

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 21, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday March 21, 2023.

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

Acting Corporation Counsel Charles Geiger and Acting City Manager Ronald Walsh were also present.

Council President Bendo asked for the City Manager's report.

Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh began his report by addressing some of the concerns that came up at the last city council meeting regarding the Equinor project. He wanted the audience to know that the city was taking resident concern seriously and directed them the website www.longbeachny.gov/wind where they could find a lot of information regarding the project. Mr. Walsh also noted that if residents had any questions or any information they would like to share with the city administration, they could do so by visiting wind@longbeachny.gov. He continued updating the audience with the recent steps that had been taken thus far and assured them that there would be many experts looking out for the best interest of the city. Mr. Walsh then addressed some of the questions that came up at the last city council meeting regarding:

- Long Beach Blvd. & Park Avenue accidents – Statistics of enforcement activities
- NYS Governor Hockul's housing transit-oriented development

Council President Bendo gave an update and spoke about the proposal from NYS Governor Hockul regarding the transit-oriented housing, and where it stands with the city of Long Beach.

Council Member McInnis added that the state said they had \$250 million for infrastructure related to transit-oriented development and she asked that they consider giving some of the funding to the city to help with the rezoning that was in progress, and the response from the state was that they would be happy to consider it.

Council President Bendo announced that the city council engaged with a consultant to help start with a city manager search and was in the process of developing a profile for what was needed in a new city manager.

The public hearing was held

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach
Re: Special Events

Acting Corporation Counsel, Charles Geiger explained that this amendment was about giving the city discretion to refund permit fees should an event not take place. He added that the City Clerk and City Manager would make that determination.

Mr. Walsh also noted that it permits the city not to require the payment of the estimated expenses upfront, which was a concern of some of the council members.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Special Events

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Consulting Services

Council Member McInnis made a motion to move the text “at a cost not to exceed \$75,000” after “for a one-year duration”. It was seconded by Pres. Bendo and was carried unanimously.

The Acting City Manager noted that this item was for accounting services required for the City Comptroller’s office to do necessary accounting related practices.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Nassau to Receive Funding for the Purchase of a Zamboni and Related Items

Mr. Walsh explained that the City’s current Zamboni was out of service and that Freeport was kind enough to loan the city their backup Zamboni that helped the city to keep its ice operations moving. He added that thanks to an Inter-municipal agreement arranged by Legislator Denise Ford, the city would now be able to purchase a new Zamboni.

Council Member McInnis reminded the audience that last year during the capital budget process, she had asked if the city needed to purchase a new Zamboni. She then asked if a new one should be included in this year’s capital budget due to the uncertainty of when the new Zamboni would arrive.

The City Manager replied that it was not included in the current capital budget with the anticipation of the Intermunicipal agreement. He noted that the City’s Zamboni was up and running and explained that this Intermunicipal agreement money could not be spent without the approval of the Legislature, therefore the city could not schedule a purchase just yet.

Denise Ford (36 Ohio Ave) – stated that it was her pleasure to enter into the agreement and thanked Commissioner Joe Brand and Ms. Maureen Walsh for reaching out to her with this important request.

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

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Amending and Restating Bond Ordinance Adopted May 17, 2022 in the Amount of \$165,759,695

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 917 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(ORD. #3077/23)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Special Events

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. #55/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Consulting Services

Council Member Lester 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. #56/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Nassau to Receive Funding for the Purchase of a Zamboni and Related Items

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. #57/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Amending and Restating Bond Ordinance Adopted May 17, 2022 in the Amount of \$165,759,695

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. #58/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 917 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

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. #59/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties

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 five council members present voting in the affirmative.

Dated: March 22, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Ron Paganini	Spoke about overtime
Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St	Spoke about overtime in the Fire Dept
Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St	Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project
Roy Reynolds – Suffolk County	Spoke about voting integrity
Barbara Callaletto – 1 Watch Way, Lloyd Neck, NY	Spoke about voter issues
Wanda Brooks – E Hudson St	Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project
James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project and the MLK center