

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 27, 2014

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, May 27, 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; 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

Absent: Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman

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

PRESENTATIONS:

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

May 15, 2014 - A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Celli to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 - Bastelli

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#12-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 247 PARKS (SPECIAL EVENT FEES) (INTRODUCED: MAY 15, 2014)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance and was seconded by Councilwoman Celli. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Celli. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 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 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

#13-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 345-14 SITE PLAN REVIEW TO INCORPORATE GREEN DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST (INTRODUCED: MAY 15, 2014)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance and was seconded by Councilwoman Billings. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Billings. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

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 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

#14-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 320-1: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (INTRODUCED: MAY 15, 2014)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance and was seconded by Councilwoman Billings. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

Diana Multare – 21 N. Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding term limits on local levels and gave reasons for her beliefs.

Russell Creed – Greens Avenue

Spoke regarding NJNG drums on Long Branch Avenue next to the park and the brush at Lake Takanassee being removed and no footings. Went on to speak about the speed limit on Norwood Avenue leading to Ocean Avenue.

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 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

RESOLUTIONS:

On file in the Clerks Office and posted on the City’s Web Site.

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF A TAXI OWNERS LICENSE FROM MOHAMMAD AFZAL TO FARAH KHAN (SHORE CAB)

Motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the above listed application was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli – Absent

Councilwoman Billings – Thank you very much for coming out tonight and we appreciate all the comments both a little negative and the positive ones. We really appreciate when we hear we are doing a good job and we are going to try to continue to do a good job for the next four years. Thank you.

Councilman Sirianni – Thank you very much for coming out and voicing your concerns and as always we will listen. Thank you.

Council Vice President Celli – Thank you all for coming, something I don’t normally do because I think that’s your right, you should come if you’re interested in what’s going on in the City and see your City government at work. I’m certainly glad to see a couple of new people. Thank you Barbara for your comments. It’s great to look around the room and see the different people that we see. The lady in the black, I can’t remember her name but thank you for coming again as you usually do and with that I hope everybody had a nice holiday and I hope you had wonderful weather and thank you very much.

Council President Pallone – And as always I’d like to thank everyone for coming this evening and for your comments 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 8:03 p.m.

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilwoman Celli to close the public hearing, seconded by. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

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 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

#15-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 320-2: SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEM OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (INTRODUCED: MAY 15, 2014)

A motion by Councilman Sirianni to open the public hearing on said ordinance and was seconded by Councilwoman Celli. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

After ample time was given and no one responded a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Celli. Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

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 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: (PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 6/10/14)

#16-14 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ADVANCE REFUNDING OF PART OF ITS OUTSTANDING GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2006 DATED JANUARY 15, 2006, APPROPRIATING \$116,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,200,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

A motion was made by Councilwoman Billings to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for June 10, 2014 was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to open the public portion of this meeting and was carried out upon the following vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Bastelli

Barbara Price – 525 Ocean Avenue

Spoke regarding the condition of the exterior of the Senior Center on Second Avenue. Director Migliaccio stated that it is being taken care of and should be completed within the next four weeks.

(First name inaudible) Silver - Beachfront North

Thanked Council for the ramp which is in time for the beach season.

Vincent Lapore – 45 Marine Terrace

Spoke regarding credibility and comments made by Councilman Pallone against Mayor Schneider from years ago. Went on to speak regarding legal fees and pay to play.

Leslie Hunt – 611 Wardell Street

Thanked Council for the wonderful job they are doing. Pier Village had a great turnout over the weekend and it looked like everyone was having a nice time.