

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 1, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday August 1, 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.

Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh opened the meeting speaking about the National Night Out event that took place in Kennedy Plaza. He noted that this was a very successful event and thanked those who helped to make it possible. Mr. Walsh continued to speak about the Community Development Block Grant money received by the city noting that the city received \$50,000.00 more than last year which proved that the County regained some confidence in the city of Long Beach which will benefit future years. He then spoke about the spotted-lantern flies that had been sighted in Long Beach. Mr. Walsh continued to note that these flies are a danger to plants, flowers and trees and the State has asked that if seen, to please destroy them. He added that if anyone should see them, to please report the sighting to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov.

The public hearing was held

PUBLIC HEARING: Bond Ordinance Authorizing Financing for Various Capital Projects in and for the City, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$18,501,200

Mr. Walsh explained that this bond ordinance is for funding the capital projects put forth by the city which needs approval by the City Council.

Mr. Joe Febrizio, Commissioner of Public Works spoke about some of the projects that would be funded by this authorization.

Council President Bendo asked for clarity on the spending and reimbursement process.

Council Member McInnis asked if there was an update on whether or not the Fire Department staff looked into grant opportunities for the Fire Ladder Truck project.

Mr. Febrizio was unaware if this took place and Ms. McInnis then asked the Acting City Manager to look into whether or not this was accomplished.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Financing for Various Capital Projects in and for the City, Stating the Estimated Total Cost Thereof is \$18,501,200

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Replacement of an Auxiliary Power Generator with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Febrizio spoke about the bids received on this item and described the reason and purpose for this resolution.

Council President Bendo asked for clarity on why the generator was being replaced.

Mr. Febrizio replied to Mr. Bendo's question.

Council Member Lester asked about where the generator would be housed and the number of kilowatts that were included in the equipment. He also asked about the type of warranty that was included with the purchase.

Commissioner Febrizio responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Repair of Main Sewage Pump No. 4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Mr. Febrizio gave a thorough explanation on the bidding process and described the reason and purpose for this resolution.

Council Member Lester asked about the city's dependency on this pump once the County stepped in.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Mr. Lester's question.

A discussion continued regarding the installation of the new Pump Station and the maintenance and functionality of the current system.

Council President Bendo asked about how long the pump will be out of service and what would happen if the other pumps failed in the meantime.

Mr. Febrizio noted that he would need to get back to him regarding the length of time it would take for service, and he described the steps that would need to be taken in the case the other pumps failed.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Replacement, Furnishing and Installation of In-Line Check Valves with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Febrizio spoke about the bidding process and reason and purpose for this resolution. He continued to speak about the several missing valves throughout the city.

Council Member Lester asked about the location of the valves.

A discussion continued regarding the functionality of the valves.

Mr. Lester also asked about dredging the canals.

Mr. Febrizio spoke about the dredging process and what he was proposing for this project.

Council Member Lester asked if it was the Town of Hempstead who should be doing the dredging.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that he did ask the Town of Hempstead for assistance, and they were not willing to do so.

Ms. McInnis added that she was in the last meeting with the Town and she remembered them saying they would help the city with the dredging.

Mr. Febrizio replied that he had followed up with them and they said that they would not be able to help since they were too busy with their own projects.

Mr. Bendo pointed out that many of these check valves have failed because we do not have any type of maintenance program that monitors and checks them. He asked about putting a preventative maintenance plan in place to help with the cost of replacing these valves.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Mr. Bendo's question.

Mike Delury – Spoke about the maintenance needed for the valves

Crystal Lake – asked about the amount of valves there were starting from Long Beach Road to National Blvd. and spoke about the functioning of these valves.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Ms. Lake's questions.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Mr. Walsh noted that these funds were to cover the expense for the City's property insurance. He added that this was the difference between what was anticipated and the actual cost of the insurance for the city's buildings.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

The Acting City Manager explained the reason and purpose for this transfer of funds.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing Payment for Thomson Reuters Westlaw Services

Corporation Counsel, Dennis Cohen explained that this resolution would allow the city to purchase a Thomson Reuter Westlaw license for the new attorney working in Corporation Counsel.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Negative Declaration and the Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Long Beach Pursuant to Requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

Mr. Walsh noted that this resolution was to authorize the adoption of the revised version of the Comprehension Plan.

Crystal Lake – spoke about the layout of the document; the neighborhood characteristics map; and asked for clarity regarding BE Flood zone vs. the AE flood zone; and the evacuation of Long Beach. She also spoke about updating the Census information.

The Acting City Manager suggested Ms. Lake email Ms. Pattie Bourne, Director of Economic Development with all her questions.

Mike Delury – thanked all those who worked on completing the Comprehensive Plan. He commended the present members of the Planning Advisory Board, Patti Bourne and her staff.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – encouraged the continuous input and suggestions from the residents of Long Beach.

Steve Candan – made some suggestions regarding the layout of the Comprehensive Plan

#9 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Motor Vehicles and Traffic

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#10 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of July 18, 2023

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

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(ORD. #3080/23)

Bond 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 Pres. Bendo, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #150/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Replacement of an Auxiliary Power Generator with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Council Member Posterli 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. #151/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Repair of Main Sewage Pump No. 4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

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. #152/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Replacement, Furnishing and Installation of In-Line Check Valves with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

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. #153/23)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Council Member Lester 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. #154/23)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

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. #155/23)

Authorizing Payment for Thomson Reuters Westlaw Services

Council Member Posterli 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. #156/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Negative Declaration and the Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Long Beach Pursuant to Requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #157/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Motor Vehicles and Traffic

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

Dated: August 2, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Brendan Finn
Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Spoke about agenda item #9

Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project and the comprehensive plan

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about the answering of questions from the public and about National Night Out

Tim Kramer

Spoke about the Wind Farm project

Ed Radburn – Atlantic Beach

Spoke about the Wind Farm project

Kathleen Sullivan

Spoke about the Wind Farm project

Jennifer Sarafin

Spoke about the Wind Farm project

Caren Riskin

Spoke about the Wind Farm project