

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 26, 2013
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, November 26, 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 G. 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:

November 12, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#13-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO LEASE SPACE FOR FIRE TRUCKS FROM PRIVATELY OWNED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR 2013 (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 12, 2013)

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

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilwoman Celli 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

#14-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES AND SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 2013 (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 12, 2013)

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

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

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

#15-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 45-3.C (2) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (FIRE DEPARTMENT) (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 12, 2013)

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Sirianni

#16-13 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTIES BY NEGOTIATION, PURCHASE, CONDEMNATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN, SAID PROPERTIES BEING IDENTIFIED ON THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE AND PARCEL MAPS (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 12, 2013)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Asked about the three individuals listed on the ordinance – Spoke regarding the executive order and the template used by the Attorney General – Asked Council to table the Ordinance or vote “no”.

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 12/10/13)

#17-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 235-3K, SCHEDULE XVIII (325-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH – HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE – 80 CHELSEA AVENUE

Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 10, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

#18-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-32 VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH – ONE WAY STREET – HENDRICKSON AVENUE

Motion by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 10, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding comments made by 101.5's Jersey Judy Franco about the Long Branch Library, Leslie Schneider's position on the Zoning Board and the resolution prepared by Max Colby.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, 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 Bastelli – In light of Thanksgiving, I would just like to say that I am thankful to be able to serve in this position and serve with our Mayor and Administration and our Council. I respect them all and I'm glad and thankful to serve with them and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this town. Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Billings – I also just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This will be a real happy Thanksgiving for me because this year I am back in my house where last year I wasn't so I am very thankful that. Everything worked out for me and hopefully for the rest of the residents who were affected by Sandy.

Councilman Sirianni – Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah. I hope everyone has a good time. Travel safe with this lovely weather we are experiencing and I hope everyone has a good time with their friends and family.

Council Vice President Celli – I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah from all of us to all of you and the weather is not the best but please drive safely and please remember on Sunday, December 1st there will be the tree lighting down at Pier Village at 4:00 and also on the 2nd of December at 4:30 the Menorah will be lit at Pier Village. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the week.

Council President Pallone – Finally I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Thanksgiving as well and please have a safe and happy holiday. I'd also like to point out that the 2nd meeting in December which would have been scheduled for the 24th which is Christmas Eve is going to be on Monday the 30th. I just wanted to point that out. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

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