

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 10, 2013

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, December 10, 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 26, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to approve the minutes of November 26, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#17-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 235-3K, SCHEDULE XVIII (325-44) OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH – HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE – 80 CHELSEA AVENUE (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 26, 2013)

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adopt on third and final reading 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 (INTRODUCED: NOVEMBER 26, 2013)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni 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 Councilman Sirianni to close the hearing was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, 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 12/30/13)

#19-13 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NON-COMPETITIVE REDEVELOPER QUALIFICATION, EVALUATION AND DESIGNATION PROCESS

Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for December 30, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Joe Turpin – 15 Hobart Manor

Spoke regarding a letter in the Link and the situation with 101.5 Jersey Judy's comments about the Long Branch Library. Mr. Turpin defended the Library.

Joe Johnson – 36 Port-au-peck Drive

Thanked the Mayor, members of Council and the Fire Department for all of their support. Captain Johnson is retiring from the Long Branch Fire Department.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding Jersey Judy's remarks regarding the Library, Leslie Schneider's reappointment to the Board of Adjustment and the BAC Development agreement resolution and the absence of the default letter.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding Green Energy.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli 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'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Have a safe holiday. I know we just finished Hanukkah and I hope everyone had a happy holiday there as well and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Thank you.

Councilwoman Billings – Just a reminder, if you still have some last minute shopping we are selling beach badges for the holiday for your friends that use the Long Branch beaches. They can buy them here at City Hall or at the Department of Recreation and you get \$5.00 off a season ticket so its \$40.00 for the whole season and they will be on sale through February. Thank you.

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Councilman Sirianni – Just Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and happy Thanksgiving last time. I hope everyone is enjoying their holiday season and stay healthy.

Council Vice President Celli – Captain Johnson, this is for you. I wish you lots of good luck in your future endeavors and thank you for all your service that you did with this City and I want to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas because our next meeting won't be until after the holiday. Thank you.

Council President Pallone – And I would also like to wish everybody a happy holiday and a Merry Christmas. Thank you all for coming this evening, for your comments and as Council Vice President Celli mentioned, the next meeting will be on Monday the 30th of December and that's because the 4th Tuesday actually falls on Christmas eve so thank you again for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 p.m.