

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Present were Council Pres. McInnis and Council Members Lester, Posterli and Treston. Council Member Bendo was absent

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

The City Manager, Donna M. Gayden asked Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios to give an update regarding the Long Island Railroad (LIRR).

Mr. Berrios reported that a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 11/3/2022 regarding an outstanding issue and hoped that he would have something to report at the next council meeting.

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

Mr. McNally spoke on the home energy assistance program and thanked all who participated at the “day of service” to commemorate 10 years since Superstorm Sandy.

Council Member Lester thanked Mr. McNally for his efforts towards the “day of service”.

Ms. Inna Reznik, City Comptroller noted that thanks to Tommy Canner and his staff for providing detailed information and Michael Robinson who processed the necessary information in record time, the city was able to recover extra expenses that were incurred since March of 2020 due to COVID for reimbursement of personnel costs.

Council Member Posterli asked if dates had been scheduled for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) work session.

The City Manager replied it had been discussed and will be scheduled for sometime in November.

Ms. Posterli asked that Legislator, Denise Ford be invited to that meeting.

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

**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. Ray Flammer, Tax Assessor explained that the amendment was for the exemptions of persons with disabilities and limited income. He noted that this amendment would add that all medical and prescription expenses be excluded from their income to help get them down to

under the \$37,000.00 threshold which was at the request of some of the council members at the October 6, 2022 meeting.

Council Vice President Treston thanked Mr. Flammer for his prompt attention to this matter. She also announced the several property tax exemptions for senior citizens with limited income and persons with disabilities.

Jim Kirklin – asked when these levies took place.

Mr. Flammer noted that they were adjusted at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting based on what the council passed in 2006 to bring them to current numbers.

### **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 had been held on this item already.*

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Information Technology Equipment for the City's Police Department through New York State Office of General Services

Police Commissioner, Ron Walsh gave a complete background and description on this item. He noted that there were computers that were too old and not capable of running a lot of the new software products.

Council Member Lester asked about the warranty and service contracts for the new computers.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Various T-Shirts and Athletic Apparel with Imprints from the Lowest Responsible Bidders

Mr. Berrios noted that all advertising bids were received and there were 2 firms named as the lowest responsible bidders.

Council Member Lester asked for the city to do more to improve the number of bidders that come out to bid on these types of items.

Eileen Hession (516 W Beech St) – asked what the cost to the city would be for these items and questioned the quantity.

Mr. Berrios replied that the individual departments had consulted with the Purchasing Agent regarding their needs and that the appropriate budget amount was indicated.

Ms. Reznik explained that the monies would be available in the account for next year's budget and since the quantity will fluctuate, it would be difficult to give a total cost.

The City Manager added that this information would be displayed on the website.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Retain an Appraisal Consultant for Real Property Valuation Services

Mr. Ray Flammer explained the reasons and purpose regarding this item. He noted that this was to have consulting appraisal services for the Equinor Project who would like to come to the city and have easements throughout the city to get them to their Island Park destination. Mr. Flammer also added that having the consultant at the table would ensure that the city was receiving its fair compensation.

Mr. Berrios added that the idea behind this was that the city had not committed to this license or real property interest, and part of the due diligence required is that the city properly value this and be prepared with an amount before- hand.

Council Member Lester asked about recouping this cost from Equinor.

Ms. Gayden noted that getting the money reimbursed would be part of negotiations.

#5 –Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Zoning Board of Appeals.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code: Mortgage-in-Default Registry.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#7 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings of September 20, 2022 and October 6, 2022

Council Pres. McInnis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli and was approved unanimously.

**ADDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

(L.L. #XIII/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 four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #177/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Information Technology Equipment for the City's Police Department through New York State Office of General Services

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution. There was no second and the item failed without introduction.

(FAILED WITH NO SECOND)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Various T-Shirts and Athletic Apparel with Imprints from the Lowest Responsible Bidders

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

(RES. #178/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Retain an Appraisal Consultant for Real Property Valuation Services

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

(RES. #179/22)

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

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

(RES. #180/22)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Housing and Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code: Mortgage-in-Default Registry.

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

(RES. #181/22)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties

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

Dated: November 2, 2022

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David W. Fraser  
City Clerk

**Good and Welfare**

Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Spoke about meetings on sea level rise and the Brownfield Opportunity Area

Ralph Madalena – 128 Atkinson Rd

Spoke about Michael Valente Day and a payroll issue

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Spoke about the Historical Society, early voting, the Sandy remembrance events and about the senior advisory board promoting pickle ball

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about the Sandy remembrance events and the current election

Jackey Odem

Spoke about the MLK Center