

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 5, 2021**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Present were Council President Bendo and Council Members Delury, Mandel, McInnis and Treston.

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

Council Vice President McInnis announced that she and Council President John Bendo attended the New York Conference of Mayors event held on September 20 through September 23, 2021 along with Dave Fraser, City Clerk.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden asked Council Member Delury to speak about the recent ceremony that was held on the 6th floor in City Hall.

Mr. Delury informed the audience that Mr. John Carbona and his father Gene Carbona (former Chief of Lifeguards) donated a check in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the new Lifeguard Headquarters. He continued to speak about his fond memories of growing up with John Carbona and went on to speak about the history the Carbona family had in Long Beach.

Ms. Gayden asked Ms. Ronni Kleinman from the JCC to give an update on the collaboration with the city and the daycare programs.

Ms. Kleinman gave a brief background and update on the current daycare programs.

The City Manager then introduced Police Commissioner, Ron Walsh.

Commissioner Walsh gave his update on the police department and spoke about the new “booting” ordinance indicating that it seemed to be very successful. He also added that there would be information posted on the website informing the public of the different types of “scams” that are happening throughout the county and encouraged everyone to be cautious of these types of calls and emails.

Ms. Gayden then shared an incident that happened at CVS pharmacy where an older gentleman was being scammed to purchase gift cards. She proceeded to tell the listeners that the staff at CVS realized what was happening and stopped this person from purchasing anymore gift cards. The City Manager commended the CVS staff for their attentiveness and noted that she had instructed the gentleman to complete a police report.

Police Commissioner Walsh then gave his update on the Irish Day Parade that was held on Saturday and spoke about some of the incidents that took place. He commended all the departments and personnel that came together to help make this a successful event. Commissioner Walsh also added that there were some businesses that were cited for violations by the police department, fire marshal and state liquor authority. He noted that the bar owners were very cooperative and helpful in keeping this event safe and under control.

The City Manager then introduced Commissioner Joe Febrizio from Public Works to give his update.

Commissioner Febrizio gave a brief overview and description on two of the items that were on the agenda which included the purchase of 24 super centurion fire hydrants and the contract for the installation of a PVC fabric structure at the water treatment plant.

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios then spoke about the agreement with the County of Nassau for the Operation of Bus Services by the City of Long Beach Between Point Lookout and the Long Beach Railroad Station. He continued to speak about the terms of the agreement.

Ms. Gayden then asked the City Comptroller, Inna Reznik to give her update.

Ms. Reznik announced that she was working on scheduling a special city council work session to discuss the beach park operations of 2021. She noted that this meeting would be dedicated to the beach park only.

The City Manager then introduced Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations.

Mr. McNally gave an update on the COVID status indicating that as of October 4th, 63.9% of the total population in Long Beach had been vaccinated and there was a significant decline with only 38 new confirmed positive cases within the city. Mr. McNally then announced that the Mount Sinai/South Nassau's vax-mobile would be in front of City Hall on Wednesday, October 6th from 10am to 2pm for those who would like to receive a vaccination. He also added that the Parking Management RFP would be issued shortly and expected responses to be back by early November. Mr. McNally then informed the audience about the final draft of the Army Corp of Engineer's back bay study and the public hearing and presentation would be taking place on Wednesday, October 6 from 1pm to 2pm. He concluded by announcing the upcoming city events.

Council Member Delury commented on the Army Corps of Engineers and felt that they should be coming back to address the jetties and repairs that were needed.

Commissioner Joe Febrizio addressed all questions regarding the Army Corps of Engineers and the proposals that have been made. He noted that the Army Corps and the DEC would be coming back within the next week or so to inspect the dune and beach project and he would let the council know of the outcome.

Council Vice President McInnis asked about the collection of data and how all the issues of the project were being communicated to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Febrizio said that the city had a consultant on retainer called Coastal Planning Engineers to help handle the issues regarding the coastal erosion and protection. He added that on behalf of the city, they wrote a very lengthy report documenting the poor conditions of the new jetties and that he would speak to the Consultants and the Army Corps about the status of the report and report back to the council.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings of August 17, 2021 and September 9, 2021
Council Pres. Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Recreation and Lifeguard T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Jackets and Hats from the Lowest Responsible Bidders

Mr. Berrios gave a brief description of the resolution and added that the award was being split between two vendors.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Fire Hydrants from the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Joe Febrizio explained that the bid was for the purchase of 24 various sized fire hydrants ranging from 3 feet in depth to 5 feet in depth. He continued to describe the difference between the existing fire hydrants and new hydrants, and the cost savings involved.

Council Member Treston asked which hydrants were being replaced.

Mr. Febrizio informed her that he would need to get the list from the water transmission department.

