

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 8, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Present: John Pallone, Council President; Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice-President; Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman; 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

September 24, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Celli

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

#11-13 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,718,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,634,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for October 22, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#12-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for October 22, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Chris Bengler – Lippincott Avenue

Spoke regarding the need for Gun Shot Protectors in the area of Lippincott Avenue.

Bill McLaughlin – Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding the Capital Budget, bonding and spending taxpayer’s money.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding C O’s, videotaping Council meetings, house numbers, bulk pickup and the trailer at the recycling yard.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding Capital Budget, street paving, Best Practices and Mr. Aaron’s bills.

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

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli – I think you’ve done a great job tonight, congratulations John, happy to have you be our President, also I live in the vicinity of Lippincott Avenue and I would disagree with your assessment of it sir, respectfully. There has been one gunshot and one issue recently, yes there has been but to take it so far as to say that we are approaching a blood bath I think is an extreme exaggeration. I know that our Director and our Police Department is doing an excellent job in our area and I see Police Officers and Police cars on a daily basis in our area multiple times a day and it’s really a very good thing, we are highly patrolled. I think if it ever came to that point where we were deserving of this Gun Shot Detector, I’m sure we would consider it however personally from living in that area, I do not feel that we are at that place, not even close. There may have been a time in 1993 where, yes, we could have used that but the situation now is day and night compared to the way it was then but we will continue to monitor that and if anything does change, I’m sure that our Director and our Police Department will make appropriate changes necessary, thank you.

Councilwoman Billings – I’d just like to thank everyone for coming out and reminder of the Columbus Day parade on Sunday. Thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – Thank you again for coming out. Have a good evening.

Council Vice President Celli – I have a couple things, first of all I’d like to wish Joy a belated Happy Birthday and I’d also like, since I wasn’t at the last meeting, I’d like to thank her for carrying the City Council for the last nine months. Thank you for a nice job and of course congratulations to John for being the new President and although Councilwoman Billings mentioned the parade, I would like to remind everybody that the parade itself has changed as well. We start at the Middle School, we go up Bath Avenue, down Broadway and down

Morris Avenue and back to the Middle School and that's on Sunday. It starts at 1:00. I hope everybody can make it and enjoy your Columbus Day. Thank you.

Council President Pallone – And I would just like to thank everybody for coming this evening and for your comments. It's always appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilwoman Billings to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.