

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD JANUARY 16, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday January 16, 2024.

Present were Council Pres. Finn and Council Members Bendo, Fiumara, Lester, and Reinhart.

Corporation Counsel Dennis Cohen and City Manager Daniel Creighton were also present.

The City Manager began his report by thanking the City Council for the opportunity to serve the Long Beach community. He proceeded to give a rundown on the weather events that recently took place and acknowledged the city workforce for a job well done. Mr. Creighton also noted that he had been meeting with the Departments and Staff and looks forward to working together. He concluded by thanking former Police Commissioner Ron Walsh for his service to Long Beach and spoke about some of the accomplishments during his tenure.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for Porch Fest and Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

Mr. Creighton described the event and noted that there would be no cost to the city.

Council Member Lester asked Mr. Finn to elaborate on the Porch Fest event.

Council President Finn gave a description of the event and noted how enjoyable it is.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Rehabilitation and Pump Installation of Water Well No. 17 with the Sole Bidder

The City Manager gave a description and background of the work that would take place and that other contractors were given the opportunity to bid on this project.

Council Member Lester asked about the chloride levels in the water.

Public Work's Commissioner Joe Febrizio responded to Mr. Lester's questions. He noted that testing had been done on the Well and described the steps that would be taken to help decrease the levels. Mr. Febrizio then spoke about the importance of this project.

Council Member Reinhart asked if there was a reason why other contractors did not bid on the project.

Mr. Febrizio explained that one of the reasons could be that this work was specialized and noted that the Contractor who was awarded the bid is very reputable and recommended that the council vote yes on this item.

Council Member Bendo asked if the attempt to repair the well was done in the past and if so, what was different about this approach.

Commissioner Febrizio explained what was done in the past and answered Mr. Bendo's questions.

#3 – A “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for the Police Department” was taken off the calendar.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

This item was for publication only. A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

This item was for publication only. A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#6 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of January 1, 2024 and January 2, 2024.

Council Member Lester made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Reinhart and was approved unanimously.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #4/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for Porch Fest and Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

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

(RES. #5/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Rehabilitation and Pump Installation of Water Well No. 17 with the Sole Bidder

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. #6/24)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

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

(RES. #7/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

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

Dated: January 17, 2024

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Christina Kramer	Spoke about the selection of the new City Manager and the Wind Farm project
Tina Posterli – 12 Harmon St	Spoke about the search and selection of the new City Manager
Jennifer Sarafin – 107 Neptune Blvd	Spoke about lack of responses to email, the taking of park land by eminent domain, and the Article 7 proceeding from the Wind Farm project
Kelly Martinson	Spoke about the functioning of a split City Council, the Long Beach Hotel and the Wind Farm project
Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St	Spoke about the search and selection of the new City Manager, snow removal and city Council work sessions
James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about the CSEA, MLK, former Asst. City Manager Garret Rooney and diversity in hiring in the Police Dept.
Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St	Spoke about the North Shire Infrastructure Project, the NY State sea level rese task force and the Wind Farm project
Lynn Kreiss – 711 W Olive St	Spoke about Community Markets (Winter Markets), the replacement of water mains in the Walks and speed bumps on Olive St
Tim Kramer – 361 E Broadway	Spoke about dead trees on Broadway, recent police hiring and vehicle purchases