

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 3, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday January 3, 2023.

Present were Council Pres. McInnis and Council Members Bendo, Lester, Posterli and Treston.

Corporation Counsel and Acting City Manager Richard Berrios was also present.

*Editors note: Items 9, 10 and 11 were added by unanimous consent and were called and voted for before the public hearing. Also item 5 was called out of order.*

**The public hearing was held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach  
Re: Flood Damage Prevention

Building Commissioner Scott Kemins spoke about updating the existing Code so that residents could remain to be eligible for the federally backed flood insurance through FEMA. He continued to speak about the requirements.

Council Member Lester asked if the discount is automatic for residents and if it was noted on their bill.

Commissioner Kemins replied that it would be based upon the community number. He also noted that the only people not eligible would be those who have a preferred policy and continued to explain the process.

Council Member Bendo asked about the impact on residents with the changes.

Mr. Kemins noted that there would be no impact.

Crystal Lake – (206 E. Market St) – asked about height requirements on new construction

Commissioner Kemins spoke about the requirements.

**The calendar items were read by the City Clerk**

#1 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Flood Damage Prevention

#2 – Resolution Adopting a Cash Collection Policy for the City of Long Beach

Mr. Berrios described the policy and its intent to develop proper protocols on handling cash for all departments involved in handling cash.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Tasers for the City’s Police Department from the Sole Source Provider

Police Commissioner, Ron Walsh spoke about the need and purpose for purchasing the tasers.

Council Member Bendo asked about what was included in the purchase.

Commissioner Walsh replied to Mr. Bendo’s question.

Council Member Lester asked how often tasers were used.

Commissioner Walsh replied to Mr. Lester’s question.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Mr. Berrios explained that this was a transfer of funds for a personnel action.

#5 – Resolution Amending the City’s Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2026/27

Mr. Raymond Flammer, Tax Assessor spoke about the need to update the Tax Assessor department’s software. He then introduced a representative from Tyler Enterprise to give a short presentation about the software.

There were several questions asked by the City Council Members including but not limited to:

- Annual Software Maintenance cost
- Professional Services fee
- Tie in with current accounting system (Munis)
- Possible integration with Nassau County/Customization
- Total cost of the system
- Benefit of the system to the City of Long Beach

Andrew Keen (30 California St) – expressed his concerns about this item.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Authorizing Financing for the Acquisition of a Tax Assessment System, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$146,000, Appropriating Said Amount Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$146,000 Bonds of Said City to Finance Said Appropriation.

***This item was for publication only and a hearing will be held on January 17, 2023 at 7pm.***

#7 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Ocean Beach Park

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#8 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of December 20, 2022

Council Member Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Pres. McInnis and was approved unanimously.

**ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

#9 – Resolution. Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement and General Release

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios announced that at this time, it was agreed upon by both the City Council and City Manager.

Ron Paganini (62 Harmon St) – Questioned the cost associated with this agreement

#10 – Resolution Appointing an Acting City Manager for the City of Long Beach

Mr. Berrios spoke to the Charter’s provision and then announced the resolution to appoint Police Commissioner Ronald Walsh as Acting City Manager.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – Thanked Ms. Gayden for her service as City Manager and urged Mr. Walsh to listen to the residents needs.

Ron Paganini (62 Harmon St) – asked for clarity on the start date for the new Acting City Manager and if there was a salary change and expressed his opinion on this item.

#11 – Resolution Appointing a Treasurer for the City of Long Beach

Corporation Counsel, Mr. Berrios spoke about the need to appoint a new Treasurer and announced that the resolution hereby asks for the appointment of Mr. Raymond Flammer, Tax Assessor as Treasurer.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.**

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(ORD. #3071/23)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Flood Damage Prevention

Council Member Lester introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bendo, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #1/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Tasers for the City's Police Department from the Sole Source Provider

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lester, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #2/23)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was duly adopted, by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted no.

(RES. #3/23)

Resolution Amending the City's Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2026/27

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted no.

(RES. #4/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Authorizing Financing for the Acquisition of a Tax Assessment System, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$146,000, Appropriating Said Amount Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$146,000 Bonds of Said City to Finance Said Appropriation

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was defeated by four negative votes. Council Pres. McInnis voted in the positive.

(DEFEATED)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Ocean Beach Park

Council Pres. McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lester, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #5/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement and General Release.

Council Member Lester introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #6/23)

Resolution Appointing an Acting City Manager for the City of Long Beach

Council Member Bendo introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. McInnis, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #7/23)

Resolution Appointing a Treasurer for the City of Long Beach

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Treston made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was duly closed, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

Dated: January 4, 2023

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Kevin Braddish – 740 W. Bay Dr

Linda Giles – 505 Neptune Blvd

Ron Paganini – 62 Harmon St

Andrew Keen – 30 California St

William Gordon – 96 Dalton St

Judi Vining - 410 E Broadway

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Spoke about item #7 on the agenda

Spoke about the condition of Curley St.

Spoke about tables and chairs on the boardwalk

Spoke about the City's long term debt

Spoke about flooding on Dalton St.

Spoke about conditions on Lincoln Blvd

Spoke about the new City Manager, volunteer departments (Aux PD), the North Shore Critical Infrastructure Project and tables and chairs on the boardwalk

Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project and flooding