

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD JUNE 21, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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

Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios and City Manager Donna Gayden were also present.

Council President McInnis opened the meeting by sending condolences to the entire Skudin family for their tragic loss and asked for a moment of silence.

She continued to give an update on City Council member activities.

The City Manager, Donna M. Gayden began her update by introducing Commissioner Joe Brand of Parks and Recreation for his update.

Commissioner Brand gave his update on the beach park that included volleyball play locations and rules and regulations. He continued speaking about the recreation center and summer programming. Mr. Brand noted that the new bait and tackle store was opened at the Magnolia pier and announced the installation of the ADA compliant playhouse donated by the Long Island Homebuilders Association (LIHA) at the Clark Street playground. He added that everything was moving along as scheduled for the Ice Arena repairs and the replacement of the ice.

Council Member Lester asked for clarity on the revenue being brought in on beach passes and if there was any noticeable savings on personnel due to limiting the summer camp sites.

Mr. Brand gave an explanation on how the camp program worked.

Council Member Posterli asked about tracking the results of beach pass sales.

Commissioner Brand noted that the city was a little bit over \$100,000.00 higher than the city was at this point last year.

Ms. Posterli then asked about the LIRR sales.

Mr. Brand spoke about the LIRR portion of beach pass sales.

Council Member Lester asked about the beach being closed on the Juneteenth holiday and the possible missed opportunity of collecting on beach passes that day.

Commissioner Brand did note that the beaches were very crowded that day and suggested it be taken into consideration for next year.

Ms. Gayden then asked Police Commissioner Ron Walsh to give his update.

Commissioner Walsh spoke about the homicide incident that took place at the apartment complex located at 421-433 East Broadway and stated that the individual responsible for the

homicide was arrested. Commissioner Walsh also noted that the police department has worked with the owner of the building and as a result, there was a significant decrease of calls for service at that location. Commissioner Walsh also recognized some of the police officers who were responsible for helping to prevent a recent potential suicidal situation. He then continued to speak about how the city is “policing” the boardwalk.

Council Member Posterli asked about electric bikes and possible signage indicating that there are no motorized vehicles permitted on the boardwalk.

Commissioner Walsh responded to Ms. Posterli’s question and that the police department recognizes this concern and is focusing on preventing speeding on the boardwalk.

Council President McInnis asked about the overtime for the Police Department.

Commissioner Walsh spoke about the overtime for the summer months.

The City Manager then asked Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations to give his update.

Mr. McNally spoke about the meeting held with the management team of Mount Sinai/South Nassau to discuss concerns that residents had and updates on the Medical Pavilion that is currently under construction.

Council President McInnis noted that it was a very informative and collaborative meeting.

Ms. Gayden added that she had also met with Northwell Health and began a dialogue on what additional services they might be able to provide within the city including mental health services.

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach
Re: Ocean Beach Park

Mr. Rich Berrios, Corporation Counsel explained this amendment regarding beach pass charges.

Council Member Lester asked about the language within the amendment and asked for clarity on the financial gain for weekend passes between 4 and 6pm.

The City Manager noted that she would work with Mr. Brand to come up with some data to show sales made on Saturdays and Sundays between 4pm and 6pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re:
Premises 1050 West Beech Street, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Beach Themed Apparel, Jewelry and Accessories Store with Arts & Crafts Classes

The owner, Rachel (name?) of the store gave a description of what the store will provide. She noted that hours of operation would be anywhere from 10am to 11pm (depending on late classes).

Council President McInnis asked about how many deliveries and employees there would be.

The owner, Rachel (name?) noted that there would be no deliveries made to the store and at this time, only one employee.

Council Member Bendo asked about the length of working hours.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Authorizing Financing of the Cost of the Acquisition and Installation of Water Meters for the City, Appropriating \$666,667 for Such Purpose and Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$666,667 Bonds to Finance Said Appropriation

Commissioner Joe Febrizio of Public Works described and explained the reason and purpose for this hearing.

Council Member Lester asked about the loss related to the present water meters.

Mr. Febrizio explained that the meters themselves are older and they just don't read as well.

Mr. Lester also asked if there would be a way to determine if a resident has a water leakage according to the meter reading.

Commissioner Febrizio described how the usage works and how one might determine if there was a leakage involved.

Council Member Bendo commended Commissioner Febrizio and his staff for obtaining grants that helped with the cost of this project.

James Kirklin (164 Riverside Blvd) – asked about the measurement of water leakage into the streets.

Mr. Febrizio noted that this would be something that he would look in to.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Ocean Beach Park

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 1050 West Beech Street, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Beach Themed Apparel, Jewelry and Accessories Store with Arts & Crafts Classes.

A vote was taken on this item already.

#3 – Ordinance Authorizing Financing of the Cost of the Acquisition and Installation of Water Meters for the City, Appropriating \$666,667 for Such Purpose and Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$666,667 Bonds to Finance Said Appropriation.

