

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD JANUARY 17, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday January 17, 2023.

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

Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios and Acting City Manager Ronald Walsh were also present.

Pres McInnis made a motion to elect Mr. Bendo to replace her as President of the City Council. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

Council President Bendo thanked Council Member McInnis for her dedication and efforts while she served as City Council President.

Acting City Manager, Ronald J. Walsh, Jr. also thanked Council Member McInnis for her time served as President.

Mr. Walsh opened the meeting with an introduction to his past and current experience in public service. He also thanked the City Council for their trust in him to help keep the city moving forward and assured the public that he is committed to the Long Beach community.

The A/City Manager then gave updates on the following subjects:

- Status/definition of the Comprehensive Plan
- Sewer Plant Conversion
- Design Plan for the Water Distribution in the Walks area
- Proposed Parking Plan
- Job Postings, i.e., (Deputy City Manager)
- Pumping Station located on Tennessee Avenue
- New Crosswalk and finishing the project by the LIRR train station.
- Sinking manhole cover located on Indiana and Park Avenue
- Roosevelt Blvd. and Park Avenue sewer project
- Beach Pass theft

He then asked for City Comptroller, Inna Reznik to give an overview on the city's "long-term" debt.

Ms. Reznik gave a lengthy presentation which addressed the "long-term" debt.

Council Member Lester asked about claims and judgements payables.

Ms. Reznik addressed Mr. Lester's question.

Mr. Lester also asked about the net pension liability.

Ms. Reznik addressed Mr. Lester's questions.

A/City Manager, Walsh also addressed Mr. Lester's questions.

Council Member McInnis asked about long-term liabilities.

Ms. Reznik spoke about the current trends of long-term liabilities.

### **The public hearing was held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 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

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer gave an update on the previous presentation by Tyler Technologies and spoke about the next step which would include executing the contract.

Council President Bendo also gave a brief explanation on how this new system would benefit the city.

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

#1 – 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

*A hearing had been held on this item already.*

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a Vehicle for the City's Transportation Department Through New York State Office of General Services

A/City Manager Walsh explained that this resolution was to purchase a new pick-up truck for the City Garage and noted that 90% of the vehicle was being paid for by grant funding.

Director of Transportation, Brendan Costello spoke about the process of receiving the funding and the options available to either move the vehicle from one department to another or auctioning it off once it has reached its useful life.

Council Member Posterli asked for clarity on how the vehicle would be used.

Mr. Costello noted that it would be used as a support vehicle for various supervisors and mechanics for maintenance, management, and safety functions.

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

A/City Manager Walsh explained the transfer of these funds were to cover overtime expenses for the clean team during the summer months. He added that this was an internal transfer and no additional money was being added to the budget.

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio also noted that the reason for the transfer of funds was because the clean team was a new initiative that took place after the budget was enacted. He suggested that the city put money into the upcoming budget in order to continue this program and eliminate any future transfer of funds.

Mr. Walsh confirmed that next year's budget would include this expense so that the transfer of funds would not be necessary.

Council Member McInnis asked if there would be off-setting revenue.

A/City Manager replied that the offsetting revenue would come from the levy of the businesses in town.

Pres. Bendo made a motion to change A1620.51103 to A8160.51103 in the resolved clause. It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

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

Council Member Lester made a motion to change the WHEREAS clauses to read as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City's Recreation Department recently purchased an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant Aquatrek Ladder **,as well as two AEDs (one adult one pediatric)** before the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is required for the City's Recreation Department to replenish funds that were used to purchase said **items.**” It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Walsh explained that this item would assist folks who have difficulty getting in and out of the pool and the AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) are required to be available on site.

Ms. McInnis noted that she would need more information and a better understanding of the items before she could vote on them.

Mr. Lester asked for clarity on the AED's.

#### #5 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Performing of Additional Fire Safety Services.

Pres. Bendo made a motion to change “Maple Ave” to “Maple Blvd” in the resolved clause. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

Fire Commissioner, Joseph Miller explained the importance of this item and noted that funds were available.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – Spoke in favor of the item

#### #6 – Resolution Appointing a Member to the Board of Ethics for the City of Long Beach

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios described the make-up of the Board of Ethics.

Norah Egan (340 E Chester St) – noted the difficulty with the application process on the website for the Board of Ethics. She also asked about the number of available positions that need to be filled.

Mr. Berrios noted that he would speak with the IT department regarding the website application process.

Eileen Hession– asked about the existing list of the Board of Ethics and how often they meet.

Mr. Berrios noted that to the best of his knowledge, the board of ethics do not have regularly scheduled meetings that he is aware of, but have met in the past. He added that they would be looking at ways to better implement future meetings.

Council President Bendo then described the duties and purpose of the Ethics Board.

Council Member Lester suggested it be called a Compliance Board instead of an Ethics Board.

Mr. Bendo noted that they were looking into seeing if the city could legally change the name.

Mr. Lester also asked for clarity on the vacancy positions vs. the number of members on the board.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Comptroller to Execute and Participate in the New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) Investment Fund

Ms. Reznik spoke about the benefits of participating in this investment fund.

Mike Delury– asked who would be managing the investments of excess funds. He added that he fully supported this resolution. Mr. Delury then asked Ms. Reznik who would be the signatory in her absence.

Ms. Reznik replied that there is an available signatory in her absence. She then gave an explanation on the procedures involved.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code: Mortgage-in-Default Registry

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

#9 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of January 3, 2023.

Council Member Treston made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli and was approved unanimously.

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

Council Member McInnis introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance, seconded by Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted No.

(ORD. #3072/23)

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

(RES. #8/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a Vehicle for the City's Transportation Department Through New York State Office of General Services

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

(RES. #9/23)

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

Council Member Treston 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. #10/23)

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

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member McInnis abstained.

(RES. #11/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Performing of Additional Fire Safety Services

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

(RES. #12/23)

Resolution Appointing a Member to the Board of Ethics for the City of Long Beach

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

(RES. #13/23)

Resolution Authorizing the City Comptroller to Execute and Participate in the New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Investment Fund.

Council Member 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. #14/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code: Mortgage-in-Default Registry

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

Dated: January 18, 2023

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Ron Paganini – 62 Harmon St	Spoke about overtime
Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St	Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project, park renovations, tide flex valves and the draft comprehensive plan
James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about MLK Day
LeRon West – 643 Shore Rd A2	Prayed for the city
Helen Dorado Alessi – 164 W Park Ave	Spoke about language access
Norah Egan – 340 E Chester St	Spoke about dangerous conditions at the intersection of Long Beach Blvd and E Park Ave, the renovation of the 6 <sup>th</sup> floor bathrooms and the search for a new City Manager
Beryl Soloman-Jackawitz – 128 W Penn St	Asked the City to re-consider opting-in to allow the retail sale of cannabis
Reina Hall – 12 Norcross St, RVC NY	Spoke about the storm pump project in the West End