

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday September 3, 2024.

Present were Council Pres. Finn and Council Members Bendo, Fiumara, Lester, and Reinhart.

Corporation Counsel Frank Dikranis and City Manager Daniel Creighton were also present.

Council President Finn asked for a moment of silence for the American citizen and others who were recently killed in Palestine.

The City Manager began his report by thanking Ms. Patti Salerno for her years of service to the Police Department and for also spearheading the Narcan program. He recognized the number of lives she saved through her efforts. Mr. Creighton continued to announce the official closing of the beach park and noted that it was a very successful beach season. Mr. Creighton announced that he and the staff will be conducting a storm preparation meeting as we get closer to hurricane season and reminded the audience that September is “National Preparedness” month and expressed the importance of having good emergency plans in place. He added that all residents will be receiving a hurricane bulletin which includes everything needed to be prepared. The City Manager then announced that the Watermain Replacement project for the Walks was in the pre-construction phase and is expected to commence before the month is out. He also added that the Heron Street reconstruction in the canals will also commence before the end of September. Mr. Creighton then noted that an update on the Northshore Critical Infrastructure will take place at a meeting sometime in October. The City Manager announced some upcoming events:

- The conclusion of the “Movies on the Beach” will take place Friday on Edwards Blvd. Beach featuring “Jaws”.
- The Michelle O’Neill Volleyball Tournament
- King & Queen of the Beach – Beach kids surf contest
- City of Long Beach Fire Department’s 9/11 Commemoration – 9/11/2024
- LB Latino Civic Association - Hispanic Heritage Month Kite Flying Festival
- AOH Irish Day Parade & Festival
- Annual City of Long Beach Fall Festival

Mr. Creighton recognized and commended the Lifeguards for a successful and safe season. He also recognized CSEA for their efforts in keeping our beaches clean and the Beach Park Staff for their part in a successful season.

Council President Finn thanked the City Manager for his part in a successful beach season.

*Editor’s Note: Item #11 was called and voted on out of order before the public hearing.*

### **The public hearings was held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Building Code, Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code and Appendix A Zoning.

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the city to pursue civil penalties for zoning violations beyond the typical penal penalties.

Council Member Lester asked about how often fines are issued and the purpose for the penalty increase.

Building Commissioner, Scott Kemins replied to Mr. Lester's question.

Corporation Counsel, Frank Dikranis also replied to Mr. Lester's question.

A discussion ensued with questions and answers regarding this item.

Eileen Hession (516 W Beech St) – asked if the violations for air-b-n-b were part of this resolution.

A discussion ensued regarding the definition of air-b-n-b.

Jordan Levitt (96 Barnes St) – expressed his concern regarding the amendment to the Building Code, Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code and Appendix A Zoning.

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

#1 – An “Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Emergency Ambulance Services” was taken off the calendar

#2 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Building Code, Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code and Appendix A Zoning

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order for the Rental of Various Amusement Rides for the City of Long Beach 26th Annual Fall Festival

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the city to rent various rides for the annual fall festival. He noted that there is a 20% reduction in the cost for this year.

Council Member Reinhart asked how we received the 20% reduction in cost. He also asked if the ticket sales pay for the cost of the rides.

John McNally, Director of Public Relations noted that there was an item removed from the group that was deemed to be the least utilized which is the obstacle course for kids, therefore results in

a 20% reduction. He also noted that the Fall Festival is a weather dependent event which effects ticket sales.

Council Member Bendo asked if the city had looked into other companies.

Mr. McNally replied that the company the city is using seems to be the only game in town and falls within the right price range.

Council Member Lester asked about liability insurance for the bounce houses.

Mr. McNally replied to Mr. Lester's question.

#### #4 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

The City Manager noted that this transfer was being made from the contingency fund to the salary line at the Water Purification Department.

#5 – A “Resolution Authorizing Settlement of an Action Brought by Zoe Papetti Against the City of Long Beach” was taken off the calendar

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Polaris Ranger ATV Under a Sourcewell Contract

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the Police Department to purchase a Polaris Ranger ATV for patrol usage throughout the city but primarily for the beach and boardwalk.

Council Member Lester asked how many miles were on the existing vehicle.

Police Commissioner, Rich DePalma replied that the Polaris currently used by the Police Department has outlived its useful life and was in the shop for repairs more than it was on the beach.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked about the size of the engine in the vehicle.

