

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, February 11, 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: 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:**

January 28, 2014 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of January 28, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#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 (INTRODUCED: JANUARY 28, 2014)**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Mr. Lapore read parts of the ordinance to Council. Went on to speak regarding releases of certain property in MTOTSA, tax abatements and Leslie Schneider comments from the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 Councilwoman Billings, seconded by Councilman Sirianni to adopt on third and final reading was 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 (INTRODUCED: JANUARY 28, 2014)**

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

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding Certificate of Occupancies that have been issued, Leslie Schneider's comments at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 Bastelli 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 and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 5

**Camille Deronin – representing Ocean Plaza Condominium Association – 525 Ocean Boulevard**

Asked what the status was on the engineering design of the boardwalk.

The Mayor stated it was "in progress" and that the City received the amount FEMA will fund about a month ago. The surveying has been done. It's ongoing.

Ms. Deronin went on to speak about the cabanas that were washed away in the storm.

The Mayor stated that the City is not rushing this as there are many concerns and that the City wants to make sure that the design is right. The bluff also has to be rebuilt.

Ms. Deronin when on to say that the Association appreciates the access that was given to them. She asks that the City keeps their concerns in mind. Went on to speak regarding the fencing.

**Jeannie Fallon – 34 Morris Avenue**

Asked who was responsible for cleaning the sidewalks in front of their businesses.

The Mayor stated that the owner of the business is responsible.

Ms. Fallone stated she was down on Broadway the Dollar store and there is a lot of thick ice. She is concerned that another storm is coming. Also, in the West End area, sidewalks need to be cleaned.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Spoke regarding Leslie Schneider, form 148, the Promenade Beach Club, TDB and the summary motion. Went on to speak regarding bills for the Hotel Campus and Beachfront South, resolution 34-14 regarding the synagogue and asked about the \$40,000 being spent.

Mr. Mehlhorn and Mr. Woolley answered his questions stating that the City is receiving the \$40,000 and there will be no special assessments.

Mr. Lapore requests a "no" vote on the resolution.

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:**

1. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR ROBERT M. SOMERS IN THE NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – I'd like to note that February 22<sup>nd</sup> in honor of Black History Month there will be a presentation at the Long Branch Library called "For Freedom They Fought" and it's a living history presentation of the US colored troops and there will be a presentation there by three reinactors and it begins at 3 pm and I just want to highlight that because it's going to be a very interesting program. Thank you.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I have nothing for this evening I just wish everyone be safe and warm in this upcoming storm and hopefully this will be the end of it.

**Councilman Sirianni** – Stay warm, stay safe. The reports do not look good. This storm and then there's a few other little stragglers through the weekend so brace yourself. Thank you for coming out.

**Council Vice President Celli** – Friday is St. Valentine's Day and all you gentlemen and ladies, don't forget your sweethearts. Thank you.

**Council President Pallone** – I'd just like to thank everybody for coming out this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli seconded by Councilwoman Billings to adjourn this meeting at 7:55 p.m.