

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Wednesday November 8, 2023.

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

Corporation Counsel Dennis Cohen and Acting City Manager Ronald Walsh were also present.

Council President Bendo congratulated the newly elected City Council Members on their election victory. He also noted that he received a letter from the NYS Department of Public Service regarding the increase in gas rates from National Grid and announced that there would be a public hearing regarding this information on November 15th at 6pm in Mineola. He asked that this news be posted on the city's website so that residents would have the information.

The Acting City Manager, Ron Walsh announced the swearing in of two (2) new Police Officers.

The public hearing was held

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach
Re: Electrical Code

Mr. Walsh described and explained the purpose for the amendment.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Electrical Code

A public hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Accept and Execute a Grant on Behalf of the City of Long Beach from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

The Acting City Manager noted that this grant would allow for more technical capacity of the Plate Reader System for the city and added that the money would be reimbursed by the state.

Council Member Lester asked about the cost and operation of the plate reader system.

Mr. Walsh responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

#3 – Resolution Establishing Base Proportions in Accordance with Provisions of Article 19 of the Real Property Tax Law

Tax Assessor Ray Flammer gave a full description and explanation of this resolution.

Council Member Lester asked about the prior year's cases and what the homestead value was based on.

Mr. Flammer responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings

The Tax Assessor explained and described the process and length of the settlement.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract Amendment with Posilico/Bove JV

Commissioner of Public Works Joe Febrizio gave a full description and explained the purpose for this resolution regarding the Northshore Critical Infrastructure protection project.

Council Vice President Treston thanked Mr. Febrizio for saving the city millions of dollars over the years due to his efforts.

Council Member Lester asked for clarity that this money was FEMA funded.

Mr. Febrizio replied that it was, and he gave a full explanation of all components of the project.

Council Member Lester continued to ask various questions.

Commissioner Febrizio replied to all Mr. Lester's questions.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Replacement Parts for Boardwalk Benches from the Sole Source Provider

Mr. Walsh gave a brief background on the bench program and the repair cost to the city. He noted that this resolution would allow the city to repair the 450 benches in need of attention. Mr. Walsh also noted that there are efforts in place to help alleviate future repairs.

Council Member Lester asked if there were any warranties on the benches when they were purchased.

Mr. Febrizio noted that the benches had been refurbished after Superstorm Sandy and was paid for by FEMA. He continued to say how the bench repairs have been an issue and that Beach Maintenance has been working extensively on ways to help eliminate future damage.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a Comprehensive Financial Subscription Service

The Acting City Manager explained that this resolution allows the city to purchase a Budget Cycle Management Suite Software product that will create a new level of transparency for all operations in the city. He continued to describe the workings of the product and the cost savings to the city.

Council Member Lester asked if this item went out to bid.

Mr. Walsh replied that it did not, and that the city was investigating different products to assist with the operations in the Comptroller's office and departments throughout the city.

Mr. Lester asked if Munis would be part of this system.

Mr. Walsh replied that Munis would feed its data directly into this system.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Three (3) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Sport Utility Vehicles for the Police Department

The Acting City Manager explained the reason and purpose for this resolution. He continued to give a complete background/explanation on the past vehicle fleet issues and the benefits of this purchase to the city.

A discussion continued regarding the replacement vs. the number of vehicles remaining in the fleet.

#9 – Resolution. Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Renew Barracuda Email Protection and Backup Cloud Services Software

Mr. Walsh explained that this item was the antiviral software cloud backup system for the city's email system. He added that this was a standard contract for renewal.

Council Member Lester asked about the cost and number of users.

The Acting City Manager responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

#10 – Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget.

City Comptroller, Inna Reznik explained that this would amend the budget in the capital budget funds to allow for the receipt and disbursement of funds in connection with the sewer consolidation project.

Mr. Bendo then added that this was basically a checking account where the grant money will go in and then back out to pay the bills.

Council Member Lester asked if this project was completely funded.

Mr. Reznik replied that she believed so and reminded the council that Jane Hodock, who was present a few months ago, said that the interest the city would pay would be very minimal since the amount of time involved would be a short period of time.

#11 – Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 136 East Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#12 – Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 806 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#13 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of October 17, 2023

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

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(ORD. #3071/23)

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Electrical Code

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. #196/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Accept and Execute a Grant on Behalf of the City of Long Beach from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and Authorizing Budget Amendment to the General Fund Budget

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

(RES. #197/23)

Resolution Establishing Base Proportions in Accordance with Provisions of Article 19 of the Real Property Tax Law

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

(RES. #198/23)

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings

Council Member Treston introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Pres. Bendo, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Member Lester voted No.

(RES. #199/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter into a Contract Amendment with Posilico/Bove JV

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

(RES. #200/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Replacement Parts for Boardwalk Benches from the Sole Source Provider

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #201/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a Comprehensive Financial Subscription Service.

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #202/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase Three (3) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Sport Utility Vehicles for the Police Department

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. #203/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Renew Barracuda Email Protection and Backup Cloud Services Software

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #204/22)

Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment to the Capital Projects Fund Budget.

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

(RES. #205/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 136 East Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York.

Council Pres. Bendo 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. #206/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing of an Application to Waive the Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises: 806 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

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

Dated: November 9, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Jen Sarafin	Spoke about item #5 and the offshore wind turbine project
Christina Kramer	Spoke about the construction at the Long Beach Bridge, the offshore wind turbine project, an marine fish study, environmental report findings from Nelson/Pope, and the search for a City Manager
Karen Riskin	Spoke about the offshore wind turbine project
Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St	Spoke about the recent Senior luncheon