

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 14, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, May 14, 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:**

Police Awards and Recognitions were given to the following members of the Long Branch Police Department by Director Roebuck: Lt. Thomas Shea, Sgt. Jeffrey Grippaldi, Sgt. Jorge Silverio, Sgt. Charles Shirley, Sgt. Fernando Sanders, Cpl. Edwin Gomez, PO Thomas Hueston, PO Christopher Gant, PO Jennifer Gant, PO Robert Bataille, PO Marco Rodrigues, PO Matthew Widdis, PO Patrick Joyce, Jr., PO Robert Bell, PO Ross Zotti, PO Tom Olski, Dispatcher John Weir, Dispatcher Sergio Chaparro

**HEARINGS:**

None

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

April 23, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#5-13 CALENDAR YEAR 2013 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA40A:4-45.14) (Introduced: April 23, 2013)**

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

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

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

**#6-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 345-39 TRANSIT VILLAGE DISTRICT (TVD) (Introduced: April 23, 2013)**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Asked the difference between a Transit Village District and a Redevelopment Zone. Mr. Woolley stated that the Transit Village was simply a zoning designation and a redevelopment zone is a whole facet of law. Went on to speak regarding the Transit Village designation.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Asked if the City is considering any use of eminent domain. The Mayor responded, absolutely not.

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 Billings to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: 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) (Introduced: April 23, 2013)**

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilman Sirianni 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 Pallone 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:**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

**Mr. Mattis – 104 Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding Long Branch’s positive visions, flooding on Second Avenue and other streets in the City, Pier Village Phase III improvements and repair of storm drains.

**Jeannie Fallon – 34 Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding the problems she is having living at the entrance to Pier Village with regards to accessing her home and lack of garbage collection.

**Ron Dunham – 10 Coral Place**

Spoke regarding the boardwalk, Pier Village South and asked what beaches will have access. The Mayor responded that all beaches will be open. Most access points will be

ready to go. Conversation then took place with regards to the repairs to the boardwalk, the bluffs and sand replenishment.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding the rapid repair of the boardwalk in other communities. The Mayor stated that the City encountered the problem of losing the bluff which other towns did not. Went on to speak about construction at Pier Village III.

**Rita Oryemma – 23 Coral Place**

Spoke regarding the safety of crossing Ocean Boulevard. Council President Bastelli stated it was a County road and she can contact the County. The City agrees.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding Pier Village Phase III, Ocean Place Development dealing with assessments and the unsecured promissory note.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilman Sirianni 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:**

1. Approval of Thomas Corsentino as an Honorary member in the Oceanic Fire Engine Company

Motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed application and approved upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

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

**Councilwoman Billings** – I'd like to thank everyone that came out this evening to our meeting and it's nice to hear somebody say that they actually think we listen because we do listen and we do take into consideration suggestions that are given to us by the public and I thank you for your participation.

**Councilwoman Celli** – First of all I'd like to thank all of the Police Officers whether they got awards or not. We have the greatest Police Department in Monmouth County and second of all, Stan, the man I just called will be the Grand Marshall of the Columbus Day Parade in October and that's our OEM man, Stan Dziuba. Thanks for your hard work Stan, well deserved. That's it.

**Councilman Sirianni** – How are you Italian again Stan Dziuba? (Stan commended from the back of the room) Thank you very much for coming out, thank you for participating, making your comments, we try our best and the beach, the gentleman with the beach, everyone is very concerned. I think wherever any of us go I know, speaking for myself, everyone is worried about what beaches are open, their favorite beaches and how they are going to get down to the beach and the City is listening and doing our best. At one point a couple months ago, West End had a big question mark because there was no beach down there to even get down to and then a couple of weeks ago a beautiful staircase has been put in and getting ready little by little the beaches are returning so we will be looking forward a very exciting, different but exciting summer. Thank you.

**Council Vice President Pallone** – Thank you all for being here this evening, for your comments and enjoy the week.

**Council President Bastelli** – I'd just like to say thank you again all of you and thank you to you to our Police Department. I'm very proud of our Police Department and thank you Director Roebuck for acknowledging these Officers with these awards. I think it's very important and I was very pleased to sit through that and watch and hear the accolades and the heroic deeds of these fine men.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 8:25 p.m.