

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 25, 2014

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, March 25, 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; Lawrence Shapiro, City Attorneys office; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, City Clerk

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

Absent: James G. Aaron, City Attorney

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

None

**READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

March 11, 2014 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#6-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 308-1 ENTITLED "TAXICABS" IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

A motion by Councilwoman Bastelli to table this ordinance was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**#7-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-3C, ENTITLED "NO PARKING" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (MARSHALL COURT)**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for April 8, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**#8-14 CALENDAR YEAR 2014 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJS 40A:4-45)**

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 April 8, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to open the public portion of this meeting and carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 5

**Leslie Hunt – 611 Wardell Street**

Spoke regarding Sandy repairs. The Mayor responded that work has already been started, Elberon train tracks, Columbia Avenue, looking at overview. County says they would help in some fashion.

**Kathy English – 40 Baruch Drive**

Spoke regarding the taxi service in town and how it's hard to get a cab. Agrees the City should issue more licenses.

**Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway**

Requested a no vote on R76-14. Went on to speak about the Budget resolution and the sale of 149 Broadway.

**Christine (last name inaudible) – Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding out of town cab companies, taxi stands, summer vs winter business and perhaps issuing temporary taxi medallions for the summer months.

**Segundo Lazano – 48 Norwood Avenue**

Spoke regarding taxi cab service and the Latino population.

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:**

None

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

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – Thank you for all your comments tonight. I see the people that made comments aren't here anymore but you know what I find distressing is the cab companies that come into town without licenses illegally and continue to practice. I'm not in favor of that and I don't look kindly upon it. So for anyone to ask me to do a favor for people that are doing something illegally, I'm really not in favor of it and I just want to let everyone know that and I am considering the suggestions of the dispatcher of Shore Cab, they were informative and I thank you for them and thank you all for coming out tonight.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I'd just like to thank everyone for coming out, for their input and as you see, we have pulled the taxi ordinance and we will relook at it and I wish everyone a good night. Thank you.

**Councilman Sirianni** – I'd like to thank everyone for coming out. Thank you for speaking your mind, your concerns and we do listen, we do understand and we will be coming up with decisions in regards to the cab and other things people have brought to our attention so thank you.

**Council Vice President Celli** – Today is national Care Givers Day and for those of you who have been or still are care givers, those of you who have served in the past and are serving now in the present and also those who will do it in the future, I'd like to personally thank you for the job that you do. That's it.

**Council President Pallone** – And I would also like just thank everyone for being here this evening and for your comments. They are always helpful and with that I need a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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