

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.

Present were Council President Bendo and Council Members Delury, Mandel, McInnis and Treston.

Deputy 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 as per Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 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

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioner Ronald J. Walsh to give his report.

Commissioner Walsh recognized two members of the police department for their excellent performance. He noted that PO McCulloch rescued a dog from drowning and recognized PO Holstead for her instincts at a traffic stop which lead to the confiscation of 10 lbs. of marijuana.

Council Member Treston thanked the Police Commissioner and the police officers for adding a fresh new look to the police department.

Council President Bendo also noted the good job done by all police officers.

Council Member Delury asked about what time of the day these occurrences took place.

Commissioner Walsh noted that PO Holstead's incident was in the evening and stated how proud he was to be part of such a dedicated department.

Council Member Mandel thanked the Police Officers and the Police Commissioner.

Ms. Gayden then introduced Monique Powell, Director of Community Development and youth and family services to give her update.

Ms. Powell gave an update on the youth and family services department noting that they had streamlined the systems for the daycare/early childhood programs that will be launched on March 1, 2021. She also noted that the staff is doing their training which included the training on the software for student information. Ms. Powell spoke about the many programs that were taking place including the African-American scavenger hunt that was taking place at the local city parks and the one-on-one youth academic tutoring services. She added that the Senior Center is in the process of looking into the details that will meet the needs of the Seniors and provide the necessary services. Ms. Powell touched upon the Community Development department and the start of the micro-enterprise business program that helps small businesses that have five or fewer employees with a variety of assistance during these unfortunate times and to help those minorities' who would like to start businesses in Long Beach.

The City Manager then introduced Commissioner John Mirando.

(Due to technical difficulty Mr. Mirando was unable to give his report at that time).

Ms. Gayden then introduced Mr. John McNally, Executive Assistant to the City Manager to give his update.

Mr. McNally gave a COVID update and noted that the numbers showed a decline from the holiday peak. He also gave an update on the COVID vaccination information. Mr. McNally clarified for the audience that the vaccination pop-up site that was held at the Magnolia Center was a program run by the Governor's office who asked the City of Long Beach to host the event. He noted that this was part of their equity in distribution efforts to assist minority and low-income populations in getting the vaccine.

Mr. Roy Lester noted that Commissioner John Mirando really educated him on the recycling program and added that most people do not realize how expensive it is when people do not recycle. He continued to speak about the process and noted that Commissioner Mirando gave a clear explanation regarding the recycling process including the cost. Mr. Lester concluded by saying that the recycling crisis needs to be addressed as a national problem.

The City Manager thanked Mr. Lester for coming on and sharing the information with the public since Commissioner Mirando was unable to speak due to a technical difficulty.

Council Vice President McInnis announced that next week would mark a year in service for City Manager Donna M. Gayden and thanked her for her dedication to the city. She also noted how very grateful the council was that the Ms. Gayden was still here in Long Beach.

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: 163 East Park Avenue (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Kosher Foods and Grocery Products Shop

Council President Bendo asked the owner Farzard Zaghi questions about his relocation.

Council Member Treston asked where the new location would be.

Mr. Zaghi noted that he would be moving from 172 E. Park Avenue to 163 E. Park Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach
Re: Vehicles for Hire.

Council President Bendo gave a brief description of the amendment.

Pres. Bendo Made a motion to change in Sec. 24-79 the word “parties” to “tow operator and vehicle owner”. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

City Clerk David Fraser noted that these new fees would bring the city in line with the Town of Hempstead’s towing fees.

Council Member Delury asked if this fee was charged to the licensed vehicle tow owner.

Mr. Fraser explained that this was what the tow operator would be charged if they wanted to be included on the police tow list.

Council President Bendo asked about the outside and inside storage charges.

Mr. Fraser explained that the city follows the Town of Hempstead’s definition.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – suggested that the new changed charges should be made public.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden replied that Mr. Lester’s suggestion was duly noted.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach
Re: Licenses and Business Regulations.

Pres. Bendo Made a motion to change in Sec. 24-79 the word “parties” to “tow operator and vehicle owner”. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

Deputy Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios explained what was being amended and spoke about the discussions that took place at several working sessions regarding this item.

