

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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:

June 11, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#8-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 345-3, ZONING/ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

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

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#9-13 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OCEANFRONT BOARDWALK BETWEEN BRIGHTON AVENUE AND MORRIS AVENUE IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$440,000 AND A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURSUANT TO THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce ordinance on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for July 9, 2013 / Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to open the public portion of this meeting / Ayes 5

Leslie Hunt – 611 Wardell Street

Stated that the Department of Public Works was doing a great job. She went on to speak about flooding and drainage.

Bernard Gorcey – 36 2nd Avenue

Spoke regarding the nice job the City is doing cleaning up the beachfront, parking tickets on cars, Pier spending, downtown and the Paramount Theater.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the Pier and recycling food.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding the pier, signage on property, metal pickers and 2nd and Pavilion Avenue flooding.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding pooled services, article in the Star Ledger, Birdsall Engineering and Pay to Play.

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 5

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. Approval of Robert Phillips as Honorary member of the Atlantic Engine Company

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to approve the above application was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Billings – Spoke regarding two new grants that are available with regards to funding due to the storm.

Councilwoman Celli – Reminded everyone of Oceanfest.

Councilman Sirianni – Thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Council Vice President Pallone – Thanked everyone for coming out and Happy 4th of July.

Council President Bastelli – Thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

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