

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 23, 2013**

**7:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, April 23, 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; (via telephone communication) 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.

*Moment of Silence was given to the victims of the Boston bombing.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

April 9, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 – Abstain 1 Celli

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#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 Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on this ordinance.

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

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

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#5-13 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CAP BANK**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to introduce this ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 – Ayes 5

**#6-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 345-39 TRANSIT VILLAGE DISTRICT (TVD)**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce this ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 – Ayes 5

**#7-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-3C ENTITLED NO PARKING OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (PORTION OF BATH AVENUE)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to introduce this ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 – Ayes 5

**#8-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION UNDER NJSA 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOODROW WILSON URBAN RENEWAL PHASE III PROJECT**

**THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Avery Grant - 405 Atlantic Avenue**

Spoke regarding the naming of a portion of a street after Julia Wheeler and Sharmaine Patterson. On May 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. Grant will be going to Atlanta Georgia to meet with the Southern Christian Leadership Group to try to start a National Pray for Long Branch. Went on to speak about the Long Branch Concerned Citizen Coalition and the recognition that they are receiving.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding the Southern Leadership Christian Conference, Ordinance #5-13, 2013 budget, debt service, parking meters and the Ocean Place Hotel.

**Anre Eminye – 124 East Washington Avenue, Atlantic Highlands**

Spoke regarding recreation volleyball league down at the beach and hopes that they will be able to continue.

**John Mattis – 104 Morris Avenue**

Also spoke regarding the endorsement of the volleyball league continuing and the Transit Village.

**Carol Moser – Wesley Street, Monmouth Beach**

Spoke regarding the volleyball league and also hopes it continues.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding the letter in the Press from Avery Grant, 2013 municipal budget, Transit Village, resolutions regarding beach raking and beach cleanup.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings 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.

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

**Councilwoman Billings** – Just in light of some of the recent events that have taken place in this City, I'd like to publically thank all the first responders, the Police Department, the First Aid, the fireman that have been involved in these incidents and we've been very very fortunate that some of these didn't turn ugly and they didn't, they turned out okay and I'm very appreciative to everything our first responders do in the City. Thank you.

**Councilwoman Celli** – Before we have our next Council meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a holiday which is May 12<sup>th</sup> which is Mothers Day and for those of you who are fortunate enough to have your mothers still alive, please don't forget them. Thank you.

**Councilman Sirianni** – I want to thank everyone for coming out. It was nice to see the concern about the volleyball and thank you for bringing that to our attention and again, to reiterate what Councilwoman Billings said, thank you to everyone who participated in the major concerns that go on in this City and how things are being worked with them, the first responders so thank you very much. Have a good evening.

**Council Vice President Pallone** – I have no comments this evening other than to thank everybody for coming out and to have a great week.

**Council President Bastelli** – I as well would like to thank everyone for coming out and Mr. Grant was here tonight and what I was trying to explain to him was that this decision that he is requesting is not a Council decision, it's the Mayor's decision and I just wanted to clarify that for the audience. Thank you very much.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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