

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD OCTOBER 18, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, October 18, 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.

The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of Hermandad del Senor de los Milagros.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden began her report and asked Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios to give an updated on the Long Island Railroad contract.

Mr. Berrios noted that the city was waiting to hear back from the LIRR and once the deal was complete, a much more discourse and discussion could take place in public.

Ms. Gayden then asked Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations to give his update.

Mr. McNally spoke about the success of the recent Fall Festival and reminded the audience that October 29<sup>th</sup> would be the 10th year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. He added that instead of focusing on the sad memories of the storm, the city would like to have a day of service in recognition of the residents coming together as a community during that time. Mr. McNally stated that more details were forthcoming.

Council President McInnis then announced that the council held its first subcommittee meeting for both the beach subcommittee and the real estate subcommittee. She then asked Council Member Lester and Council Member Bendo if they had anything to report as Chairmen of those committees.

Mr. Lester gave a brief report on the Beach Sub-Committee meeting. He also encouraged everyone to attend the work sessions in an effort to be more informed.

Ms. Gayden noted that all the sub-committee meeting dates will be published with the individual work sessions.

Mr. Bendo then gave a brief report on the Real Estate Sub-Committee meeting.

Council Member Posterli made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the collective bargaining. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

**The public hearings were held**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Miscellaneous Provisions

Mr. Berrios explained the reason and purpose of this amendment. He summarized it by adding that this would add new claims requirements that are not personal injury claims against the city that could help protect taxpayer money.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

Mr. Berrios noted that this was an ongoing project of going through the charter and updating it and would essentially capitalize many different titles where appropriate.

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Mr. Berrios explained that this item was a reorganization of the section of the charter outlining the appointed officers of the city enumerating them accordingly.

Council Vice President Treston asked for some clarity on a particular section of this item.

Mr. Berrios responded to Ms. Treston's question.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Bond 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 Bonds

Ms. Inna Reznik, City Comptroller gave an explanation on the Bond ordinance.

Council President McInnis noted that this was a secondary step in the process which would actually approve the financing for the authorization that the City Council already approved in May of 2022.

Council Member Bendo asked about the Fiscal Year 2023 maturities.

Ms. Reznik gave an explanation regarding Mr. Bendo's inquiry.

Pres. McInnis made a motion to reflect in the minutes a finding by the city council that the local laws in items 1-4 tonight will not affect the environment and that no further environmental review is required at this time. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli and was carried unanimously.

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

#1 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Miscellaneous Provisions

*A hearing was held on this item already.*

#2 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers

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#5 – A “Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendments to the Community Development Fund for the 45<sup>th</sup> Program Year” was taken off the calendar

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Hauling of Undigested Sludge from the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Public Works Commissioner, Joe Febrizio explained the reason and purpose for this resolution.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – Spoke in support of Commissioner Febrizio.

#7 – 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 November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. #X/22)

Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Miscellaneous Provisions

Council Member Bendo 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. #XI/22)

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 local law, seconded by Mr. Bendo, and it was duly adopted, all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(L.L. #XII/22)

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 ordinance, seconded by Mr. Bendo, and it was duly adopted by four affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted no.

(ORD. #3069/22)

Bond 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 Bonds.

Council Member Posterli 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. #175/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Hauling of Undigested Sludge from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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. #176/22)

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 Bendo 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: October 19, 2022

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about the recent historical Society event, the North Park Critical Infrastructure Project and the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy

Helen Dorato Alessi – 164 W Park Ave

Thanked the council for support for the Long Beach Latino Civic Assn

Wanda Brooks – E Hudson St

Asked about negotiations with the LIRR for the North Park Critical Infrastructure Project

Jeanne Browne – 559 E Park Ave

Spoke about the historical Society and asked the city to consider allowing them to hold their craft fairs next year

Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Asked for a public forum to be held on the North Park Critical Infrastructure Project