

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD MAY 7, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday May 7, 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.

Council President Finn spoke about the loss of Special Officer Adam Astone and then asked for a moment of silence.

City Manager, Daniel Creighton then gave his report. He echoed Mr. Finn's remarks and noted how proud he was of everyone who came together at that difficult time. Mr. Creighton then stated that there will be a budget presentation at this meeting and gave dates for future presentations. He spoke on the following topics:

- Hydrant Flushing
- Infrastructure Projects Map
- Loop Parkway closing
- Beach Pass Sales
- Arts Council – Porch Fest
- Congratulated Kristen Delaney – Long Island Marathon Winner

Council President Finn read from the City Charter regarding requirements for applying to the City of Long Beach Boards and Commissions. He also touched upon the last meeting and the comments that were made while appointing John McQuade to the Board of Ethics.

Council Member Lester responded that he did not think that it was right to remove a member from the opposite party with a politician who previously ran with the City Manager and had not previously applied for the position.

Pres. Finn reiterated that the appointment was made in compliance with the charter.

**The public hearings were held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** For the purpose of giving citizens an adequate opportunity to publicly present their views on the General Summary of the Proposed Budget for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Before the presentation started, a member of the audience asked about agenda item #12 and why it was removed.

Council Vice President Fiumara explained why the item was removed from the agenda. He continued to detail some resident concerns about the project.

Council President Finn added to the explanation for the removal of the agenda.

The City Manager then spoke about some guiding principles of the budget before the official budget presentation.

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik then gave her presentation of the budget.

Mr. Creighton explained that there are always risks due to the possibility of unforeseen costs that could develop. He added that he believed that this administration was overly cautious and made sure they were conservative in adjustments. The City Manager also noted that with every risk comes opportunity. He mentioned the opportunity of raising much more money with the Ice Arena and Beach Park and hoped to see more revenue coming in than what is expected.

Council Member Lester asked about the increase in the assessed value of the Engel Berman properties.

Ms. Reznik replied to Mr. Lester's questions.

Council Member Bendo spoke about the past budget efforts and the elimination of borrowing to pay operating expenses and increase in the general fund balance.

Council Member Lester commended Inna for her past budget efforts.

Council Vice President Fiumara thanked all members of the CSEA for their efforts and sacrifices that helped in preparing this budget and reaching such a positive outcome.

Council Member Reinhart also thanked the residents of Long Beach who have endured several tax increases over the past four years.

Council President Finn spoke about the importance of taking a conservative outlook when it comes to projections of income. He commended the City Manager and City Comptroller for taking that approach and looked forward to a very positive direction for this year.

Tim Kramer – asked about the Debt Services and what the cost analysis was for the Superblock.

Ms. Reznik and Mr. Creighton responded to Mr. Kramer's questions.

Mr. Kramer also stated that the hard work that enabled the city to come up with additional money over the past 4 years was from the taxpayers and not the previous council. He concluded by saying that he hoped that this council will make better decisions with the homeowners and taxpayers in mind. Mr. Kramer also expressed his disapproval of the Haberman deal.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked about the tax abatement that was granted in the past.

A discussion ensued regarding the tax abatement that was put in place for the superblock project.

Eileen Hession – Spoke about the history of the Haberman situation and tax burden and asked the council to work together.

Council President Finn responded by saying that he agreed and would like to work together. He also noted the burden of taxes for the past years.

Council Member Bendo spoke about the history of how the city was conducting business when it came to spending.

Council President Finn questioned the deal that was made with the Haberman's and the over projections of income from last year's budget.

Ron Paganini – spoke about the previous years' overtime spending in the Fire Department. He also expressed his disagreement in hiring four new firefighters.

Charles Gary – spoke about the 1% tax increase and did not feel that the residents would be upset with this increase. He also discussed the current Lifeguard hours.

James Hodge – spoke about how debating is healthy. He also asked the council while working on the budget, to try not to cut where it would affect the lowest paid employees.

Council President Finn responded that the last people that they would want to harm would be the ones who need the most.