Commissioner DePalma replied that he believed it was the same unit they have.

Mr. Creighton replied that it was 1,000.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend and Renew the City's Agreement with ShotSpotter, Inc

The City Manager noted that this item allows the City to renew the contract for gunshot detection for a one-year period.

Mr. Fiumara asked about the cost.

Mr. Creighton replied that the cost was \$49,500.00 per year.

Mr. Fiumara also asked about how many shots it picked up in the last year.

Commissioner DePalma replied that in 2023 there were nine (9) separate incidents and in 2024 in the first 6 months there were six separate incidents.

Eileen Hession (516 W Beech St) – asked how the police are notified when there is an incident.

Commissioner DePalma replied to Ms. Hession's question.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked about the funding and if there were grants available for this item.

Commissioner DePalma replied that when it was first purchased, there was grant funding for it but now it is fully funded from the city's operating budget.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Time & Attendance Management Software

The City Manager explained that this item allows the city to purchase time and attendance software from Tyler Technologies.

Mr. Lester asked for clarity and more of an understanding of the product.

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik gave a background and explanation on why this item needs a resolution. She also explained and gave the costs involved.

A discussion continued regarding the description, preparation and implementation of the software.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for On-Call Sewer Maintenance Services with the Sole Responsible Bidder.

The City Manager explained that this item was to award a sole source contract for the national water main cleaning company for trenchless repair of sewer lines.

Mr. Lester asked about when Nassau County was taking over the sewer system.

Commissioner of Public Works, Joe Febrizio replied to Mr. Lester's question.

Mr. Bendo asked about the company's function and how it was determined when their services are used.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Mr. Bendo's questions with several examples.

A discussion continued regarding this item.

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

Mr. Creighton explained that this resolution was for the reimbursement of funds by FEMA on the Northshore Critical Infrastructure project to be used to pay future costs on the same project.

Mr. Lester asked for clarity on the reimbursement for the project.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to Mr. Lester's question.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Charitable Donation.

The City Manager noted that this item would allow the city to accept a donation of a surfboard to the City's Fire Department for water rescue from the Casey Skudin 343 Foundation. He thanked the Casey Skudin 343 Foundation for their generation donation.

Council Member Bendo thanked the Casey Skudin 343 Foundation for their donation and proceeded to ask where the surfboard would be placed.

Fire Commissioner Joe Miller responded that the board would be placed wherever it was needed the most.

Mr. Creighton added that it was expected to go on one of the primary response unit fire trucks.

Council Vice President Fiumara also thanked the Casey Skudin 343 Foundation and recognized Mrs. Angela Skudin at the podium.

Mrs. Skudin (wife of Casey Skudin) gave a warm and detailed background of her husband's career as a NYC Firefighter and a member of the NYC Surf Rescue Unit and the purpose for donating the surfboard.

Sam Pinto – thanked the Casey Skudin 343 Foundation for the donation and the importance of having this rescue board.

#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 October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#13 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of August 20, 2024

Council Member Lester made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Bendo and was carried unanimously.

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

Council Pres. Finn introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance, seconded by Mr. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted No.

(ORD. #3095/24)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Building Code, Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code and Appendix A Zoning

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

(RES. #129/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Purchase Order for the Rental of Various Amusement Rides for the City of Long Beach 26th Annual Fall Festival

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

(RES. #130/24)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

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

(RES. #131/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Polaris Ranger ATV Under a Sourcewell Contract

Council Member Reinhart 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. #132/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend and Renew the City's Agreement with ShotSpotter, Inc

Council Pres. Finn 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.

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(RES. #134/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for On-Call Sewer Maintenance Services with the Sole Responsible Bidder

Council Member Reinhart 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. #135/24)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget.

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

(RES. #136/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Charitable Donation

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

(RES. #137/24)

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

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Reinhart. 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: September 4, 2024

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Sandra Fiedler – 10 Monroe Blvd

Spoke about vehicle charging stations

Kathleen O’Leary

Spoke about pollution, Air Plane noise and water wells

Linda Giles – 505 Neptune Blvd

Spoke on behalf of Billy Rohm about noise from private ambulances

Sam Pinto

Spoke about noise from private ambulances, ambulance billing, an event at the MLK center and thanked Patti Salerno for her work on Narcan training

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Spoke about Shotspotter, the lawsuit over unauthorized beach parties and beach revenue