Council President Bendo asked why the city had purchased so many more of the expensive hydrants.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that he was not involved in the purchase of those hydrants and couldn't really comment on it. He did say that he had a lengthy conversation with the men in the field and they feel much more comfortable with the more traditional hydrants.

Director of Operations, Tommy Canner added that the more expensive hydrants were harder to access in the event of an emergency and the more traditional ones were much easier to access.

Council President Bendo asked if there was a preventative maintenance program in place for these hydrants.

Mr. Febrizio noted that he believed there was a preventative maintenance program in place.

Kathleen O'Leary – asked about the process of getting a new hydrant near her home and spoke about the need to replace it.

Commissioner Febrizio noted that he would have someone go and investigate the need for replacing the hydrant near her home.

Council Vice President McInnis commended Commissioner Febrizio on working well with the vendors.

Roy Lester (72 Boyd St) – asked about the current hydrants vs. the purchasing of the new hydrants and how we can avoid spending the money in replacing them in the future.

Mr. Febrizio noted that he is going by the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Department and discussed the advantages and benefits of purchasing the new hydrants.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Radio System Maintenance with the Sole Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Ron Walsh spoke about the company Multimedia Communications and noted their reliability and familiarity with the city's system.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Installation of an Enclosure Over the Open Air Treatment Basins at the City's Water Treatment Plant

Commissioner Febrizio spoke about the company that was awarded the bid, RJ Industries and that he worked with this company in the past. He spoke about the importance of this project.

Council Member Treston asked if this item was a replacement.

Mr. Febrizio responded that it was not a replacement, and one did not exist. He noted the importance of moving forward with this project since the city's drinking water system is very vulnerable. Commissioner Febrizio also added that the city would be getting 500,000.00 from Senator Kaminsky's office to help with the cost.

Council President Bendo asked about the money budgeted in the capital budget for this project and its total cost.

Commissioner Febrizio explained that the estimate came in over than anticipated, and the city was able to use funding from the budget to off-set the balance of what was needed for this project.

A discussion continued among the Council, the City Comptroller and Commissioner of Public Works regarding what was budgeted and what the expenses and consulting services would cost for this project.

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

Mr. Rich Berrios, Corporation Counsel explained that this resolution was to accept a check in the amount of \$42,498.00 for the surplus that the city was entitled to as part of a non-for-profit workers compensation self-insurance group program from the NYS Municipal Workers' Alliance.

Council Member Delury noted that this money was additional money and was not budgeted for but would be placed into the fund balance.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the County of Nassau for the Operation of Bus Service by the City of Long Beach Between Point Lookout and the Long Beach Rail Road Station

Council Pres. Bendo made a motion to strike the second WHEREAS clause in the resolution and to replace the last RESOLVED clause with the following language: “RESOLVED, that the renewal of said agreement shall be subject to City Council approval.” It was seconded by Ms. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios explained that this resolution was an agreement with the County of Nassau for the Point Lookout Bus service for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021. He noted that the city would gain \$75,000 per year with prospective renewals and city council approval, and hopeful increase revenue moving forward.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik noted that this resolution was to move funding for employees that were moved from one department to another in an effort to improve the operations of all the departments on the third floor. She spoke about the service station that was now available on the third floor.

Council Vice President McInnis asked about the projected productivity and revenue increase as a result of the restructuring of the third floor.

Ms. Reznik replied that this would be more of an improvement of services rather than an increase in productivity and revenue. She continued to inform the council that this restructuring and cross training of employees will be more efficient and would better serve the residents.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 768 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Butcher Shop

This item was for publication only and a hearing will be held on October 19, 2021 at 7pm.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Member Delury 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. #144/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Recreation and Lifeguard T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Jackets and Hats from the Lowest Responsible Bidders.

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

(RES. #145/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Fire Hydrants from the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

Council Member Delury 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. #146/21)

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

Council Member 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. #147/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Installation of an Enclosure Over the Open Air Treatment Basins at the City's Water Treatment Plant.

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

(RES. #148/21)

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

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

(RES. #149/21)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the County of Nassau for the Operation of Bus Service by the City of Long Beach Between Point Lookout and the Long Beach Rail Road Station.

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

(RES. #150/21)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

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

(RES. #151/21)

Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 768 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Butcher Shop

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

Dated: October 6, 2021

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Ron Paganini – 62 Harmon St

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Kathleen O’Leary

Roy Lester – 72 Boyd St

Norah Egan – 340 E Chester St

Dan Creighton – 370 W Olive St

Spoke about issues at the City Garage

Spoke about the MLK center and zoning

Spoke about signs posted to keep people off the Jetties

Spoke about the ethics board, money owed from the LGBTQ Pride festival and about resuming zoom meetings

Asked about cameras at the LIRR station

Spoke about budget issues