

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD JUNE 20, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday June 20, 2023.

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

Corporation Counsel Dennis Cohen and Acting City Manager Ronald Walsh were also present.

Editor's Note: Item #9 was called and voted for out of order before the public hearings

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: Re: 64 West Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York

James Pallazo (owner) explained that he was looking to open up a rental shop for surfboards, etc.

Council President Bendo asked how people would obtain these items.

Mr. Pallazo noted that he would have a display of some sort so people would not have to climb the stairs and have a show room for the items that would be available to rent.

Mr. Bendo asked how many employees would be involved and the hours of operation.

Mr. Pallazo replied three or four employees and the store would be open 7 days/week from 8am to 5pm.

Council Member Lester asked how the business would work as far as renting the items and retrieving them.

Mr. Pallazo replied that he would have help getting the items to and from the renters.

Editor's Note: Item was voted on at the close of the public hearing

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion of the Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Assessment for the City of Long Beach Pursuant to Requirements of New York State General City Law and New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Mr. Walsh gave the background and explained the purpose of this item. He also commended the employees and the Planning Advisory Board for their efforts in putting the plan together.

Ms. Patti Bourne, Director of Economic Development announced that the Plan was available on the city's website for review. She then proceeded to give the presentation of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Damian Sciano – read a letter from the Planning Advisory Board in support of the Comprehensive Plan.

Council President Bendo then described the meaning of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Michael Negri – described the make-up and purpose of the Planning Advisory Board.

Charles Gary (705 Franklin Blvd) – gave his opinion and suggestions on some of the items in the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Council President Bendo noted that there was a traffic survey done as part of the plan.

Council Member McInnis asked if the plan was designed in a way to prevent future over development.

Crystal Lake – asked several questions regarding roadway and environmental concerns.

Ms. Bourne responded to Ms. Lakes's questions.

Megan O'Donnell (65 Georgia Ave) – asked when this plan would be voted on and expressed her concern on the lack of information regarding the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Steve Candon – expressed the importance of residents being involved in the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Kathleen Sullivan (107 Coolidge Ave) – noted that the draft comprehensive plan should include the infrastructure issues and results of the wind turbine project.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – noted that the draft Comprehensive Plan needed more attention before voting on it. He emphasized the importance of the information sent by Ms. Crystal Lake.

Tracy Fenton (4 Oceanview Ct) – *spoke on an item other than this agenda item and was asked to save her comments/questions for the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting.*

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:

Re: 64 West Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York

Editor's Note: Item was voted on at the close of the public hearing

#2 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio noted that the purpose of this amendment was to increase the capital budget line for playgrounds. He also added that the City received a grant for 1 million dollars from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to help rehabilitate Magnolia Park and the Sherman Brown park. Mr. Febrizio also noted that the next playground rehabilitation project will be for the Pacific Blvd. Park.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – thanked Mr. Febrizio for the upgrading of the parks.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Increase the Amount of a Previously Authorized Purchase Order

Mr. Febrizio explained that the increase of funds was for the installation of AC equipment for the second floor of the Long Beach Ice Arena. He added that these funds were available in the capital budget for this change order.

Council Member Lester asked about the cost of the electrical installation.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Mr. Lester's question.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Rehabilitation of the Long Beach Ice Arena Roof with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Mr. Febrizio explained the reason and purpose of this item. He noted that there were 10 bids for this project and funding was available in the capital budget.

Council Member Lester asked about the amount that had to be surpassed before it was subject to the MWB (Minority and Women Owned Business). He also asked about the apprenticeship program and the disparity of all the bids.

Commissioner Febrizio responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

Council Member McInnis asked how this project would be funded.

Mr. Febrizio noted that this would be paid for through the capital budget funding. He then noted all the projects that have been completed and funded with FEMA funds. Commissioner Febrizio also added the future projects that would be taking place.

Council President Bendo asked about the possibility of installing Solar Panels on the Long Beach Ice Arena roof to help with the cost of keeping the ice frozen in the Ice Arena.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Resilient Connectivity for West Park Avenue Long Beach Road to Grand Boulevard Project Phase I

Commissioner Febrizio described the project and noted that part of the cost would be funded through a grant from New York State and according to the specifics of the grant, would need to happen as quickly as possible. He also noted that this might be a little inconvenient throughout the summer months.

A discussion continued regarding the lack of bidders for this project and the bidding process.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Bike Racks from the Sole Responsible Bidder

Mr. Walsh noted that there have been complaints about the lack of bike racks.

Mr. Febrizio described the project and its cost.

Council Member Lester asked about the bike racks that were being stored at the city's storage site.

Mr. Walsh responded to Mr. Lester's question.

Council Member Lester then asked about the design of the new bike racks.

Commissioner Febrizio gave a complete description of the new racks.

Council Member Posterli asked about the number of bikes each new bike rack could hold.

Council Member McInnis asked about the repair of the bike racks at the LIRR station.

Nora Egan – asked when the new bike racks would arrive.

Mr. Febrizio replied that they would probably arrive after the summer.

Ms. Egan then asked about the racks at the storage site.

Acting City Manager, Walsh noted that those racks were vandalized and cut into pieces.