Ms. Reznik began her presentation on the Water Fund portion of the budget. She also noted the need to upgrade the residential water meters throughout the city since they had reached the end of their useful life.

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio spoke about upgrading the water meters throughout the city. He gave a detailed background explanation on what this project would entail.

Ms. Reznik continued with the presentation.

Council Member Lester asked why the water expenses keep increasing.

Commissioner Febrizio responded by saying that all water projects are paid out of the operating fund of the water fund.

A discussion continued regarding the debt services and meter upgrades.

Council Member Reinhart asked how long water meters last and questioned the amount of money that is being lost due to the age of the meters.

Mr. Febrizio responded that they last approximately 20 years. He also added that once the meters reach their useful lives, they begin reading at only 80 to 85% capacity and he hoped to obtain the right contractor so that this project could begin. Commissioner Febrizio then listed the many water projects that are being started.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked about the projects being conducted in the "Walks".

Mr. Febrizio gave a complete description of the water main replacement project for that area.

Council Member Lester asked if the lights and other work that was mentioned would come out of the capital portion of the water budget.

Commissioner Febrizio responded that the entire project would come out of the water fund.

Ms. Reznik also mentioned that she would refer to Bond Counsel for suggestions on how to pay for it.

Council Member Bendo asked about the budget increase that was made in water meter sales and a date as to when the new meters would be installed.

Ms. Reznik responded to Mr. Bendo's questions.

Eileen Hession – mentioned the residents who raised their homes and had to pay \$400.00 for new water meters. She asked if this would also be the case for those presently getting new meters.

Mr. Febrizio responded that it would not be at the homeowner's expense.

Ron Paganini – asked about the old meters and the brass scrap metal that could be sold from them.

Commissioner Febrizio responded to Mr. Paganini's question. He noted that the contractor would keep the brass as part of the agreement for the project. Mr. Febrizio spoke highly of the contractor and noted that there would be 3-to-4-million-dollar savings for the city.

*Editor's Note: The remaining Public Hearings were called out of order*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach  
Re: Water and Water Distribution

Mr. Creighton explained that this hearing was for the raising of the water rates.

Mike Delury – made suggestions for establishing a new rate structure.

Marissa Ferrara (136 Coolidge Ave) – asked for clarity on the increase in pipe size.

The City Manager responded to Ms. Ferrara's question.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Sewer Rents

Mr. Creighton explained that this would result in a reduction of the sewer rate portion in water bills from 1.3 times the amount billed for water to 0.9.

Council Member Lester asked for clarification that this was due to the surplus in the fund balance.

Ms. Reznik responded to Mr. Lester's question.

The City Manager also contributed to the explanation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach  
Re: Admission Charges for Ocean Beach Park.

The City Manager explained that this item sets the hours of operation for the Beach Park.

Council Member Bendo asked about informational signage for the public entering the beach park. He noted savings from last year due to having the ticket takers work until 4pm instead of 6pm and asked if this would continue.

Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Joe Brand responded to Mr. Bendo's questions and explained how the signage would have the hours of Lifeguards on Duty and hours of beach pass requirements.

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

#1 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Appendix A – Zoning

*Editor's Note: A hearing was held on this item at the last meeting.*

The City Manager explained that this was a holdover from the last meeting waiting upon the County's Planning Board review prior to voting. He added that Nassau County had no objections to allowing the changes to Zoning Districts D, B and E in the West End.

Mike Delury – asked for clarity on some of the language in the item and suggested some changes be made.

Mr. Creighton asked for Building Commissioner Kemins to respond to Mr. Delury's question.

Commissioner Kemins clarified and answered Mr. Delury's question.

#2 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Admission Charges for Ocean Beach Park

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

#3 – Resolution to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Water and Water Distribution

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

#4 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Sewer Rents

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

#5 – Resolution Confirming the Appointment of a Corporation Counsel

The City Manager announced the appointment of Mr. Frank Dikranis as Corporation Counsel for the City of Long Beach. He also thanked Mr. Dennis Cohen for his professionalism and hard work while serving in this position.

