

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

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

Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios was 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 1 of the Laws of 2022 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

Council Vice President Treston opened the meeting by making several announcements which included the misinformation that was circulated regarding the potential for installing a parking system in the central business district. She made it clear that this information was not produced by the city. Ms. Treston noted that a work session was held on January 20, 2022 that discussed this subject and for those interested in listening to the recording of the meeting, it could be found on the city's website. She added that there would be additional meetings on this subject that would allow for public input.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of February 1, 2022.

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

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Operation of the Snack Bar at the City's Ice Arena

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios described the agreement and detailed the content of the lease.

Council Vice President Treston added that the vendor for this snack bar was the Philly Pretzel company which is located at 134 E. Park Avenue.

Council Member Lester asked about the utilities being used by the snack bar vendor and if he was taking the location “as is”.

Mr. Berrios explained that according to the vendor’s representatives, he would only be using electricity for his operation and that the vendor agreed to take the premise “as is”.

Kevin Heller (635 E Walnut St) – Asked about the previous years’ profit/loss (P&L) for the snack bar and what the vendor would be selling. He also questioned the amount of rent they would be paying the city.

Commissioner of Recreation, Joe Brand explained that in prior years, the city ran the snack bar on a very limited basis with a small menu on a “break even” set up for the sole purpose of providing services to the community. He did not have the information on the private vendors that ran it prior to the city.

Council Member Lester asked how many times the RFP (Request for Proposal) went out.

Mr. Berrios replied that it went out several times and this vendor was the sole bidder.

#3 – Resolution Amending Resolution No. 170/21 Authorizing the Purchase of Sodium Bisulfite

Public Works Commissioner, Joe Febrizio gave a brief background on the original resolution and described the reason for this amendment.

Council Member Lester asked about the pumping process at Bay Park.

Mr. Febrizio noted that once the conversion project was completed, none of the current pumping processes would be needed any longer.

Mr. Lester asked about the conflicting prices in the original bid.

Commissioner Febrizio described the original resolution and noted the corrections needed.

Council Member Bendo questioned the total number of gallons used thus far and at what price they were paid.

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios suggested a motion be made to correct the language in the resolution to reflect the remainder of this fiscal year.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to change the wording in the resolved clause from “for approximately 5,000 gallons to finish this fiscal year, at a cost of \$26,925” to “for an approximate total of 10,000 gallons for this fiscal year, with 5,000 gallons already purchased and approximately 5,000 gallons still needed to finish this fiscal year, at a total remaining cost of \$26,925.” It was seconded Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Ray Flammer, Tax Assessor explained that the transfer of funds would be used to pay for appraisal services of some city properties pending litigation.

Council Member Lester asked how the city differs from the county on the tax certiorari.

Mr. Flammer gave a full explanation on the appraisal process.

A discussion continued on the topic.

Ms. Inna Reznik, City Comptroller clarified how these funds would be used.

Anne Flomenhaft (10 Franklin Blvd) – Spoke on the wrong item. Was informed to wait until good and welfare.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #13/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Operation of the Snack Bar at the City's Ice Arena

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

(RES. #14/22)

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 170/21 Authorizing the Purchase of Sodium Bisulfite

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

(RES. #15/22)

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Asked for the City Manager to give a report on how the City was saving money and about the City's vehicle fleet, the rezoning proposal from the state and about parking meters.

Anne Flomenhaft – 10 Franklin Blvd

Spoke about the petitions submitted regarding opting back into the cannabis legislation

Andrew Keen – 30 California St

Asked about the board of ethics

Kevin Heller – 635 E Walnut St

Spoke about virtual public meetings

Lew Dubow – Kirkwood St

Spoke about bike lane signs on the boardwalk and E-bikes

Judi Vining

Spoke about school athletics and opting out of the cannabis legislation.

Kathleen O'Leary

Spoke about grant funds