Eileen Hession – questioned the amount of bikes the new racks can hold and expressed her disapproval.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Replacement Parts for Boardwalk Benches from the Sole Source Provider

Mr. Walsh noted that this purchase was to help replace the damaged benches on the boardwalk.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that there were approximately 15 to 20 benches that needed repair and this would also add a supply for future repairs.

Council Member McInnis asked about charging an annual maintenance cost for the benches.

Mr. Febrizio noted that there should have been some sought of nominal fee associated with the purchase of the benches solely for the maintenance. He added that the city is no longer taking orders for new benches.

Council Member Lester expressed his concern about having only one vendor that provides the replacement parts to the benches.

Tracy Fenton (4 Oceanview Ct) – made a suggestion about the repair of the benches.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into Agreements for Auto Body Repair Services for City of Long Beach Vehicles on an "As Needed" Basis

Mr. Walsh explained the reason and purpose for this resolution.

#9 – Resolution Adopting a Definition of Antisemitism

The Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh spoke about his attendance at an antisemitism lecture at Temple Emanuel. He continued to speak about the importance of adopting a working definition for educational purposes of Antisemitism.

Council President Bendo also spoke about the importance of this resolution.

Council Member Posterli added the importance of supporting the city's Jewish community.

Council Member McInnis spoke about being tolerant and accepting of others.

Council Vice President Treston thanked Mr. and Mrs. Vogel for inviting the City Council to the temple for a very important lecture.

Rabbi Jack Zanderhoff - Thanked the Acting City Manager and the City Council for attending the program held at Temple Emanuel and their continued support of the Jewish community. He continued to remind the audience how antisemitism was a human problem and not just a Jewish problem.

Rabbi Isaac Attia – Read a letter written to the City Council from the local Rabbis in support of this resolution.

Nina Goldberg – expressed her thanks to the city for supporting the Jewish community.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – expressed his support of the resolution.

Alan Langer – thanked the Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh for his continued support towards the Jewish community and continued to share a recent personal experience.

#10 – Resolution to Schedule the First Regular Council Meeting of July for Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Council President Bendo noted that the first meeting for July would fall on the 4th of July, therefore the meeting would be moved to the next day, July 5, 2023.

#11 – Resolution Re-Appointing a Marriage Officer for the City of Long Beach

Acting City Manager, Walsh noted that every four years the city needs to appoint a marriage officer. He noted that David Fraser, City Clerk is the current marriage officer.

#12 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Assessment; Levy; Collection of Taxes

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on July 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#13 – Resolution of Minutes of Prior Meetings of May 23, 2023 and June 6, 2023

Council Member McInnis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was approved unanimously.

ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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

Editor's Note: Council Pres. Bendo recused himself from this item

Mr. Walsh noted that the donation was coming from the Long Beach Movie Nights in the amount of \$15,314.37 to fund the movies on the beach.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Member Posterli 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. #118/23)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:

Re: 64 West Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York

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. #119/23)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget

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

(RES. #120/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Increase the Amount of a Previously Authorized Purchase Order

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. #121/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Rehabilitation of the Long Beach Ice Arena Roof with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #122/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Resilient Connectivity for West Park Avenue Long Beach Road to Grand Boulevard Project Phase I

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. Bendo, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Members Lester and Posterli voted no.

(RES. #123/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Bike Racks from the Sole Responsible Bidder

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. Bendo, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted no.

(RES. #124/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Replacement Parts for Boardwalk Benches from the Sole Source Provider

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. #125/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into Agreements for Auto Body Repair Services for City of Long Beach Vehicles on an "As Needed" Basis

Council Member Treston 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. #126/22)

Resolution Adopting a Definition of Antisemitism

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. #127/23)

Resolution to Schedule the First Regular Council Meeting of July for Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Council Member Posterli 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. #128/23)

Resolution Re-Appointing a Marriage Officer for the City of Long Beach

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. #129/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Assessment; Levy; Collection of Taxes

Council Member Posterli introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Pres. Bendo recused himself from this item.

(RES. #129/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Accept a Charitable Donation

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member McInnis 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: June 21, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Scott Lundeen – 53 State St, Boston MA	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Allan Nafte – 605 E State St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Jessica Rone – 203 Lincoln Blvd	Spoke about an issue with a subdivision
Tracy Fenton – 4 Oceanview Ct	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Kevin Martinson – 311 E Penn St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Kelly Martinson – 311 E Penn St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Christina Kramer – 361 E Broadway	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Tim Kramer – 361 E Broadway	Spoke about the memorial benches on the boardwalk and the Wind Farm project
Mike Jacobs	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Jennifer Sarafin – 107 Neptune Blvd	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
David Shokrian – 350 E Penn St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Rob Noble – 276 Jefferson Ave, Harbor Isle	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Sheila Noble – 276 Jefferson Ave, Harbor Isle	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about Sam Mignoli, restarting a roller hockey league and safety at the recreation center
Richard Schurin - 167 Jefferson Ave, Harbor Isle	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
David Kutkowski – 9 Chase Lane, Bethpage	Spoke about election integrity
Denise Olexa – 18 Cheshire Ave, Syosset	Spoke about election integrity
Bill Philips – 61 Oregon St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Arthur Sehnee – 167 Biltmore Blvd, Massapequa	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Brendan Finn – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project
Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St	Spoke about the Wind Farm project