

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

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

Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles Geiger and City Manager Donna Gayden were also present.

City Manager, Donna M. Gayden began her report by introducing Charles Geiger, Assistant Corporation to give his update.

Mr. Geiger gave an update on the agreement with the Long Island Railroad. He spoke about the difficulty the representative from the LIRR was having with formatting which was delaying the process.

Council Member Posterli asked if moving forward, Police Commissioner Walsh could give an update at each council meeting.

Council President McInnis then reported on some of the Council Committees.

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: Zoning Board of Appeals

Council Member Bendo gave a brief explanation on the reason for this amendment and how this amendment would allow the zoning board members to return to their staggering terms moving forward.

Council President McInnis commended the staff for their efforts put forth in the research that went into this amendment of the charter.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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.

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer explained that this amendment would increase the Mortgage Default Registry fee from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. He added that the New York State Department of Financial Services put out a letter in September of 2020 stating that the bank would have to absorb this fee and that this increase would not affect the residents who were having financial difficulties.

Council President McInnis asked how this figure was calculated.

Mr. Flammer responded that it was based on the surrounding municipalities and the tri-state areas. He added that Glen Cove's fee is \$1,000.00.

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties.

Ms. Gayden explained that this amendment would allow contracts to be given to certain department heads that would not exceed 3 years.

Frank McQuade (573 Magnolia Blvd) – Expressed his opposition to this item.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Zoning Board of Appeals

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – 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 hearing had been held on this item already.

#3 – Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: City Officers: Their General Powers and Duties

Pres. McInnis made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Mr. Bendo and was carried unanimously.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Nassau to Receive Funding for the Purchase of an Office Trailer and Related Items

The City Manager explained that this resolution was to accept money from Nassau County, with the help of Denise Ford, to help the city purchase an Office Trailer and related items.

#5 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Hardware and Services to Upgrade the City's Barracuda Backup Server.

Ed Note: Items 5 and 6 were called together.

Mr. Jaime Roman, Director of Information Technology gave a brief history of the hardware backup system. He then gave a power point presentation and showed a video on email and internet security.

Council Member Posterli asked about the training and cost for this service.

Council Member Bendo spoke about Suffolk County being shut down from a hacking attack.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Upgrade and Purchase Email Protection Services.

Eileen Hession (516 W Beech St) – spoke in favor of this item and asked for clarity on the cost.

#7 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings of October 18, 2022 and November 1, 2022

Pres. McInnis asked to make note in the minutes that in the October 18th minutes, she had mentioned that there were subcommittees that were going to be formed, however, City Manager Gayden pointed out that they were not subcommittees but actually council committees. She added that she should have called them committees and incorrectly characterized them in the minutes in the past, and that this be noted in the current minutes.

Council Member Treston made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Posterli and were approved unanimously.

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. Bendo, and it was duly adopted, all four council members present voting in the affirmative.

(L.L. #XIV/22)

Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Zoning Board of Appeals

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

(ORD. #3070/22)

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 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. #182/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Nassau to Receive Funding for the Purchase of an Office Trailer and Related Items.

Council Member Bendo 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. #183/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Hardware and Services to Upgrade the City's Barracuda Backup Server.

Council Member Posterli 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. #184/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Upgrade and Purchase Email Protection Services

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

Dated: November 16, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Brian Dombrowski – 240 E Market St

Spoke about traffic Safety

Crystal Lake – 206 E Market St

Spoke about the ongoing negotiations with the LIRR over the critical infrastructure project

Jazmin Mooney – 780 W Broadway 3G

Asked the City Council to opt-in to allow retail sale of Cannabis

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Spoke about a proposed warehouse on Park Place