like to recap a few items here. One is Mr. Grant, I would like to just say that I think it would be a good idea to possibly consider another alternative method to honoring these two women. There are scholarships that people do and they are wonderful and successful and they honor people and they help people at the same time. It would be honorable to help one or two students that could possibly become activists someday in a very similar way that these two women were and a college education would help them so I believe that there is many alternative methods that are good and valuable and would honor these women. I also would like to thank all of those who participated tonight and if you have any further questions please feel free to address us at the end of this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to adjourn this meeting at 8:20 p.m.