

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD JUNE 1, 2021**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden thanked the Fire Department (paid and volunteers) for a job well done in reference to the two fires that occurred in the past week. She also added that the “Meet with the City Manager” on Tuesdays, from 2pm to 4pm will no longer be virtual and she would be meeting residents in person. Ms. Gayden then asked Police Commissioner Ronald Walsh to give his update.

Commissioner Walsh gave a description and update on the Police Department’s website. He also noted that there would be an upcoming meeting of the Commissioner’s Council on Police Reform. Commissioner Walsh then concluded by noting that the Police Department would be expecting a new software called “q-hit” which is a software that will give up-to-the-minute satisfaction surveys on how the Police Department is doing in reference to complaints and specific calls.

Council Member Treston asked if 911 calls were received by the Long Beach Police Department or the County.

Commissioner Walsh explained that if a call is dialed from a person’s home in Long Beach, it would immediately go to the Long Beach Police Department switchboard. If someone dials 911 from a cell phone it would be transmitted to the Nassau County CV Operations and they would then contact the Long Beach Police Department and stay on the line until the caller was connected.

Ms. Gayden also noted that another important feature to this software was that it could be rolled out to other departments and as she states at all her Department Head Meetings, the city is here to serve the public and responding to their needs was a priority.

The City Manager then introduced Ms. Monique Powell, Director of Community Development to give her update.

Ms. Powell began speaking about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the importance of following the mission of “Access All”. She continued to discuss the criteria and the eligibility of receiving the services under the CDBG. Ms. Powell then spoke about the funding and the provisions that fall under the CDBG and discussed what assistance and programs that will be provided for the Seniors and Youth.

Ms. Gayden then asked Commissioner Joe Brand from Parks and Recreation to give his update.

Commissioner Brand gave an update on the kick-off of the weekend festivities. He continued to describe the events and the launching of the beach pass sales. Mr. Brand spoke about the electronic beach pass process and thanked his staff for their hard work in getting this program off the ground. He also gave an update on the Junior Lifeguard training program and the Volleyball program. Commissioner Brand then spoke about the collaborative effort between the city and the school district to enhance the summer camp program to help those families who need before and after care and talked about the upcoming beach concert series. He concluded by announcing that the South Nassau-Mount Sinai Vax-mobile would be at the MLK Center on Thursday, June 3 from 12pm to 6pm and gave the reservation information.

Council Vice President McInnis asked about the closing time for the bathrooms on the beaches for the volleyball players.

Commissioner Brand noted that the bathrooms were opened until approximately 10:00pm.

Director of Operations, Tommy Canner also noted that there would be staff available in the event the bathrooms needed to be open longer.

Mr. Brand added that the parking lots must be vacated by 9:00pm and the volleyball leagues have all been notified. He added that there is no charge to park in the parking lots.

Council Member Delury asked about the number of volleyball teams involved and when their start and end dates were.

Commissioner Brand responded that the big nights were Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and they have much smaller participation on Monday and Friday nights. He also spoke about the net placements and if needed, they could be moved to other locations.

Council Member Treston asked if there was a ratio of non-residents vs. residents that participate.

Mr. Brand did note that there was a very large number of non-residents that come to play beach volleyball in Long Beach but felt that it was well-attended by both.

The City Manager reminded the audience that there were now two parking lots available that are privately owned. She added that the owners did not want the city to charge people for parking.

Ms. Gayden then asked Mr. Thomas Canner, Director of Operations to give his update.

Mr. Canner touched upon the bathrooms available to beachgoers and their locations and hours of operation. He also gave the locations of the mobi-mats as well as the rebuilding of new lifeguard chairs that could withstand possible storm damage. Mr. Canner continued to discuss the new dune in place and new showers that were being placed in the West End, as well as the new bathroom at Veterans Park. He concluded with the update of the ongoing cleaning and the planting of flowers throughout the city, as well as the painting of the MLK Center.

Council Member Treston thanked Mr. Canner and his staff for their hard work.

Council Member Delury asked Mr. Canner to discuss the Pacific Beach Playground.

Mr. Canner explained that there was an issue at the Pacific Beach playground regarding how the equipment was installed by the contractor. He continued to explain how his staff and the recreation maintenance staff would be correcting the situation.

The City Manager announced that there was money that had been identified within the capital budget that will be used to beautify the city.

Council Member Delury mentioned that on Saturday, May 1, 2021, the Long Beach Lion's held a zoom bingo fundraiser for the installation of a chair-lift and a ramp for a young boy. He was happy to say that they were able to raise over \$6,000.00.

Council Member Mandel added that in appreciation of the Long Beach Lions, on Thursday, May 27, 2021, they had their annual scholarship award which was awarded to a Long Beach High School Student in the amount of \$500.00, and also presented the President of the Long Beach Soup Kitchen, Robert Blau with a check for \$500.

Council Member Treston announced that June would begin Pride Month as well as hurricane season and informed the audience that they could visit the Long Beach website - lbready.gov to get further information.

### **The public hearings were held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 154 East Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.  
Re: Holistic Alternative Products Store

Mr. Edward Genusa, owner of the business gave a brief description of the store and its products.

Council President asked about the products involved.

Mr. Genusa explained that the store is primarily a CBD Hemp based company but does not limit the products. He noted that getting into this business taught him to brand and really get into the Vegan lifestyle, including tobacco and nicotine free products.

Mr. Bendo asked about the days and hours of operation and deliveries.

Mr. Genusa replied that they would be open Monday through Saturday with no deliveries.

William Doepper – asked if the owner would be supplying crystals.

