

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 6, 2022**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

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

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

On behalf of the City Council and herself, City Manager, Donna M. Gayden commended the entire Long Beach Fire Department, both volunteer and paid members, for their quick response to the fire that took place the night before. She also thanked all the outside agencies that came to assist and noted that there were no injuries. Ms. Gayden then called upon Corporation Counsel, Rich Berrios to give his report.

Mr. Rich Berrios, Corporation Counsel gave an update on the Long Island Railroad agreement. He noted that the deliverables that he was waiting on were received and were now being reviewed.

Mr. John McNally, Director of Public Relations then gave his report. He noted the holiday season brings on a higher risk of COVID and that Long Beach was officially in the high Community risk zone. Mr. McNally also mentioned that the CDC recommended wearing masks at large gatherings and that there were free COVID test kits available in the lobby of City Hall. He then continued to give his update on the tree lighting ceremony and the launch of the first annual holiday market (a partnership between the city and the farmer's market). Mr. McNally announced the upcoming Electric Light Parade and the Grand Menorah lighting ceremony. He concluded with the upcoming dates for the Equinor public information session and spoke about the Nassau County Bridge Authority conversion to E-Z Pass for the Atlantic Beach Bridge.

The public hearings was held

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

Editors Note: This item was tabled from the prior meeting

Eileen Hession (516 W Beech St) – expressed her concern regarding this item.

Council Member Lester responded to Ms. Hession's concern.

Mike Delury (6 June Walk) – Spoke in favor of this item.

Jay Gusler – expressed his opinion on this agenda item.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

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

A hearing had been held on this item already.

#2 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery/City of Long Beach Drainage Improvements Project

Public Works Commissioner, Joe Febrizio gave a brief background on this project and outlined the purpose and reason for the change order.

#3 –Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One (1) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Base Vehicle, Two (2) 2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 5.5’ box 145” WB XL Vehicles and One (1) Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Premium Utility Terrain Vehicle for the City’s Police Department

Police Commissioner, Ron Walsh spoke on the need for this purchase. He continued to speak about the LBPD vehicle fleet.

Council Member Lester asked about the location of certain vehicles and the turnaround time for repairing these vehicles.

Commissioner Walsh responded to Mr. Lester’s questions.

Council Member Bendo asked about the warranties on the vehicles.

Commissioner Walsh described the warranties that would come with the vehicles.

#4 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings

Tax Assessor, Ray Flammer described the details for the certiorari settlement on this property.

#5 –Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Nassau for the Providing of the Review of Tax Grievances for a Term of Five Tax Years, 2023/24 through and including 2027/28.

Mr. Flammer described this agreement and spoke on the benefit to the city.

Council Member Lester asked about the overtime cost involved.

Council Member Bendo asked for clarity on the amount of time spent on the contract.

#6 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase an Office Trailer from the Lowest Responsible Bidder and to Amend the Budget.

The City Manager spoke about the purchase of the trailer that would be located outside the National Blvd. Fire Station for the Volunteer Fire Department members and noted the grants that were received through Legislator Ford's office.

Council President McInnis asked when the trailer would be delivered.

Ms. Gayden responded that she was hoping it would be delivered no later than February/March of 2023.

Council Member Lester asked about the warranty on the trailer.

The City Manager replied that she would get back to Mr. Lester with that information.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – Spoke in support of the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Dept

#7 –Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Police Foundation, Inc

Police Commissioner Walsh spoke on this MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and how it would allow for equipment and/or training to be given to the police department to help create better service and community engagement.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – Spoke in favor of the item

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 by three affirmative votes. Council Member Bendo voted no.

(L.L. #XV/22)

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

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

(RES. #185/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery/City of Long Beach Drainage Improvements Project.

Council Member 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. #186/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One (1) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Base Vehicle, Two (2) 2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 5.5' box 145" WB XL Vehicles and One (1) Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Premium Utility Terrain Vehicle for the City's Police Department.

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

(RES. #187/22)

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Certiorari Proceedings

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. #188/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Nassau for the Providing of the Review of Tax Grievances for a Term of Five Tax Years, 2023/24 through and including 2027/28

Council Member Treston 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. #189/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase an Office Trailer from the Lowest Responsible Bidder and to Amend the Budget

Council Member Bendo introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Treston, and it was duly adopted by three affirmative votes. Council Member Lester abstained.

(RES. #190/22)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Police Foundation, Inc

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: December 7, 2022

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

Jack Ryan – 31 Delaware Ave

Mike Delury – 6 June Wk

Spoke about the Atlantic Beach Bridge Toll

Spoke about water main upgrade in the walks, parking plan status, job postings and charter changes

Eileen Hession – 516 W Beech St

Spoke about the “Senior” Prom event, the tree lighting event, the Holiday Market, holiday lights barricades on State St, and the Atlantic Beach Bridge Toll

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St

Spoke about the North Shore Infrastructure Project and about an upcoming gospel event

Norah Egan – 340 E Chester St

Spoke about FOIL issues