Council President Finn also thanked Mr. Cohen for his service to the City of Long Beach and expressed his appreciation.

Council Member Lester questioned the change in Corporation Counsel.

Council President Finn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of an employee. It was Seconded by Mr. Bendo and was carried unanimously.

The Council members returned from executive session and Council Member Bendo asked how many council members reviewed Mr. Dikranis' resume. A discussion ensued regarding this item.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and failed with only two affirmative votes (Bendo and Lester). Council Pres. Finn and Council Members Fiumara and Reinhart voted no.

Discussion ensued regarding the hiring of Mr. Dikranis.

Mike Delury – expressed his opinion about the hiring process and the importance of the position of Corporation Counsel.

Eileen Hession – expressed her opinion on the hiring process.

Jen Sarafin – spoke about her past experience with the Corporation Counsel and the Equinor situation.

Kathleen O'Leary – spoke about the inclusion of all members on the City Council when making decisions and the Ethics Board.

Christina Kramer – expressed her concern about the spending on outside counsel.

Nora Egan – asked about the rules for job postings for city positions.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – spoke about inclusion on decision making. He thanked Mr. Cohen for the time he served.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Charitable Donation

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the city to accept a donation of t-shirts from Mount Sinai South Nassau for the city Lifeguards.

Council Member Lester asked if these shirts would look like official lifeguard shirts and worn on duty. He also asked if the city would allow other uniforms to include advertisement.

Commissioner Brand noted that Skudin Surf bought t-shirts for Beach Maintenance and Parks and Recreation last year.

Mr. Lester then noted that it could be a money saver to have advertisement for other uniforms, i.e., Police, Fire, Sanitation and something the city should explore.

Council Member Reinhart noted that the lifeguard shirts had advertisements on them last year as well.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for a Fireworks Display to Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Creighton explained that this would allow the City to enter into an agreement with a company to provide fireworks to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Lester asked if this cost was strictly for the fireworks.

The City Manager replied that it was for the fireworks and the barge where they would shoot off the fireworks for a cost of \$45,000.00.

Mr. Lester asked about the additional items in the contract and if the city was able to get sponsorship for this event.

Mr. Creighton replied that the city was able to get \$5,000.00 and that there were two other areas where there were contributions totaling \$15,000.00 and an additional \$5,000.00 as well which would help cover the cost.

Council Member Lester asked for a breakdown of the sponsorship for this event.

Ms. Stacy Sweet, Consultant for City of Long Beach noted that there was \$5,000.00 in sponsorships specifically for the fireworks and \$2,500.00 of that was coming from Mt. Sinai South Nassau and another \$2,500.00 pending from the Long Beach Nursing and Rehab Center.

Mr. Lester also asked about the cost of overtime for the event.

Commissioner DePalma replied that he did not have those figures available with him now, but it did cost the city overtime.

Council Member Bendo asked for clarity regarding the contract regarding the length of the show and the type of fireworks being used.

Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations noted that the length of the show was approximately a 14-minute show and delineates the type of fireworks used in the proposal that would be provided.

A discussion continued regarding the event.

Mr. Bendo then asked about certain language in the contract regarding advertisement for the company and their base location in Pennsylvania.

Corporation Counsel, Dennis Cohen responded to Mr. Bendo's questions.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked if anyone looked into any other companies from Long Island.

Mr. McNally replied that there was a very limited pool of providers that would work with the city at that price.

Council Member Reinhart added that he has seen advertisements given at other events for fireworks displays and in fact, it probably helps with the cost.

#### #8 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and the City Comptroller to Transfer Funds within the 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the City Comptroller to transfer funds exceeding \$1,500.00 within the remaining 2023-2024 budget period.

Mr. Bendo expressed his concern about council financial oversight.

Council President Finn agreed that it is a concern of the council but also recognized the reason to delegate that authority to those that are entrusted to do so. He also noted that this item has been passed unanimously by previous councils.

#### #9 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Desktop Computers for Various City Departments the New York State Office of General Services.

The City Manager noted that this item would replace the city's outdated computers.