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Execute a Grant on Behalf of the City of Long Beach from the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) Administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

Commissioner Febrizio explained that this resolution allowed the City Manager to enter into this agreement.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Pay Administrative Costs Under the Emergency Tenant Protection Act, Authorizing the Passing On of Administrative Costs to the Owners of the Buildings Included Under Such Act, and Directing the City Comptroller to Make Billing Therefore

Council Member Bendo made a motion to change in section 3 of the RESOLVED clause the figure of \$12.00 to \$22.00. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik explained the reason for this resolution.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget.

Ms. Reznik noted that this item was to amend the general fund budget to increase the operating revenue and appropriation in the Lifeguard department for funds coming from the Carbona family restricted grant fund.

Council Member Lester asked if moving forward, a breakdown of the cost of items being purchased through these funds could be available.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of an Action Brought by Lachance Deon Bryant Against the City of Long Beach, et al.

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios explained the matter in question involving a \$60,000.00 settlement based on the recommendation of outside counsel.

Council President McInnis asked Mr. Berrios what his recommendation would be.

Mr. Berrios replied that his recommendation would be to settle the matter.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Towels and Tissues from the Lowest Responsible Bidders.

Commissioner Febrizio explained and described the purpose for this resolution.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoes through New York State Office of General Services.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to change the wording “year/36,000” to “3 year/36,000” in the resolution. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

Fire Commissioner, Joe Miller spoke about and explained the need for this purchase to replace certain vehicles.

Council Member Lester asked for clarity on the availability of funding for this purchase.

Commissioner Miller explained that this was a lease and not a purchase and there is enough money in the budget line for leasing the chiefs' cars for the year.

Council President McInnis confirmed.

Mr. Lester asked if the money was put aside for the entire year for the leasing of these vehicles.

Ms. Gayden explained that the money was put aside as far as the budget was concerned.

Council Member Lester also asked about the procedure for purchasing the fire trucks.

The City Manager noted that the trucks are being purchased on a state contract and a procurement manual is being worked on.

A discussion ensued regarding the bidding process and state contract bids.

Council President McInnis suggested that the council attend some procurement training sessions to help better understand the process.

Mike Delury – noted his support for the purchase of these vehicles.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Renew the City's Agreements for Disaster Management Response and Recovery Consulting Services.

Commissioner Febrizio described and explained the reason and purpose for this resolution.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for Community Rating System ("CRS") Support Services.

Commissioner Febrizio described and explained the reason and purpose for this resolution.

Council Member Posterli asked about the timeframe connected to this item.

Mr. Febrizio replied that it would all take place before November 16, 2022 and a meeting had already been set up for November 16th.

Council Member Lester asked when the city went from class 8 to class 7 in the community rating system.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that it was 3 years ago.

#12 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Which Modifies, Amends and Extends the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Long Beach Civil Service Employees Association Lifeguard Officers Unit and the City of Long Beach.

Mr. Berrios described the modification, amendment, and extension of the agreement.

Council Pres. McInnis made a motion make the following changes to the resolution:
 In second whereas clause, second line, change to "CSEA have resulted in a memorandum of understanding, the terms of which include raises of 1.5%, 2%, and 2% over a 3 year period"

In third whereas clause, second line, change to "said memorandum of understanding"

In the resolved clause, beginning on second line, change to "City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into and implement the memorandum of understanding between the City and . . .".

It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance, seconded by Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Pres. McInnis abstained.

(ORD. #3063/22)

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

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

(RES. #93/22)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 1050 West Beech Street, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.
 Re: Beach Themed Apparel, Jewelry and Accessories Store with Arts & Crafts Classes.

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

(ORD. #3064/22)

Ordinance Authorizing Financing of the Cost of the Acquisition and Installation of Water Meters for the City, Appropriating \$666,667 for Such Purpose and Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$666,667 Bonds to Finance Said Appropriation.

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. #94/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Execute a Grant on Behalf of the City of Long Beach from the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) Administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

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

(RES. #95/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Pay Administrative Costs Under the Emergency Tenant Protection Act, Authorizing the Passing On of Administrative Costs to the Owners of the Buildings Included Under Such Act, and Directing the City Comptroller to Make Billing Therefore

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

(RES. #96/22)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget.

Council Pres. 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. #97/22)

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of an Action Brought by Lachance Deon Bryant Against the City of Long Beach, et al.

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. #98/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Towels and Tissues from the Lowest Responsible Bidders.

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

(RES. #99/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoes through New York State Office of General Services.

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

(RES. #100/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Renew the City's Agreements for Disaster Management Response and Recovery Consulting Services.

Council Member Treston 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. #101/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for Community Rating System (“CRS”) Support Services.

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

(RES. #102/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Which Modifies, Amends and Extends the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Long Beach Civil Service Employees Association Lifeguard Officers Unit and the City of Long Beach.

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Treston 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 22, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Josh Janov – 424 W Park Ave

Spoke about allowing roller blading on the boardwalk

James Kirklin – 164 Riverside Blvd

Spoke about water issues

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Thanked the fire Department for a swift response to an issue, and spoke about the HALB and Air China buildings, the old hospital building, issuance of tickets on the boardwalk and the ordinance in item number 1