

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2014

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 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: James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Business Administrator

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

January 14, 2014 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#1-14 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,240,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,179,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding the general improvements, beach emergency response equipment and the new vehicles for PD and OEM. He also commented on the last paragraph in the ordinance. Requests a “no” vote.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#2-14 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION TO DEBREE, LLC, FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 59 OCEAN TERRACE, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 30, LOT 20.02**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bastelli, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for February 11, 2014 and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**#3-14 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION TO DEBREE, LLC, FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 61 OCEAN TERRACE, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 302, LOT 20.03**

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 February 11, 2014 and 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 and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 5

**Wendy Smentkowski – 259 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Spoke regarding the storm drain on 6<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic. Mr. Migliaccio, Director of DPW gave her a run down on where they were at with regards to repairs.

**Rich James – Bath Avenue**

Asked if he could speak with Mr. Mehlhorn after the meeting. He has a few questions he would like answered.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding the Mayors comments in the Washington Post, his endorsement to Governor Christie, tax exemption ordinances on this evening, asked if there were now no developers on Broadway, spoke about the title to the theatre parcels and the bill payout.

**Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard**

Spoke regarding Health benefits received by the Mayor and Council and pedestrians getting around on the snow covered sidewalks.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, 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 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS KEIPER IN THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK CO. 2
2. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS UCHMON IN THE ELBERON ENGINE CO. 4

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** – I have no comments this evening. Thank you everyone for coming out.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I also have no comments and again I thank everyone, hopefully everybody gets home safe before the other snow starts. Thank you.

**Councilman Sirianni** – I want to thank everyone for coming out this evening. I also would like to thank the Martin Luther Guild that had put on their program on the Martin Luther King weekend. I look forward to it. I want to thank them very much for orchestrating it and having all the activities the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Monday. I attended two of them and it was greatly appreciated and Sunday's church service, I already am trying to recruit one of my brothers to come to it. That's how moving it was. Please be careful with the snow storm and please be careful with the cold and flu's that are going around at this time. Thank you.

**Council Vice President Celli** – Last weekend the house next to me had a fire. I did not happen to be home but I would like to publically thank, Director, the fireman and all the policeman who saved the house and the people who were in it were able to get out and it's just thankful that we have a wonderful Fire Department and Police Department who take care of our residents and thank you again. Please offer my thanks to them. Thank you.

**Council President Pallone** – I'd like to thank everybody for coming this evening, please stay safe and warm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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