Council Member Lester questioned the decision to purchase the new computers.

Mr. Creighton explained that the IT Department went through the list of computers and examined the performance for each computer, and it was suggested that they be replaced based on their lack of ability to perform certain functions and run certain programs.

Mr. Lester then questioned whether the use and their functions were considered before purchasing new computers.

Mr. Creighton added that the ones that were old could not run beyond Microsoft 2008 or 2010.

City Clerk, David Fraser also noted that there is the warranty and parts issue to take into consideration, and when the machines go over five years, it is difficult to get replacement parts and are not generally supported by the manufacturer.

Mr. Lester asked how the computers are disposed of.

Mr. Fraser replied that the drives are removed and the computers are put out for auction.

Mr. Fiumara asked about the average price of a new computer and what size the monitors were.

The City Manager replied that they were about \$1,000.00 each and he would get the specs of the computers for the council.

Mr. Fraser added that the city buys from what is called the "aggregate buy" with Dell which is a pool with the rest of the state that gives the city the buying power like all the other municipalities of the state to get better pricing.



Mr. Bendo added that he did some research and, on average, a new computer costs \$1,039.00 just for the computer and does not include the monitor. He recognized that the city was getting both the computer and the monitor for \$1,000.00.

Mr. Fiumara noted it was a good deal and again, asked about the size of the monitor.

Mr. Lester replied that the monitor was a 27" monitor.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a License Agreement with the Long Island Rail Road Company for Placement of a Temporary Mobile Facility.

Mr. Creighton explained that this would provide the MTA a temporary mobile facility at the work turnout shed located at the west side of the railroad tracks by the bus station. He added that they would renovate the facility and provide a temporary trailer for their employees. Mr. Creighton also noted that they would return that space to the city once construction was completed and that it is placed out of the way to allow people to walk past.

Mr. Fiumara asked if the MTA was paying the city for the use of the bus station area.

The City Manager replied that they were not paying the city. He explained that the city chose to work with them to get more work out of them in doing more flagging over on the Northshore critical infrastructure project. Mr. Creighton also said that the city could go back and try and get some services from them but noted that the city was taking the west side of the taxi stand which would go back to MTA to put in an MTA police turnout station for them and he didn't want them to turn around and charge the city for that taxi stand.

Council Member Fiumara also suggested capping the amount of time they would be permitted.

Mr. Reinhart also suggested placing proper signage noting the MTA Police at this location due to the many complaints made regarding safety at the train station and how can the MTA help the city with this situation.

Mr. Creighton replied that having the MTA police located at the train station would be good for the city and give the city more police presence.

Mr. Fiumara asked if part of the agreement could include having an MTA Police Officer committed to a specific amount of time, they would be present.

The City Manager replied that he would address that with the MTA.

Police Commissioner, Rich DePalma also added that the Police Department did spend a considerable amount of time at the train station, and the Officers check the facility at least 6 times per day. He also noted that any help from the MTA would be greatly appreciated and would be more than willing to help them and accept any help they would be willing to provide.

Mr. Bendo asked if there was an agreement in place.

Mr. Cohen replied that there is an old agreement between the MTA and the Taxi company from 1999 and that they were working with the MTA to try and get some of the past paperwork.

Mr. Bendo expressed his disappointment with the MTA and spoke about them holding up the Northshore critical infrastructure project, and why the city wasn't getting anything in return for letting them use city property.

The City Manager replied that he had started speaking with the MTA around the same time they were giving the city a difficult time with the Northshore critical infrastructure project and was able to get positive results in several areas.

A discussion ensued regarding the agreement with the city and the MTA, and how the city should be getting more in return.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – spoke about the need for more policing vs. addressing the reasons (homelessness, etc.) for needing more policing. He also commended Crystal Lake for her efforts in moving the Northshore Infrastructure project along. Mr. Hodge suggested that the city look into other possibilities for that area to generate revenue.

John Brown (W Broadway) – asked about the \$20 million commitment from the MTA to the train station. He expressed his disappointment at the terrible condition of the Long Beach train station and what the MTA is going to do to help with this situation.

