

REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013  
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, September 24, 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:**

September 10, 2013 - Motion was made by Councilman Pallone, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of September 10, 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:**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to open the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Celli

**Arlyn Josephs – Vine Court**

Spoke regarding the fence in front of an oceanfront condo between Avery and Howland Avenue and a six foot cyclone fence surrounding their small neighborhood. Asked why the fence has to be so high. Councilwoman Bastelli stated that the City ran out of three foot fence and had to use the six foot fence. The Mayor stated that the hope is is that the City will get the FEMA money in the not too distant future. Hopefully soon it will be under construction with a new boardwalk. Went on to speak about the high weeds on both sides of the cyclone fence. The Mayor stated that they will take a look at that. Went on to speak about trash and torn sandbags.

**Irma Schwartz – Vine Court**

Spoke regarding the steps on West End beach. They are too steep. Would like to see ramps instead of steps. Went on to speak about a dumpster situated at the gateway of Vine Court which is always overflowing and the boat that is in that area.

**John Mattis -104 Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding flooding on Morris and Second Avenue and prioritizing streets and bond floats for financing. Councilwoman Bastelli stated that there is an engineer working on this and is coming up with a plan.

**Janey Filone – 34 Morris Avenue**

Asked about information on the plans for the hotel in Pier Village Phase III. Mr. Woolley stated that they hope to begin construction either later this Fall or early next Spring.

**Donna Peterson – Rockwell Avenue**

Spoke regarding fixing the boardwalk, illegal immigrants, the shooting this past weekend and NJ taxes.

**Vince Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding the Wilf family and the Ranch property, when paving will commence in MTOTSA, Abbottsford Avenue vacation of street and the TDB project.

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

**APPLICATIONS:**

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

1. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR VINCENT M. ROSELLI IN THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK CO.
2. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR JOSEPH POULSON IN THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK CO.

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

**Councilwoman Billings** – I just would like to congratulate Council President Bastelli on her tenure as Council President and express that it was a job well done and good luck to you John.

**Councilwoman Celli** – Absent

**Councilman Sirianni** – Welcome to this end of the table because you will be banished from the center and you get to sit down here with us and thank you very much for doing a very commendable job as Council President and good luck Mr. Pallone as Council President and Mary Jane as Council Vice President.

**Council Vice President Pallone** – Same to you Joy, thank you so much for a great job and good luck.

**Council President Bastelli** – And it's been my privilege and honor to do this. I hope I've served this position well and I enjoyed it and I look forward to sitting at the end of the table again and I thank everyone for coming tonight and for your comments and we will look into those matters that you addressed to us. Thank you very much.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.