

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 1, 2024**

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

The City Manager, Dan Creighton began his report by recognizing those who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene and reminded folks of the importance of hurricane preparedness. He noted that National Grid had begun their work in replacing gas mains on East Park Avenue and encouraged the use of alternate routes.

Mr. Creighton also announced the commencement of the Walks Water Main replacement project.

The City Manager added that recreation pool repairs were expected to be completed within the next 48 hours and was hopeful that the pool would re-open late next week. He apologized for the inconvenience and noted that membership extensions were being offered to those who had been impacted.

Mr. Creighton then reminded everyone of some upcoming events:

- 35th Annual Long Beach St. Brendan's Irish Day parade and festival being held on Saturday, October 5.
- City of Long Beach 26th annual Fall Festival event being held on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13

The City Manager concluded by wishing Joe Febrizio, Commissioner of Public Works well on his retirement and thanked him for his dedicated service to the City of Long Beach.

The public hearings was held

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Assessment; Levy; Collection of Taxes.

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the City of Long Beach to participate in tax abatements to Gold Star parents. He noted that currently, state tax exemptions were applicable to only veterans and their spouses unless a municipality allows for the same to be applied to a Gold Star parent.

Council Member Bendo asked if the definition of a Gold Star parent needed to be included.

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer replied that it is already defined in the state law which is referenced in the city charter.

Mr. Bendo also asked about the inclusion of those veterans who served in all military missions.

Mr. Flammer replied that all military missions were included.

Council Member Reinhart asked when this exemption would take effect.

Mr. Flammer replied that it would be for the 2025/2026 roll.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Assessment; Levy; Collection of Taxes

A hearing was held on this item already.

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

The City Manager noted that this item allows the transfer of funds from the overtime line to the contingency salary line for Beach Maintenance to satisfy a request for a payout of accumulated leave due to a hardship. .

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

Mr. Creighton noted that this item would move money from contingency to salary for the Water Pollution Control department due to a potential retirement of an operator and this would allow the city to hire a replacement. He then detailed the process involved.

Council Member Lester asked about a previous similar situation.

Tyrone Lyons, Chief Plant Operator replied that he believed it was for the Water Plant and noted that the senior Operator will be leaving by March and by hiring now, would reduce overtime substantially.

Mr. Bendo asked if the person being hired understood that the Water Plant would be shutting down in 2 to 3 years.

Mr. Lyons replied that he did inform this person and will reiterate it with him. He added that it was very likely that he would be absorbed by the Water Plant Department who is always short staffed and looking for people.

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

The City Manager explained that this item would allow the transfer from regular salary to determination pay for the Department of Public Works to cover the 2 retirements in the department.

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

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the purchase of 2 scales to be installed on 2 of the new sanitation trucks.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Current Agreement for Animal Shelter Services

The City Manager explained that this would allow the city to extend the current agreement for animal shelter services with Posh Pets.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Police Records Management and Computer Aided Dispatch Software System Under a Grant County, Washington Contract

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would be beneficial to the Police Department.

Police Commissioner Rich DePalma noted that the current system has come to its end of service life and the present company will no longer support it. He then proceeded to give a presentation on the new system and the importance of having this system in place.

Mr. Bendo asked about the security risks now that it is being shifted from a server-based system to a cloud based system.

Director of Information Technology, Al Perez replied to Mr. Bendo's question and noted that this included the highest security profile that a commercial "cloud" provider has.

Council Member Reinhart thanked and commended Commissioner DePalma on his informative presentation.

Mike Delury – asked about the retrieval of data the system can offer for code enforcement officers, i.e., expired registration, scofflaw, etc. He also asked about the administrative security and who is permitted to collect the data.

Commissioner DePalma responded to Mr. Delury's questions.

Wanda Brooks – asked about how the information is going to be used and retrieved.

Commissioner DePalma responded to Ms. Brooks' questions.

Brian Kleiman – asked if the GPS system would be part of the system. He also shared his concern regarding speeding.

Commissioner DePalma responded to Mr. Kleiman's questions.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings

The City Manager explained that this would allow for the settlement with Broadway Versailles Condominiums at the 400 block of East Broadway.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Replacement of Residential Water Meters with the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

Mr. Creighton explained and described the reason and purpose for this item and gave the background on the bidding results.

Mr. Lester asked for clarification on the cost and spending for this project.

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

Mr. Bendo asked if the 8,300 meters represented all the water meters in the city and if the cost included the installation of the software and training on its use. He also asked if there was an annual maintenance fee.

