

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Wednesday November 6, 2024.

Present were Council Pres. Finn and Council Members Bendo, Fiumara, Lester, and Reinhart.

Asst. Corporation Counsel Steven Pambianchi and City Manager Daniel Creighton were also present.

The City Manager noted the following events that took place:

City's participation in the solemn commemoration of Kristallnacht. He continued to announce the City Council's canned Food Drive to benefit the Long Beach Soup Kitchen and encouraged donations. Mr. Creighton also noted that the City Clerk's Toys for Tots drive will begin on November 18th and end December 11th and encouraged everyone to participate. The City Manager added that the Long Beach School District would be holding their annual clothing "swap" Beach Boutique and clothing could be dropped off on Friday, November 15th from 3pm to 6pm and Saturday, November 16th at the Long Beach Middle School. He also announced that the city would be partnering with the Long Island Housing Partnership and the state of New York Mortgage Agency on Thursday, November 7, 2024 to conduct a first time home buyers information seminar on the 2nd floor of the Public Library at 6:30pm. The City Manager then announced the annual Veteran's Day Commemoration would be held on Monday, 11/11 at 10:30am in City Hall. He added that sanitation pick up would not take place on Monday, November 11th. Mr. Creighton reminded everyone about the City Council's Turkey Trot race that would take place on Sunday, November 17th. He continued by thanking Assemblyman Ari Brown along with Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick for securing a \$100,000.00 grant to make capital improvements to both the city hall and the police department. The City Manager then announced that the long-awaited ladder truck for the Fire Department should be delivered by the end of the following week. Lastly, Mr. Creighton thanked all the brave men and women of the Long Beach Fire Department for their actions on two recent incidents, one being a house fire and the other being a swimmer in distress.

The calendar items were read by the Acting City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Authorizing Annual Allocation of Community Development Funds for the 50th Program Year

The City Manager noted that this resolution was for the purpose of allocating funds for the 50th program year for CDBG funding. He pointed out that the funding had dropped significantly over the past ten years and due to our partners in the County and the great work that both Patti Bourne, Dir. of Economic Development and Tyler Huffman, Dir. of Community Development are doing, the city received an additional \$300,000.00 above what the city was awarded.

Council Member Reinhart thanked both Ms. Bourne and Mr. Huffman for their hard work and asked if there would be any more funding to look forward to in the future.

Ms. Bourne noted that this was an extraordinary occasion, and it was due to the collaboration of many city staff members and working with the county that allowed for this outcome

Council Member Lester asked about Senior Services and the opportunity to offering more funding to their program. He also asked about the recreation improvement money.

Ms. Bourne and Mr. Huffman responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

Crystal Lake – shared her concern regarding the updating of the census relating to the current demographics that effect CDBG funding. She focused on the need for more funding for Seniors and Youth.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – thanked the city and Ms. Bourne and Mr. Huffman for getting the CDBG funding and agreed with Ms. Lake that more funding is needed for seniors and youth. He also thanked Ms. Laurie Buscemi and Ms. Denise Ford for their efforts in receiving this funding. Mr. Hodge continued to ask several questions regarding the allocation of the funds.

Mr. Huffman replied to Mr. Hodge's questions.

Council President Finn also recognized and thanked County Legislator, Patrick Mullaney for his part in helping the city receive CDBG funding.

The City Manager added that he too would like to mention and thank Ms. Buscemi, Ms. Ford and Legislator Mullaney for their efforts with the success in receiving the CDBG funding.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for the Police Department

Mr. Creighton explained that this resolution would allow the city to hire an additional Detective for the Police Department that would be partially funded over the next 3 years through a Department of Justice Grant.

Council Member Reinhart asked Police Commissioner, Rich DePalma to talk a little about the Narcotics Division.

Commissioner DePalma noted that this grant would help reinstate the Narcotics Division to the Police Department that had been eliminated due to the lack of funding.

Council Member Bendo asked about the cost to the city and how assignments to the division would be made.

Commissioner DePalma responded to Mr. Bendo's question.

The City Manager added to the response and spoke about where the funding could come from.

Council President Finn spoke in favor of this unit recognizing the importance of having a Narcotics Unit and a safer community.

Council Member Lester asked about the hiring requirements for the Narcotics Unit. Commissioner DePalma responded to Mr. Lester's question.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – spoke in favor of the resolution and spoke about the importance of diversity within the Police Department.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Operation of the Snack Bar at the City’s Ice Arena with the Most Responsible Proposer

Mr. Creighton noted that this item allowed the City to award a contract for the Snack Bar at the Ice Arena.

Council Member Reinhart asked about any capital improvements the vendor could possibly make.

Deputy City Manager Phil Ragona responded to Mr. Reinhart’s question and gave a brief background on the bid and the award. He also added that this vendor was local and would like to make improvements to the location.

Council Vice President Fiumara asked several questions about the background and experience of this vendor, type of improvements they are willing to make, insurance and how long the space had been vacant.

Commissioner Joe Brand and Deputy City Manager Phil Ragona responded to Mr. Fiumara’s questions.

Council Member Bendo asked for more information regarding the vision of the snack bar.

Mr. Ragona and Commissioner Brand responded to Mr. Bendo.

Council Member Lester asked about some of the language in the lease.

Mr. Creighton responded to Mr. Lester.

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

The City Manager noted that this item would enable an employee to be paid out for 2 weeks of their vacation time.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget

Mr. Creighton noted that this item would allow the city to take a grant payment from the downtown resilient connectivity project and put the funds back into the budget as working capital.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget

The City Manager noted that this item would allow the city to take the payment from DSHES (New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services) and reimburse it back into the capital project to be used as working capital.

Crystal Lake – asked how much money was in this account and asked if the city was still using the value engineering change order procedures due to the redesign along with several other additional questions.

Mr. Russell Darress, Interim Commissioner of Public Works responded that approximately 1.5 million dollars was in the account and the city did take advantage of the value engineering change order and it was completed. He then responded to Ms. Crystal's additional questions.

#7 – A “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreements for the Operation of Beach Concessions in the City of Long Beach” was taken off the calendar

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

Council Pres. Finn 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. #165/24)

Resolution Authorizing Annual Allocation of Community Development Funds for the 50th Program 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. #166/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for the Police Department

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. #167/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Operation of the Snack Bar at the City's Ice Arena with the Most Responsible Proposer

Council Member Lester 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. #168/24)

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

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. #169/24)

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. Reinhart, and it was duly adopted , all five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #170/24)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget

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

Dated: November 7, 2024

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Spoke about the reconstruction of Sherman
Brown Park

Joanne Krupp

Spoke about airplane noise

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about funding for the MLK center

Ron Paganini – 62 Harmon St

Spoke about illegal fireworks