

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD OCTOBER 6, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

Present were Council Pres. McInnis and Council Members Bendo, Lester, Posterli and Treston. Corporation Counsel Richard Berrios and City Manager Donna Gayden were also present.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden asked for an update from Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios.

Mr. Berrios gave an update on the LIRR. He noted that there was still some negotiating taking place and was hopeful to have a final report by the next meeting.

Ms. Gayden then asked Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations to discuss some upcoming activities.

Mr. McNally announced that the Department of Transportation launched an initiative to sell bus passes to help make it more convenient for commuters. He also reminded the audience about the festivities that would be taking place at the Fall Festival. Mr. McNally then named some of the sponsorships for the event.

Council Member Lester asked where the bus passes could be purchased.

Mr. McNally replied that they would be available in the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Lester suggested that bus passes also be sold on the buses.

Council Vice President Treston asked about the status of the Fire Department contract.

Mr. Berrios recommended that the council move to executive session to discuss Ms. Treston's question.

Vice Pres. Treston made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the collective bargaining with the Fire Department. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 220 West Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Coffee Shop with a Golf Simulator

Council President McInnis asked the owner, Ms. Natalie Spielberg what the hours of operation would be and how many employees would be present.

Ms. Spielberg noted that the hours of operation would be from 7am to 7pm daily with 6 employees. She added that 50% of them would be Long Beach residents.

Ms. McInnis asked what the maximum customer capacity was.

Ms. Spielberg replied that the maximum capacity would be 20 customers and described what a golf simulator was.

Council Member Bendo asked about a section of her application.

Council Member Posterli asked if they would be willing to put a bike rack outside the premise.

Ms. Spielberg replied that one already existed, and she would be willing to keep it.

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

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer spoke about the purpose and procedure of this item with regards to the senior citizen limited income exemptions which would increase the income limits according to the Governor's new legislation.

Council President McInnis asked about the last time this had been updated.

Mr. Flammer replied that the city hadn't updated this process since 2006.

Council President McInnis asked about the metrics used in this process.

Mr. Flammer replied that he used the Federal US Bureau of Labor Statistics TPI Inflation calculator that was also used by the Social Security Administration.

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

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer spoke about the purpose of this item which was to change the limited income of persons with disability exemptions which hadn't been updated since 2006. He added that the income limit had been adjusted according to the inflation calculator and that this was also due to legislation passed by the Governor.

Council Member Lester asked why the income offset for seniors did not apply to the disabled. He asked if the council could include that in the future.

Mr. Flammer replied that the council had the authority to apply it in the future.

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

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer spoke about the purpose of this item which was to opt out of real property tax 47 which was the solar wind or certain other Energy System exemption. He continued to speak about other municipalities who had opted out and how residents could benefit.

Council Member Lester asked about the length of the exemption.

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

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer spoke about the purpose of this item which was the Business Investment exemption real property tax (45b). He added that this exemption was being put forward to help with some possible economic development in the city's commercial sector that would give the city a diverse tax base.

Council Member Lester asked about the exemption for a business that wanted to make improvements.

The calendar item were read by the Acting Clerk

#1 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 220 West Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Coffee Shop with a Golf Simulator

#2 – 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.

#3 – 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.

#4 – 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.

#5 – 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.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing a Correction of Error Appearing on the 2022/23 Assessment/Tax Rolls of the City of Long Beach.

Mr. Flammer explained how the correction of error that was made.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Mr. Flammer asked for a transfer of funds to hire a full-time employee for the Tax Assessor's Office. He added that this would benefit the department and funds were available.

Council Member Lester asked if there were any type of metrics as to the longevity of part time employees as opposed to full time employees.

Ms. Gayden replied that she would look into Mr. Lester's question.

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

Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios recommended an amendment to this item

Council Pres. McInnis made a motion to change the amount listed in the item from \$41,186.00 to \$41,686.00. It was seconded by Mr. Lester and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Berrios continued to describe the resolution which gives the city loyalty rewards for being members.

Council Member Lester asked if the city averages receiving the same amount each year.

Mr. Berrios explained that the city is not guaranteed the loyalty reward since it depends on how municipalities perform in relation to insurance claims, etc.

Mr. Lester then asked if the budget could be able to reflect this revenue in the future.

Ms. Gayden replied that there's no way of knowing how much the city would receive ahead of time.

#9 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Desktop Computers for Various City Departments through New York State Office of General Services.

The City Manager explained that the purpose of this resolution was to replace several old desktop computers throughout the city.

Council Member Lester asked who services the current city computers.

Ms. Gayden replied that there were 2 employees in Information Technology that could service the computers.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Miscellaneous Provisions.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#12 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#13 – 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 \$11,296,749, Appropriating Said Amount Therefor, Including the Expenditure of Any State or Federal Aid Expected to be Received in Connection Therewith, and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$8,377,000 Bonds of Said City to Finance a Portion of Said Appropriation; and Further Authorizing Any Amounts Received from the United States of America and/or the State of New York to be Expended Towards the Cost of Certain of Such Capital Projects as Indicated Herein, or Redemption of any Notes and Bonds Issued Therefor or to be Budgeted as an Offset to the Taxes for Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Notes and Bond.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#14 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of September 6, 2022.

Council Member Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli 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 Ms. Posterli, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #166/22)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements Re: Premises 220 West Park Avenue, (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

Re: Coffee Shop with a Golf Simulator

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

(L.L. #VI/22)

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

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

(L.L. #VII/22)

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

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

(L.L. #VIII/22)

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

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following local law, seconded by Mr. Bendo, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted no.

(L.L. #IX/22)

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

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

(RES. #167/22)

Resolution Authorizing a Correction of Error Appearing on the 2022/23 Assessment/Tax
Rolls of the City of Long Beach.

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

(RES. #168/22)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

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

(RES. #169/22)

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

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

(RES. #170/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Desktop Computers for Various City Departments through New York State Office of General Services.

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

(RES. #171/22)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Miscellaneous Provisions.

Council Member Treston 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. #172/22)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers.

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

(RES. #173/22)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers.

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

(RES. #174/22)

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 \$11,296,749, Appropriating Said Amount Therefor, Including the Expenditure of Any State or Federal Aid Expected to be Received in Connection Therewith, and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$8,377,000 Bonds of Said City to Finance a Portion of Said Appropriation; and Further Authorizing Any Amounts Received from the United States of America and/or the State of New York to be Expended Towards the Cost of Certain of Such Capital Projects as Indicated Herein, or Redemption of any Notes and Bonds Issued Therefor or to be Budgeted as an Offset to the Taxes for Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Notes and Bond.

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

Dated: October 11, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Judi Vining

Asked for a referendum to be placed on the ballot next November re: the retail sale of cannabis