Russell Darress, Public Works replied that it did cover all the meters.

Dustin Rigos our consultant from H2M Architects and Engineers replied that it did include the software installation and training. He added that there was an annual software hosting fee.

Mr. Bendo asked for an explanation on the advantages for using these meters and several other questions.

Mr. Rigos spoke about the benefits and advantages of using these meters and replied to Mr. Bendo's other questions.

Mr. Lester asked how the meters were powered.

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

Council Member Reinhart asked about the warranty.

Mr. Rigos responded to Mr. Reinhart's questions.

Mike Delury – asked if other municipalities were using these meters and several other questions.

Mr. Rigos responded to Mr. Delury's questions.

Editor's Note: Due to a security issue, the meeting was paused at this point and resumed approximately a half an hour later

Council Vice President Fiumara asked about the salvaging of the old meters.

Mr. Rigos replied that there was a salvage credit in the amount of \$1.50 for each meter that is replaced.

Council President Finn noted the purpose of the new meters was for accuracy.

Mr. Rigos replied that it would help with accuracy and water conservation.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Rehabilitation of Sherman Brown Park with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

The City Manager noted that although this has been already funded, he was hoping the city would be awarded a grant for 50% of the cost in November for the New York State Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Bendo asked about the length of the project.

Mr. Darress replied 6 months.

Mr. Reinhart suggested keeping the residents informed on the progress through the city's website.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Street Lighting Maintenance and Repair.

Council Pres. Finn made a motion to change the wording “one bid was” to “four bids were” in the first WHEREAS clause, and the wording “one- year contract” to “two-year contract” in the RESOLVED clause. It was seconded by Mr. Reinhart and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Creighton explained the reason and purpose for this item.

Mr. Lester asked if there were any streetlamps that are not LED lamps.

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

Mr. Reinhart asked about the maintenance involved by the company.

Mr. Darress responded to Mr. Reinhart's question. Mr. Creighton added to the response.

Mr. Bendo asked if the maintenance would include restoring the coating on existing lamp poles.

Mr. Darress responded that it would not.

#12 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Radio System Maintenance with the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

The City Manager explained that this item was for radio system maintenance used by the Fire department, Police department and various city agencies.

President Finn asked if this was a good price.

Commissioner Scott Kemins noted the price went up from last year, but the other bids came in 2,000.00/month more. He also noted that this company has been with the city for a long time and knows our system and wiring.

#13 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two 6 Point Loadman Scale Systems Under a Sourcewell Contract

Mr. Creighton explained that this would allow the city to purchase 2 scales for the sanitation trucks.

#14 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Renew an Agreement with Core BTS, a Partner of Cisco Systems Contract

The City Manager noted that this would allow the city to renew an agreement for a cloud-based telephone and Webex calling that would ensure continual service in the event of internet disruption or emergency situations.

#15 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Funds from the New York State Municipal Workers’ Compensation Alliance

Mr. Creighton explained that this item allows the city to accept funds totaling \$59,284.00 from the NYS Municipal Workers Compensation Alliance for a member loyalty award.

#16 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of an Action Brought by Zoe Papetti Against the City of Long Beach

The City Manager noted that this would settle a lawsuit with the complainant for \$350,000.00.

#17 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Emergency Ambulance Services

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

#18 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of September 3, 2024

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

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(L.L. #VIII/24)

Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Assessment; Levy; Collection of Taxes

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. #138/24)

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

Council Member Bendo 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. #139/24)

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

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

(RES. #140/24)

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

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

(RES. #141/24)

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

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. #142/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Current Agreement for Animal Shelter Services

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. #143/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Police Records Management and Computer Aided Dispatch Software System Under a Grant County, Washington 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. #144/24)

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings.

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

(RES. #145/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Replacement of Residential Water Meters with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

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

(RES. #146/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Rehabilitation of Sherman Brown Park with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

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

(RES. #147/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Street Lighting Maintenance and Repair.

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

(RES. #148/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Radio System Maintenance with the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

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

(RES. #149/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two 6 Point Loadman Scale Systems Under a Sourcewell Contract.

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. #150/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Renew an Agreement with Core BTS, a Partner of Cisco Systems Contract.

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. #151/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Funds from the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance.

Council Pres. Finn introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester abstained.

(RES. #152/24)

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of an Action Brought by Zoe Papetti Against the City of Long Beach.

Council Member Bendo 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. #153/24)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Emergency Ambulance Services.

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

Dated: October 2, 2024

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

None