

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 30, 2013
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Monday, December 30, 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: Howard Woolley, Business Administrator; Lawrence Shapiro, Esq., City Attorney's office; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Adam Schneider; James G. Aaron, City Attorney

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

HEARINGS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

December 10, 2013 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

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

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

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Asked about the wording in the ordinance dealing with non competitive bidding.

Mr. Woolley responded.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the wording in the ordinance and the real reason he feels the ordinance is being adopted regarding the economy. He stated the ordinance was not needed according to the Municipal Land Use Law.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding research on the Broadway Corridor and the accessibility of information.

After ample time was given and no one else 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 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 Councilman Sirianni to open the public portion of this meeting. Ayes 5

Bernard Gorcey – 36 Second Avenue

Spoke regarding land, the Merry go Round, storms and the Pier and the condition of the Broadway corridor.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Asked about R311-13, R319-13, R320-13, R325-13 and R330-13.

Councilman Sirianni, Councilman Pallone and Mr. Woolley responded.

Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding lower Broadway Arts section being included in ordinance 19-13.

Mr. Woolley responded.

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the bill payout, Pratap Talwar, default letter of BAC and Leslie Schneider.

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

1. APPROVAL OF DAVID LEE RUSSEK AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PHIL DALY HOSE COMPANY
2. APPROVAL OF AARON HAYDEN CARLEY AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ELBERON ENGINE COMPANY
3. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS TAXI OWNERS LICENSES FOR 2014

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the above applications was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli – Thank you for coming tonight and I hope you have a safe and happy New Year, see you next year.

Councilwoman Billings – I wish everyone a happy and most importantly a healthy New Year, thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – Happy New Year, thank you for coming.

Council Vice President Celli – I'd like to wish everybody a happy and healthy New Year and maybe some of us will be prosperous, thank you.

Council President Pallone – I'd also like to wish everybody a happy, safe and healthy New Year to you and all your family.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adjourn this meeting at 8:08 p.m.