Mr. Creighton explained the process and time it takes to begin any construction and/or design. He added that the city would be actively involved in what the plans would look like.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Refurbishment of the Cooling Tower at City Hall Under a Sourcewell Contract

The City Manager explained that this item was for the refurbishment of the cooling tower at city hall and it would take about 6 weeks to procure the items and 2 weeks to install them. He did note that this might need to be pushed off until the Fall.

Mr. Bendo asked if the cooling tower was currently functional.

Mr. Creighton replied that it was functional, but due to the need for certain pieces to be replaced, it may have to be pushed off.

Council Member Bendo also asked about a portion of the language in the resolution.

Commissioner Joe Febrizio gave a complete description of the resolution including the cost and the equipment necessary for the refurbishing. He also gave a detailed explanation on the workings of the cooler and depending on when the parts are received, the shutting down the system while making the repairs or pushing the project until after Labor Day. Mr. Febrizio responded to Mr. Bendo's question regarding the language in the resolution.

Mr. Lester asked about a service contract.

Mr. Febrizio commended Mr. Dan O'Brien, of Municipal Buildings' on his capabilities with the maintenance of this project, but noted that in this case, it was beyond our capability and would need to be performed by Carrier.

#12 – A “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Engineering Services for the Clark Street Bulkhead Replacement” was taken off the calendar.

#13 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Painting of the Ice Arena with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

The City Manager explained that this was a rebid, and by doing so, the city was able to save over \$100,000.00.

Mr. Bendo asked if there was any testing for lead paint in the Ice Arena.

Mr. Febrizio replied that there was no lead paint identified in the ice arena.

Mr. Bendo suggested that after the painting was completed, having some of the local artists come in to add some murals.

Council Member Reinhart suggested hanging banners from sponsorships. He also asked about the starting date being sometime in June.

Commissioner Febrizio replied that he was correct.

#14 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Personnel Code.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#15 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of April 16, 2024

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

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

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

(ORD. #3087/24)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Appendix A – Zoning.

Council Pres. Finn introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted No.

(ORD. #3088/24)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Admission Charges for Ocean Beach Park

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

(ORD. #3089/24)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Water and Water Distribution

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

(L.L. #IV/24)

Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Sewer Rents

Council Pres. Finn introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Members Bendo and Lester Voted No.

(RES. #66/24)

Resolution Confirming the Appointment of a Corporation Counsel

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. #67/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Charitable Donation.

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

(RES. #68/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for a Fireworks Display to Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Council Pres. Finn introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Members Bendo and Lester Voted No.

(RES. #69/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and the City Comptroller to Transfer Funds within the 2023-2024 Budget

Council Member Bendo 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. #70/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Desktop Computers for Various City Departments the New York State Office of General Services

Council Member Reinhart introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fiumara, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Members Bendo and Lester Voted No.

(RES. #71/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a License Agreement with the Long Island Rail Road Company for Placement of a Temporary Mobile Facility

Council Pres. Finn 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. #72/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Refurbishment of the Cooling Tower at City Hall Under a Sourcewell Contract.

Council Member Reinhart 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. #73/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Painting of the Ice Arena with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Council Member Bendo 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. #75/24)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Personnel Code.

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

Dated: May 8, 2024

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Ron Paganini – 62 Harmon St  
Ira Charles

Spoke about the proposed off shore wind farm  
Spoke about cannabis dispensaries and opting in to allow retail cannabis sales in Long Beach

Tim Kramer – 361 E Broadway

Spoke about how the City Council operates and about the Housing Authority

Jennifer Sarafin – 107 Neptune Blvd

Spoke about how the City Council operates, the Corporation Counsel and the Rapid Act

Christina Kramer

Spoke about wind energy

James Hodge

Spoke about the passing of Adam Astone, the makeup of the City Council, the Corporation Counsel and the Housing Authority

Sam Pinto

Spoke about the Waterfront Warriors, the Corporation Counsel and Mental Health Awareness Month