Mr. McNally spoke about the privately owned parking lots leases and the solution to allow the owners to operate these lots at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Berrios added that this did not necessarily mean that these private lot owners will continue to go into the parking lot business.

Council Member Delury thanked everyone for addressing this item and asked about the privatization of these lots and the tow operator licensing fees.

Mr. Fraser responded that they would have to pay the licensing fee and become a licensed and proper tower.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of December 15, 2020

Council Pres. Bendo made a motion for the approval of minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Delury and was carried unanimously.

#2 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 163 East Park Avenue (street floor), Long Beach, New York.
Re: Kosher Foods and Grocery Products Shop

#3 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Vehicles for Hire

#4 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Licenses and Business Regulations

#5 – Resolution Declaring and Designating Juneteenth an Official Holiday in the City of Long Beach

Council President Bendo discussed this item and explained that this holiday would replace the Lincoln's Birthday holiday. He noted that since the Lincoln's birthday holiday was already used for this year, this would go into effect for next year.

Council Vice President McInnis noted how proud she was of Long Beach for recognizing the importance of Juneteenth.

Deputy Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios thanked John Mooney, CSEA President and Bill Dodge of the Police Department for their assistance with the particulars of this agreement.

James Hodge- Thanked all for allowing Juneteenth to be recognized in the City of Long Beach and spoke about the history of this event.

Ms. Gayden thanked everyone for passing this item, and also noted that the city employees were given off for Juneteenth last year.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

The City Manager explained that money was being moved from one line to another to help repair the street sweeper vehicle.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked how much funding the city had for vehicle repair.

Ms. Gayden noted that Ms. Reznik, City Comptroller was not available to answer this question and did say that the city had more vehicle repairs than anticipated.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the Community Development Fund for the 43rd Program Year

Ms. Monique Powell, Director for Community Development gave the explanation on the amendment and spoke about how this would assist small business and help minorities open new small businesses in the City of Long Beach. She continued to speak about the other activities that would fall under this program.

Council Vice President McInnis noted that this item was in the true spirit of the community development programming and thanked Ms. Powell for her diligence in helping our small businesses.

Ms. Powell thanked all who assisted her with this program.

Council Member Delury asked for an explanation on the 43rd year program.

Ms. Powell gave a thorough explanation and why funds were being used from the 43rd year.

Mr. Delury thanked Ms. Powell for her efforts and commented on how this was not easy to achieve.

James Hodge- spoke about the past community development departments and how they helped several businesses in the community. He also noted that there were many organizations that could benefit from these funds.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the County of Nassau for the Purpose of Undertaking a Community Development Program, Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as Amended, for Inclusion in the City’s Community Development Program for 2021-2022 (47th Year)

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the City Council may not be meeting in-person. In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order 202.1, the February 16, 2021 City Council meeting may be held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live.

The public will be given an opportunity to observe and participate in the virtual meeting by registering for the hearing at [longbeachny.gov/councilmeetings](https://www.longbeachny.gov/councilmeetings).

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #26/21)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 163 East Park Avenue (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Kosher Foods and Grocery Products Shop

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

(ORD. #3045/21)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Vehicles for Hire

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

(ORD. #3046/21)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Licenses and Business Regulations

Council Member Mcinnis 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. #27/21)

Resolution Declaring and Designating Juneteenth an Official Holiday in the City of Long Beach

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

(RES. #28/21)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Council Member Treston 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. #29/21)

Resolution Authorizing a Budget Amendment to the Community Development Fund for the 43rd Program Year

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. #30/21)

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the County of Nassau for the Purpose of Undertaking a Community Development Program, Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as Amended, for Inclusion in the City's Community Development Program for 2021-2022 (47th Year).

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

Dated: February 17, 2021

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

James Hodge	Thanked the council and talked about police reform
Roy Lester – 72 Boyd St	Spoke about money owed by the LGBT festival, outstanding Sandy money and the boardwalk benches
Judi Vining	Spoke about adding marijuana to the social host ordinance and about a food drive with Long Beach aware