

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 27, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, August 27, 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: 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.

Absent: Mayor Adam Schneider

PRESENTATIONS:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

August 13, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#10-13 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for October 22, 2013 / Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joanne (last name inaudible) Cranford, NJ

Asked the City to write a resolution to the Governor and ask him to keep open Woodbridge Developmental Center and North Jersey Developmental Center in Totowa, NJ.

Rex Reed – 2930 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ

Asked the Council to help fight to keep Woodbridge Developmental Center and North Jersey Developmental Center's open.

Renaldo Guzman, Jr. – 541 Summer Street, Long Branch, NJ

Asking the City of Long Branch to proclaim September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

(Resolution is on agenda for approval this evening)

Laurie Janucci – 80 Chelsea Avenue

Spoke regarding the flooding problem on her street. Showed Council pictures of August 2012 and August 2013 flooding.

Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue

Spoke regarding boardwalk repairs, fixing the roads and hiring more people to clean the streets.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding furniture and garbage on the streets, Pier Village signs, signs on property and beach replenishment.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the TDB application and Leslie Schneider’s involvement as a Bd of Adjustment member.

Leslie Schneider – 152 Ocean Avenue North

Defended herself against Mr. Lapore’s comments and spoke about Terry Janeczek comments made at the Board meeting.

Bernard Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue

Spoke regarding flooding and the condition of lower Broadway and also parking.

Adam Schneider – 152 Ocean Avenue North

Spoke regarding Mr. Lapore’s comments against his wife and the development going on next to his house. (TDB Project)

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the beach revenue and signage on the beach.

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

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Billings – I’d just like to thank everyone for coming out tonight and I wish everyone a wonderful Labor Day. Thank you.

Councilwoman Celli – I have two things tonight. One is very important. You know in October we had a man or lady, Hurricane Sandy come and hit the City pretty bad and many of our employees and one of our Council people lost her home and tonight, believe it or not, she is going to go back into her home for the first time. Kate, lots of good luck. And this weekend is Labor Day weekend and I would ask all of you to drive safely and come back and see us again in two weeks. Thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – I want to thank everyone for coming out. The gentleman with, very nice presentation getting up in front of us about cancer awareness. Thank you very much and thank you for the ribbon. The group with the Woodbridge Rehabilitation Center, thank you for coming this evening and of course our citizens of Long Branch. Everyone is welcome. To be honest with you, when I first got on Council it was a lot of yelling and screaming had been directed to us, it was like literally the line up and we were just shot at and that has curtailed. People still have their opinions and we're here to listen to them but it's also very nice to hear some other concerns that you bring us and I'm very happy you came tonight. I'm just going to state it again, this is the United States and everyone has the right to work on projects, their views because if we don't have that then I think we have a different type of democracy going on and that's something that we fight for so thank you for coming out and thank you for sharing your opinions.

Council Vice President Pallone – I'd just like to thank everyone for coming out this evening and have a great holiday.

Council President Bastelli – First I'd like to say at the last meeting I failed to wish Dr. Celli a Happy Birthday, she remembers all of our birthdays and I just wanted to say Happy Belated Birthday and we wish you many more and I also would like to thank everyone for coming out and I think that our young gentleman who made the presentation of Cancer Awareness I think you are pleased that we passed that resolution tonight. I'm glad you were here to see that and also I do apologize to Mrs. Schneider for the attack that she endured tonight. I think that as citizens of this town that we should abide by a law that I would consider loving your neighbor and we all live in this town and I would appreciate it if we could just stick to the facts and not accuse others and attack others and call people names. It's not a good thing and so I ask that we refrain from that kind of behavior and remain civil at these meetings. Also, I just want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. We had a lot accomplished. We'll be taking a lot of what you said into consideration and I thank you for taking the time to organize your thoughts and give such good presentations tonight. I really thank you and I wish you well with your protest of the closing of the developmental centers. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m.