

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD JULY 18, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday July 18, 2023.

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

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

Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh gave his update. He noted how pleased he was that the “Gun Buy Back” program was a huge success. Mr. Walsh spoke about the beach concert series, the upcoming blood drive, and the movies on the beach.

The public hearing was held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: Re: 966 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

The owner, Angelo Farrugia announced that he would be opening a boutique for cat and dog food. He added that he would be open anywhere from 5 to 6 days per week and the hours of operation would vary. Mr. Farrugia also noted that there would be some deliveries made to his store.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: Re: 966 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Editor’s Note: This item was voted on out of order at the conclusion of the public hearing

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Fire Department System Support Software from the Sole Source Provider

Fire Commissioner, Joe Miller gave a brief background and description of the software that is used for the fire department’s dispatching services.

Council President Bendo asked if the upgrades to the system were included in the contract.

Mr. Miller replied that it was.

Council Member Lester asked about the cost to the city thus far.

Commissioner Miller replied to Mr. Lester’s question.

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

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

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order for the Supply, Transport and Delivery of Concrete from the Most Responsible Bidder

The Acting City Manager noted that this is done every year so that concrete can be purchased on an as needed basis.

Council Member Lester asked about the types of concrete used and the cost.

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio described the types of concrete used within the city and noted the prices.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Removal of Accumulations of Grit and Grease from the Water Pollution Control Plant with the Sole Bidder

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

Council Member Lester asked how the removal was performed.

Commissioner Febrizio explained the process for removal.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Traffic Signs on an “As Needed” Basis from the Sole Bidder

Mr. Walsh noted that this resolution was for all the signs throughout the city that could not be made in house.

Council Member Lester commended the Acting City Manager for his effort in getting more bidders involved when it comes to purchasing services. He also asked about the spending history for purchasing signs.

Mr. Febrizio gave Mr. Lester a rundown on the history of the spending and cost.

Mr. Lester also asked about the potential savings if the city purchased the equipment to produce its own signs.

Acting City Manager Walsh spoke about the cost and manpower to the city if they were to be made inhouse vs. having it done by a company. He added that he was having Deputy City Manager, Cindy Rogers do an evaluation on both costs.

Mr. Lester then asked if it was possible to work with the County and/or the Town of Hempstead who have larger sign shops.

Mr. Walsh noted that this could be looked in to.

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

Mr. Febrizio explained the reason and purpose of this resolution. He noted that this item would replace the HVAC system and heating system at the MLK Center and Ice Arena.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – asked about where the funding was coming from for these projects.

Commissioner Febrizio replied that he believed the funding for the MLK Center came from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Mr. Hodge asked if it was possible to receive a report on the spending of CDBG money.

Mr. Walsh explained that there were reports from the County that shows where the money was spent.

Mr. Hodge asked how he could receive this report.

Acting City Manager Walsh explained how to obtain the information.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Calcium Hypochlorite Chlorine Tablet Briquette Feeding Systems for the Water Purification Control Plant

Council Member Treston made a motion to replace Item number 8 with a revised version of the item. It was seconded by Pres. Bendo and was carried unanimously.

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

Council President Bendo asked how long the supply would last.

Mr. Febrizio noted the cost and how long the supply would last.

Council Member Lester asked about the possibility of looking into other machines that could take universal tablets.

A discussion continued regarding the possibility of other options and different types of machines available.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

The Acting City Manager noted that this item was funded by the charitable donation made by the Carbona family for the lifeguards to purchase covers for their UTV and all-terrain vehicles.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Authorizing Financing for Various Capital Projects in and for the City, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$18,501,200

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

#11 – Resolution Adopting an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Mr. Walsh stated that adopting this policy was a requirement by New York State.

Mr. Dennis Cohen, Corporation Counsel added that in addition to the requirement of having this policy in place, it is also required that certain training be completed, and it was in the process of being scheduled.

#12 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of July 5, 2023.

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

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #139/23)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: Re: 966 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

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

(RES. #140/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Fire Department System Support Software from the Sole Source Provider

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

(RES. #141/23)

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

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

(RES. #142/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order for the Supply, Transport and Delivery of Concrete from the Most Responsible Bidder

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

(RES. #143/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Removal of Accumulations of Grit and Grease from the Water Pollution Control Plant with the Sole Bidder

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

(RES. #144/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Traffic Signs on an “As Needed” Basis from the Sole Bidder.

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

(RES. #145/23)

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

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

(RES. #146/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Calcium Hypochlorite Chlorine Tablets for the Water Purification Control Plant

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

(RES. #147/22)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

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

(RES. #148/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance Authorizing Financing for Various Capital Projects in and for the City, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$18,501,200.

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

(RES. #149/23)

Resolution Adopting an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

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 three council members present voting in the affirmative.

Dated: July 19, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Billy Romm – 222 W Park Ave	Spoke about the towing of cars from the parking lot at Laurelton Blvd and W. Broadway
Kathleen Sullivan	Spoke about the attorneys the city was using for the Equinor wind project, the use of water ways by Equinor and soil testing done by Equinor
Janice Mackin – 315 W Broadway	Spoke about the towing of cars from the parking lot at Laurelton Blvd and W. Broadway
William Doepper – 314 W Broadway	Spoke about the towing of cars from the parking lot at Laurelton Blvd and W. Broadway
Helen Alessi – 780 Long Beach Blvd	Thanked the City for a recent event and asked about the elimination of Latin Night from the summer concert series
James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St	Spoke about the City’s treatment of speakers and about the Aux Police headquarters building
Christina Kramer – 361 E Broadway	Spoke about the Wind Farm
Jennifer Sarafin – 107 Neptune Blvd	Spoke about the Wind Farm project