Mr. Genusa mentioned he may add those items to his store.

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

#1 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings of April 6, 2021 and April 13, 2021  
Pres. Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

#2 – A “Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach” was taken off the calendar

#3 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 154 East Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.  
Re: Holistic Alternative Products Store

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Furnishing, Removal and Installation of a New PVC Pool Liner for the Long Beach Indoor Pool from the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Public Works Commissioner, Joe Febrizio explained that the award is being offered to the same company that successfully completed the installation of the pool liner in 2013 and after eight years, it was ready to be replaced. He recommended awarding it to the company known as Renesis. Mr. Febrizio also noted that there was 100,000.00 of CDBG money that could help fund this project, but for now, the cost would need to be fronted through the capital budget and the repairing of the balcony in the pool area would be part of this project.

Council Member Mandel asked about the time it would take for this project to be completed.

Mr. Febrizio replied that it would take approximately 1 month.

Council Member Treston asked when the work would begin.

Commissioner Febrizio replied that it would probably begin within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

Council Vice President McInnis noted that this was also budgeted in the previous year’s capital budget for \$80,000.00 and asked if this was tied up with the prior fiscal year CDBG funds.

Mr. Febrizio replied that it is likely that this is correct.

Council Vice President McInnis then noted that it was budgeted twice and asked if this was due to timing.

Mr. Febrizio responded that it was and reiterated that \$100,000.00 of this project would be funded through the CDBG funding, and it was placed in the capital budget at the request of the City Comptroller because the CDBG funding was not yet available.

Council Member Delury asked about the lifespan of a pool liner and if it included a warranty.

Commissioner Febrizio responded that the lifespan was about 8 – 9 years and that the city was right at the end of its useful life. He also noted that it was installed in 2013 and there was a warranty but was unsure of its duration, but would be looking into the warranty for the new installation.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked about the warranty on the liner and noted that there are limited warranties offered for pool liners.

Mr. Febrizio again noted that he would look into the warranty situation.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Agreement for Rehabilitation of the Long Beach Bus Garage and the Commuter Parking Facility

Commissioner Febrizio explained that this was a change order for Carl Walker Construction for the LIRR parking garage. He continued to describe the change order and the cost involved.

Council President Bendo asked if the change order would delay the project.

Commissioner Febrizio replied that they were still on schedule to finish by around July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council President Bendo asked about partial parking while waiting for the parking lot opening.

Mr. Febrizio noted that that the goal was for a complete opening.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked about change orders and the cost involved. He suggested that the bidding process be more detailed to help eliminate the possibility of future change orders.

Mr. Febrizio explained that sometimes things happen that are unknown ahead of time.

Council Vice President McInnis asked what percentage was added to a contract for change orders.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that 10% was an appropriate number.

A discussion continued regarding the change order process and the contract in question.

Council President Bendo asked about the fees that are collected for the parking garage and the possibility of putting some of those fees aside for maintenance costs.

Mr. Febrizio noted that it would be a good idea.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Work at the Long Beach Ice Arena with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Joe Febrizio described the project and explained the scope of the work for this project noting that it was funded by the FEMA public assistance program.

Council Vice President McInnis asked about the account that this project was assigned to and since this FEMA fund was separate from the other funds, she asked about the possibility of receiving financial reports regarding this particular fund moving forward.

Mr. Febrizio agreed and noted that there was approximately \$3 million in the capital budget that was designated for disaster recovery or the FEMA HMP projects that the city was going to be initiating.

Council Member Delury asked Mr. Febrizio to explain about the sump pumps and the roof drainage at the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that sump pumps would be installed at the Ice Arena in the event of flooding. He also noted that there was \$800,000.00 put into the budget to address the defective roof at the facility.

A discussion continued regarding the project materials and design.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked about the RFP that was put out for the management of the Ice Arena.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden explained that the RFP was pulled back and the city would be exploring a different direction.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Two Agreements for Temporary Parking Fields

Deputy Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios spoke about the two parking fields on the Foundation block and on Laurelton and Broadway that were owned by the Alpert family. He explained that the agreements would allow the city to use these lots as temporary parking fields between the hours 9am to 8pm only. Mr. Febrizio also stated that there was no charge to park in the lots and no cost to the city.

Council President Bendo recognized the work that was done by the City Manager and Rich Berrios to allow the city to have access to these parking lots.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked about the authorization being given to the City Manager by the council for the agreements that were entered into on May 1, 2021, and if it was a retroactive authorization.

Ms. Gayden explained that it was retroactive and discussed the conversation that was had with the Alpert family.

Mr. Lester also asked if the city had additional insurance for the use of the lots.

The City Manager replied that she believed the city was using its self-insured policy.

William Doepper – asked about the available parking at the Lafayette Blvd. lot and hoped that there would be people directing the cars entering the lot.

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

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. #93/21)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 154 East Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Holistic Alternative Products Store

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. #94/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Furnishing, Removal and Installation of a New PVC Pool Liner for the Long Beach Indoor Pool from the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #95/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Agreement for Rehabilitation of the Long Beach Bus Garage and the Commuter Parking Facility

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

(RES. #96/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Work at the Long Beach Ice Arena with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

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

(RES. #97/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Two Agreements for Temporary Parking Fields

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: June 2, 2021

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Roy Lester – 72 Boyd St

Spoke about the Police satisfaction survey, the department reports, charter revisions and beach restrictions

James Hodge – 75 E Fulton St

Spoke about the Tulsa Massacre and his employment with the City

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Spoke about zoom meetings and the claw back of overpayments to employees

James Kirklin – 164 Riverside Blvd

Spoke about City beautification