

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 4, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

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

Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios and City Manager Donna Gayden were also present.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, public attendance was suspended for this meeting. The following notice was posted prior to the meeting:

In light of current health concerns and in accordance with New York State Law Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 we are making the following changes for this Council Meeting:

- **Public attendance for this meeting will be suspended.** A live Stream of the meeting will be available on our YouTube channel. Please visit longbeachny.gov/councilmeetings for the link to our YouTube channel.
- Anyone wishing to directly participate in the meeting was provided with a link to the Zoom meeting

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 64 West Park Avenue (third floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Tattoo Studio

Hearing and item were tabled. See item #3 below

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Electing a Temporary President of the City Council of the City of Long Beach

Council Member Bendo made a motion to add the name of Elizabeth Treston to the item to serve as Temporary President. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

#2 – Resolution Electing a President of the City Council of the City of Long Beach.

Council Member Lester made a motion to add the name of Karen McInnis to the item to serve as President. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli and was carried unanimously.

Council President McInnis thanked Council Member Bendo for his service in the role as President for the past two years and was pleased to know that he would be serving an additional four (4) years on the City Council. She also congratulated Council Vice President Treston in her new role and welcomed Council Members Lester and Posterli to the City Council. Ms. McInnis

concluded by thanking the council for entrusting her with the role as Council President and looked forward to working together as a council as they serve the residents of Long Beach.

Council Member Bendo noted that it was an honor to serve as Council President for the past two years and looked forward to continuing the good work with the newly elected members. He also mentioned that the Council was in good hands with newly appointed Council President, Ms. McInnis.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden congratulated the newly appointed Council President, Ms. McInnis and Vice President, Elizabeth Treston and welcomed the newly elected Council Members, Roy Lester and Tina Posterli to the Council. She then introduced John McNally, Director of Public Relations to give his update.

Mr. McNally began by noting that for the first time in the City of Long Beach's history as well as the 100th anniversary of the city, there was now a majority female City Council as well as City Manager. He added that it was something for all to be proud of. Mr. McNally then gave a COVID update and noted that as far as vaccinations go, the city was moving in the right direction. Mr. McNally then spoke about the recent new positive COVID cases in Long Beach and added that it tripled from when the pandemic began. He did note that fatalities and severe cases have decreased significantly and spoke about the staffing challenges for hospitals. Mr. McNally also added that NYS allocated home tests to counties and schools and that the schools began distribution. He announced that the city was working along with County Legislator, Denise Ford to get allocation to the City of Long Beach to enable distribution through the city's non-profits and faith-based organizations. Mr. McNally concluded by mentioning an upcoming meeting with the potential vendor for the central business district parking meters; he anticipated a working session with the City Council where the parking meter team would give a presentation on what the program would look like.

#3 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 64 West Park Avenue (third floor), Long Beach, New York.
Re: Tattoo Studio

Council Member Bendo made a motion to table this resolution and Public Hearing for the next meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Corporation Counsel, Richard Berrios explained the reason for the transfer of funds for 3 law subscriptions and the newly negotiated prices. He continued to discuss the budget lines involved.

Ms. Gayden added that the council will begin noticing Department Heads moving money from one line item to another. She noted that this new budget process was a learning curve for all and different from how the budget process was designed in the past. The City Manager also noted that these transfers within the departments would not affect the bottom-line budget.

Council President McInnis recognized that the budget was a learning process as different needs arose and commended Mr. Berrios on negotiating the discounts involved with the subscriptions.

Council Member Posterli asked for clarity on the discounts.

Mr. Berrios clarified the discounted items.

Council Member Lester asked how many subscriptions the city had with Westlaw and spoke about the possibility of cutting down on the number of subscriptions. He continued to discuss the Corporation Counsel budget.

The City Manager applauded Mr. Lester on his attentiveness to the budget in looking for different ways the budget could be cut. She suggested that he sit down with the individual department heads and go through their budgets to get a better understanding of why they budgeted the way they did.

Council Member Lester welcomed the City Manager's invitation.

#5 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings of November 23, 2021 and December 7, 2021

Council Member Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester abstained.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #1/22)

Resolution Electing a Temporary President of the City Council of the City of Long Beach

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

(RES. #2/22)

Resolution Electing a President of the City Council of the City of Long Beach

Council Member Treston 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. #3/22)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

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

Dated: January 20, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Andrew Keen

Had a technical problem and could not be heard. Was advised to call City Hall on Wednesday