

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday November 21, 2023.

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

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

The Acting City Manager, Ronald J. Walsh, Jr. announced that the city received a grant for \$70,000.00 from the New York State Empire Development Corporation to conduct a parking study throughout the city. He added that the city also applied for an SS4 Safe Streets federal government grant in the amount of \$240,000.00 to conduct a comprehensive traffic study throughout the city. Mr. Walsh then announced that this Saturday was “Small Business Saturday” and asked that all residents patronize local businesses in the area. He invited all to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1, 2023 and thanked Bethpage Federal Credit Union for their support in the event. Mr. Walsh then added that at the next city council meeting, there will be a presentation by the City’s consultants from MV5 to discuss some of the roadwork and projects that will be taking place in the downtown area.

The public hearings were held

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:

Re: 136 East Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York.

Editor’s note: The hearing was called twice however the owner of the business did not appear.

Pres. Bendo made a motion to table this hearing and corresponding item (Item #1) until the next meeting on December 5th. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:

Re: 806 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York.

The business representative, Mindy Gary noted that the business would be doing healthcare staffing during the day as well as offering tutoring and SAT prep from 4pm to 6pm in the evenings.

Council President Bendo asked how many employees would be involved.

Ms. Gary replied that there were currently 3 employees but would eventually be hiring a 4th person. She added that most of the business would be done virtually with occasional students coming into the office for tutoring.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

#1 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:
Re: 136 East Park Avenue (second floor), Long Beach, New York

This item was tabled – see first public hearing above.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#2 – Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:
Re: 806 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

#3 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Mr. Walsh noted that this item was for the transfer of funds for the Director of Transportation who was being paid out of the Comptroller’s office and placed in the proper budget line.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Mr. Walsh noted that this item takes temporary salaries and places them into regular salaries for the hiring of a full-time employee, and also eliminates the need for part-timers moving forward.

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

Mr. Walsh explained that this item was a progress payment for the critical infrastructure project on the North Shore.

#6 – A “Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Merge the Youth and Family Services Department into the Recreation Department and Authorizing the City Comptroller to Transfer Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year to Effectuate Said Merger” was taken off the calendar.

#7 – Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Trailblazer Sport Utility Vehicle for the Sewer Maintenance Department.

Mr. Walsh explained that this item would allow the city to replace a Van within the Sewer Treatment Plant that is no longer in service with a new Van that is much more suited to what is needed. He added that this vehicle was a replacement and not an addition to the fleet.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Automatic Alarm Systems

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#9 – Resolution. Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#10 – Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting of November 8, 2023

Council Pres. Bendo made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Treston and was approved by four affirmative votes. Council Member McInnis abstained.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(RES. #207/23)

Resolution Granting Waiver of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Premises:
Re: 806 West Beech Street (street floor), Long Beach, New York

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

(RES. #208/23)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

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

(RES. #209/23)

Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

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

(RES. #210/23)

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 five council members present voting in the affirmative.

(RES. #211/23)

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Trailblazer Sport Utility Vehicle for the Sewer Maintenance Department.

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

(RES. #212/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Automatic Alarm Systems

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

(RES. #213/23)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Motor Vehicles and Traffic

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Lester 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: November 22, 2023

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about item number 6 and the MLK Center

Brendan Finn

Thanked the Council for their cooperation after the election

Tim Kramer – 361 E Broadway

Spoke about the firing of the Fire Commissioner and the new fuel system at the garage

Christina Kramer

Spoke about the firing of the Fire Commissioner and the Wind Farm project