

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 22, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, October 22, 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:**

October 8, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#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 (INTRODUCED: AUGUST 27, 2013)**

A motion by Councilwoman Bastelli to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilman Sirianni.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding FEMA reimbursement, Manahasset Creek Park and flood zones. Requests a no vote on this ordinance.

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

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

**#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 (INTRODUCED: OCTOBER 8, 2013)**

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding bank stabilization of Lake Takanassee, purchase of vans, purchase by the City vs Monmouth County Improvement Authority.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli to close the hearing was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adopt on third and final reading 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 (INTRODUCED: OCTOBER 8, 2013)**

A motion by Councilwoman Celli to open the public hearing on said ordinance was seconded by Councilwoman Billings.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Asked what the appropriation was for. Mr. Mehlhorn stated that the Monmouth County Tax Board authorized a reval of all city properties.

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

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

**John Mattis – Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding flooding on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Morris Avenue – clogged drains and getting more patrols on Ocean Boulevard.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding R265-13 – asked if the position was civilian or Police. Went on to speak about Pensions whether it was Police and Fire or PERC. Spoke regarding Leslie Schneider and feels she should be removed from office.

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** – Happy Birthday Kate Billings. That's it, good night.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I'd just like to remind everyone that on Saturday at the Senior Center from the hours of 10 – 2 the Police Department and I believe the DEA will be taking used drugs. If you have used drugs at home that you want to get rid of, they've expired, you don't need them anymore, you can take them down to the Senior Center and get rid of them from your house and turn them over to them and they will dispose of them properly. Thank you.

**Councilman Sirianni** – Thank you for coming out this evening.

**Council Vice President Celli** – Tonight I have the very extreme pleasure to my left is a young lady who is only 21 and today is her birthday and Council President will now present her with a bouquet of flowers. We didn't forget you.

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – Thank you everyone. Thank you very much.

**Councilwoman Celli** – I'm not finished with my speeches yet and tomorrow, our Mayor turns 22. Happy Birthday Adam. Then, before we have our next Council meeting, we have another birthday and that's Councilman Michael Sirianni who will be 15! Happy Birthday to all of our birthday people.

**Council President Pallone** – I would like to again congratulate and wish Kate a Happy Birthday and thank you all for coming and I'd also like to congratulate Mary Jane, she has been selected as the Library Champion for the year and she is going to be honored Thursday evening so congratulations to you, Mary Jane.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m.