

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

Joy Bastelli, Councilwoman; Kathleen Billings, Councilwoman; John Pallone, Councilman; Michael Sirianni, Council Vice President; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Kathy L. Schmelz, RMC, 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:

February 8, 2011 - Motion by Councilwoman Bastelli seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes: 5

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

#3-11 AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$42,762 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN IN AND BY THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY. (INTRODUCED: JANUARY 25, 011)

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

Vincent Lapore – 80 North Broadway

Asked what the item was for the Police Department that was being purchased.

Ron Mehlhorn stated that it was the hand scan / fingerprinting device. Total cost is coming out of the bond.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilwoman Billings to close the hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes - 5

#4-11 CALENDAR YEAR 2011 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14) (Introduced: January 25, 2011)

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

After ample time was given and no one responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

A motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to adopt on third and final reading was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 0 – Nays 5

Ordinance defeated.

#5-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 325-27, SCHEDULE III, ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" IN THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH (HOLLYWOOD AVENUE) (Introduced: January 25, 2011)

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

Phyllis Bermensolo - 289 Hollywood Avenue

Spoke regarding quality of life issues. Would like to see "no overnight parking" instead of lifting the no parking 24/7.

Wayne Stevenson - 225 Hollywood Avenue

Asked about the percentage of residents that were contacted.

After ample time was given and no one else responded, a motion by Councilman Sirianni to close the hearing was seconded by Councilman Pallone.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to hold the public hearing and final adoption to the meeting of February 22, 2011 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (Public hearing scheduled for February 22, 2011)

#6-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", 5-17 "PUBLIC RECORDS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH TO REMOVE FEES FOR FUNERAL HOME FILING AS PER THE VITAL STATISTICS PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH

A motion was made by Councilman Pallone to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for February

22, 2011 was seconded by Councilman Sirianni and carried out upon the following roll call vote: 5

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Vincent Lapore- 80 North Broadway

Spoke regarding the article in the Atlanticville about the foreclosure, the Abbottsford Avenue tract, the sound system in the conference room and Code Red. Asked why the City couldn't connect with the Board of Education.

Gerry Scarano - Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding sidewalks and snow removal.

Diana Multare - 21 North Bath Avenue

Spoke regarding the number of empty stores on Broadway and Brighton Avenue. Asked what the city is doing about Takanassee Bridge. It's falling apart. Questioned if the Bungalow was in business.

The Mayor stated that the Takanassee Bridge was just redone and there is nothing wrong with the bridge. Bungalow is only opened when they have scheduled guests. Quiet in the winter months.

Councilman Sirianni asked who the gentleman was that was video taping.

He stated his name was Mr. Petrovich and he is taping on behalf of Long Branch Citizens for Good Government.

After ample time was given and no one else came forward, a motion was made by Councilman Pallone seconded by Councilman Sirianni to close the public portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR DAVID RUSSEK IN THE PHIL DALY HOUSE COMPANY

Motion by Councilman Sirianni, seconded by Councilman Pallone to approve the listed applications was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 5

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilwoman Bastelli - This week I attended a library event that sponsored Dr. Yvonne Thornton with her new book "Something to Prove" and it was really an excellent presentation. The book, I recommend to all of you. Dr.

Yvonne Thornton was a resident here growing up and she is also the author of "Ditch Diggers Daughters" and it was very enjoyable, it was very positive and it told its history, about the town and I encourage everyone to buy the book "Something to Prove", look at it, read it and thank you all for coming and thank you for your comments and suggestions. We appreciate you taking the time to come out.

Councilwoman Billings - I have nothing tonight, thank you.

Councilman Pallone - Thank you all for coming this evening and have a great week.

Councilman Sirianni - This past week we had a special meeting with the Office of Emergency Management and I wanted to thank them personally and also with the Council if they would let me for coming out and going over all of the arrangements and programs that they have in place to take care of the citizens of Long Branch. It was noted and mentioned that in the past a couple of years ago they did a public display, invited the public to show all their set ups and stuff and I wish Mr. Dziuba was here, I understand he is not feeling well but if word of my feelings could convey that I think it would be great if he pursued that again this year, 2011 so that the citizens of the City could see what Long Branch has and is ready to use. The other one is and tied into it is the Code Red proposal and I encourage the citizens of Long Branch to go to our website, click on the Code Red and register your telephone number, your cell phone, your landline number. This is very technical and has a lot more features in this that will come in handy for the City of Long Branch for emergency, also for different information calls that could be given out so I hope, I know I did, it was very easy to do. Just go to the website, click on the big Code Red and register yourself onto it and load up your phone numbers. Thank you, thank you for coming out.

Mr. Woolley stated that they got some phone calls from some people that do not have computers and if they just call 222-7000 and ask for Stan Dziuba, we will get the people registered if they don't have computers. He wanted to relay that this evening but he was not in good health so he is not here.

Mr. Sirianni - and if I may, in speaking with him after the last snow storm, it was used twice. His office received a lot of phone calls complimenting the City for moving fast, for getting a program up and running and aiding in the communications especially when you're hit with these snow storms that kind of sneak up on you. The blizzard was supposed to be 12" and it turned out to be over 30". I'm done now.

Councilwoman Celli - I have two things this evening. First of all, I was very impressed with what the Department of Public Works did. For those of you that have ridden around town, I have never seen Broadway so clean and you certainly did a nice job Fred, please....thank you really and I had a lot of comments on it from the residents. Last of all, my good thing for tonight, even though it's not until next week, I wish everybody a Happy Valentines Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Sirianni made a motion to adjourn this meeting of the Long Branch City Council at 7:45 p.m. which was seconded by Councilwoman Bastelli - Ayes 5