

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Long Branch City Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

PRESENT:

David G. Brown, Councilman; Anthony Giordano, Councilman; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice-President; Michael DeStefano, Council President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Adam Schneider; Howard Woolley, Administrator; James G. Aaron, City Attorney; Ronald Mehlhorn, Finance Director; Irene A. Joline, RMC, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Brian Unger, Councilman

The pledge of allegiance was recited and certification was read into the record.

PRESENTATION: NATIONAL ALCOHOL OF DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

HEARING: RAINBOW LIQUORS

Steve Rubin, Esq representing the City stated that the issues have been resolved and the licensee has pleaded non vault to the charges.

Thomas J. Smith, Esq represented Rainbow Liquors.

A 10 day suspension will be imposed on the license and the City agrees to let this be reduced to a fine in lieu of suspension.

Resolution to be adopted at the September 22, 2009 meeting of the City Council.

Motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to accept the plea from Rainbow Liquors and have a resolution adopted on September 22, 2009 stating the facts.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

August 11, 2009 - Motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 was offered by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Giordano - Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Unger

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

#15-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RC-1 BEACHFRONT MIX ZONE AS TO ALLOW FOR THE DESIRED "MIX" NATURE OF THE ZONE AND STILL MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER OF THE ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITHIN THE ZONE

A motion was made by Councilperson Giordano, seconded by Councilperson Brown to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 22, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Unger

#16-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH COUNTY OF MONMOUTH STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 9-09 (FARMERS MARKET)

A motion was made by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Giordano to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 22, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Unger

#17-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1-09 OF THE CITY OF LONG BRANCH SECTION 345-1 ENTITLED "HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE"

A motion was made by Councilperson Celli, seconded by Councilperson Brown to introduce on first reading, advertise and post according to law and set the public hearing for September 22, 2009 was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 / Absent 1 Unger

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A motion by Councilperson Brown to open the public portion of the meeting was seconded by Councilperson Celli.

Vincent Lapore – Long Branch

Spoke regarding R265-09 regarding UEZ marking & business development project and would like a "no vote", went on to speak about the publication of notification in the newspaper of non payment of taxes, spoke regarding the bill list and Siperstein paint purchase, bonding due to short fall on tax delinquencies and the cost of the Beachfront South presentation.

Donald McPherson – 41 West Columbus Place

Spoke regarding problems at his home that he rents on Chelsea Avenue with regards to cars parked on the street that are not registered, property that is not kept up, trash in front of a home, a bug issue, summons received, doesn't know why he is singled out.

The Mayor suggests that he speaks to the person that wrote out the "notice of violations" of repairs to be made and talk to him and let him know what you're going to do about it and see what you can work out so he doesn't have to write a summons.

Gerry Scarano – Ocean Boulevard

Spoke regarding trash on the weekends, there needs to be a better solution so people don't put their trash out a week early. Went on to speak about

Monmouth College and a trolley that can go down West End Avenue, Broadway, Pier Village, train station on a regular basis. This would help.

The Mayor stated he thinks a trolley is a good idea. Looking into funding.

After ample time was given and no one came forward a motion was made by Councilperson Celli seconded by Councilperson Giordano to close the public portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

APPLICATIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR OPTIMIST CLUB OF HOWELL (REMOVED)
2. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR HOLIDAY EXPRESS
3. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR THE LONG BRANCH CONCORDANCE
4. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR AMERIGO VESPUCCI CHARITABLE FUND
5. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY
6. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. MICHAELS CHURCH
7. APPROVAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR DANIEL ANTHONY MELLACI IN THE ATLANTIC ENGINE & TRUCK CO.
8. APPROVAL OF A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION
9. APPROVAL OF HONORARY CITY AND STATE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR THOMAS EARL WILLIAMS IN THE WEST END ENGINE CO.

A motion by Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Celli to approve the above applications was passed upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4 - Absent 1 Unger

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilman Brown - Just like to say thank you to our fine Police Department. Over the past two weeks we've received testimony to people who had their cars vandalized. We've received testimony from our citizens who had encounters with our Long Branch Police Department individually and collectively and each time, not to my astonishment, but the praise that the average citizen gave, I would just like to thank the Director and all of the force, those present and those who are not here, a hearty thank you from myself and the entire administration. Keep up the good work.

Councilman Giordano - Dave it should be pointed out that not only the citizens are thankful for the Long Branch Police Department recently but so are aging rock stars.

Councilman Unger - Absent

Dr. Celli - I have one thing to say, I'd like to comment on R258-09 which is the Senior Citizens Service Day, September 17th and its called "Citizenship Day" and I'd like to point out that in the resolution they've asked for the people, the citizens, the residents of Long Branch to participate and do a,

shall I say good deed for the day. I'm going to make some recommendations on volunteer projects that you could get involved with and it's up to you to decide what you want to do. First of all, St. James Episcopal Church sees close to 2,000 people a week and they could always use help and that doesn't mean cooking, it means serving and I know Second Baptist has serves meals on Saturday, they can always use help. Also the thrift shop on Branchport Avenue, it is run by Family and Service Center could always use some help and of course our Library and our hospital can always use some volunteer hours and I'll make a pitch for the Senior Center, they are always looking for volunteers so I would invite all the citizens of Long Branch to partake in September 17th and good citizens day. Thank you.

Mr. DeStefano - No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Long Branch City Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.