

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 10, 2014

7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, June 10, 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:**

May 27, 2014 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Celli, seconded by Councilwoman Billings to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Abstain 1 Bastelli

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**#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 \$16,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,200,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF (INTRODUCED: MAY 27, 2014)**

A motion by Councilwoman Billings to open the public hearing on said ordinance and was seconded by Councilman Sirianni / Ayes 5

**Vincent Lapore – 45 Marine Terrace**

Spoke regarding current principal balance, debt, principal payment, associated costs, professional fees and the accounting firm that prepared the refunding bond ordinance.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Billings to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Celli / Ayes 5

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:**

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24, 2014**

**#17-14 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 308-1 ENTITLED "TAXICABS" IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH**

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 24, 2014 was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli and carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Robin Kamph – 15 Rivergate Way

Spoke regarding the parking at Seawinds and how all of their work vehicles park on Rivergate, the survey taken a few years ago by the Traffic Bureau and would like this situation revisited again with another survey.

**Elizabeth Brennan – Director of Marketing and PR for Monmouth Medical Center**

Spoke regarding the “Roll out the ribbons” campaign that was done last year. Would like to do it again on the boardwalk in a more concentrated area with a soft launch on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a booth on the promenade at Oceanfest. Went on to speak about having banners and signs on Ocean Avenue, Brighton Avenue and Broadway.

**Phil Falcone – Coral Place**

Spoke regarding pension funds – contributions, Christy’s cuts, Long Branch bond issues and would like Long Branch to investigate Wall Street investment bonds.

**Jeannie Fallone – 22 Morris Avenue**

Spoke regarding the parking lot entrance in Phase III – only using Melrose Terrace entrance. Mr. Woolley to look into this. Thanked Director Roebuck for the signs about trucks.

**Joseph Cybulski – 218 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Spoke regarding neighbors house being rented out as a Day Care center. Kids coming in and out all day, Bd of Ed buses picking up kids all hours. Is this illegal?

The Mayor stated he should contact the Board of Ed but the City will look into their part.

**Christine Griffin – Bath Avenue**

Spoke regarding the proposed Taxi Cab ordinance. Shore Cab Company is against this ordinance as written. Would like the City to sit down with them and revisit what has been introduced.

**Mohammad Khan – Shore Cab Company**

Spoke against most of the changes that are in the new ordinance and about other cab companies in the City.

**Vincent Lapore – 45 Marine Terrace**

Spoke regarding bonding, Councilman Pallone comments in newspapers from years ago, labor fees, surplus and tax cuts.

**Diana Multare – 21 North Bath Avenue**

On behalf of Mr. Gorcey – at last, parking meters in Pier Village.

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:**

None

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

**Councilwoman Bastelli** – Happy Fathers Day to all the fathers out there and happy first day of summer.

**Councilwoman Billings** – I have nothing for this evening.

**Councilman Sirianni** – Thank you for coming out. Thank you for your comments and have a good weekend, enjoy the weekend and Happy Fathers Day to all those that are fathers.

**Council Vice President Celli** – Happy Fathers Day to everybody. Thank you.

**Council President Pallone** – As always, thank you for coming. Happy Fathers Day and have a great weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni seconded by Councilwoman Celli to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 p.m.