

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 17, 2024**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Long Beach was held on Tuesday December 17, 2024.

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

Corporation Counsel Frank Dikranis and City Manager Daniel Creighton were also present.

City Manager Daniel Creighton began his report by reflecting on this administration's accomplishments (presentation available as attached). Before he began listing and presenting those accomplishments, he also acknowledged the following events:

- Electric Light Parade
- Menorah Lighting
- Recreation/City Hall closure during the holiday season
- Holiday bus schedule

Mr. Creighton thanked all who helped make these events possible and proceeded with his presentation. He thanked the City Council for their leadership, the dedicated workforce for their hard work and service to the residents who trust them to get the jobs done. The City Manager also stated that it has been an honor, privilege and joy to serve the city as City Manager and wished everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Council President Finn acknowledged Mr. Creighton's accomplishments and dedication to the City of Long Beach and its residents and thanked him for his commitment. He also mentioned that there was a box in the lobby for donation of Legos. Mr. Finn noted that one of the High School students was collecting them to distribute to those children at Sloan Kettering hospital who are battling cancer. He thanked the Gallinaro family for their kindness.

The public hearings were held:

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

Mr. Creighton explained that this item was tied to the changes that were made at the last meeting with regards to the Code of Ordinances and City Council meetings. He noted that it specifically addresses the Good and Welfare portion of the meetings.

Council Member Lester expressed his support for this change.

The calendar items were read by the City Clerk

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

A hearing was held on this item already.

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

The City Manager explained that this item allowed the city to accept a \$600,000.00 grant from Nassau County to fund a new ambulance and associated medical equipment. He also noted that there would be no match requirement for this grant.

Council Member Reinhart expressed his support for this item.

Council Member Bendo asked for clarity on how the grant money would be expended and some of the language in the contract.

Fire Commissioner Miller responded to Mr. Bendo's questions.

Ms. Inna Reznik, City Comptroller added to the response regarding some of the language in the contract.

President Finn also recognized County Legislator, Patrick Mullaney for his help in procuring this grant.

James Hodge (95 E Fulton St) – thanked all those who helped write the grant and encourages more efforts in procuring for future needs. He thanked the fire department for their commitment to the city.

Sam Pinto – thanked Nassau County, Legislator Mullaney and everyone involved for getting this grant.

#3 – Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two Power-Load Stretchers, Four Stair Chairs and Warranty and Maintenance Plans Under SAVVIK Buying Group.

Mr. Creighton explained the reason and purpose for this purchase.

Mr. Lester asked for clarity regarding the invoiced prices.

Fire Commissioner Miller responded to Mr. Lester's questions.

Mr. Bendo asked a follow-up question regarding the grant purchase.

Fire Commissioner Miller responded to Mr. Bendo's question.

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

The City Manager explained that this would allow the city to pay out vacation time as per the CSEA contract and noted that there are sufficient funds to cover the cost.

#5 – A “Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Software Services Under New York State Contract and to Transfer Funds” was taken off the calendar.

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

Mr. Creighton explained that this transfer would fund the projected deficit in the budget for overtime in the Central Garage.

Council Member Reinhart asked for clarification on the reason for the deficit.

The City Manager responded to Mr. Reinhart's question.

Council Member Bendo asked if this would be enough to fund the rest of the fiscal year.

The City Manager noted that he believes it would and will be monitoring the overtime closely.

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

Mr. Creighton explained that this item would allow the city to purchase salt for the winter season. He continued to speak on how this cost was projected.

Mr. Finn asked how the purchase and funds were projected.

The City Manager responded to Mr. Finn's question.

Interim Commissioner of Public Works, Russell Darress agreed with Mr. Creighton's response.

Mr. Bendo expressed his concern regarding the need for overtime should we have an extensive snowfall season.

Mr. Creighton assured Mr. Bendo that in that case, the funds would be found.

Craig Forlader – asked what the cost was for 750 tons of salt.

Mr. Darress responded to his question.

#8 – Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Planning Board

This item was for publication only. A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on January 21, 2025 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: Planning and Zoning Generally.

This item was for publication only. A Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, 1 West Chester Street, Long Beach, New York, on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The voting portion of the meeting was then begun.

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

(ORD. #3098/24)

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

Council Member Bendo 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. #185/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant for the Fire 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 abstained.

(RES. #186/24)

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two Power-Load Stretchers, Four Stair Chairs and Warranty and Maintenance Plans Under SAVVIK Buying Group

Council Member Reinhart 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. #187/24)

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. #188/24)

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

Council Member Reinhart 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. #189/24)

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

(RES. #190/24)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of a Local Law Amending the Charter of the City of Long Beach Re: Planning Board.

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. #191/24)

Resolution Authorizing Publication for Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Long Beach Re: Planning and Zoning Generally.

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Reinhart 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: December 18, 2024

David W. Fraser
City Clerk

Good and Welfare

James Hodge – 95 E Fulton St.

Took a moment of silence for recent school shooting victims and spoke about the eviction proceedings for MLK Inc

Mike Delury

Spoke about the proposed Planning Board

Jo Ann Kropp – 620 Lincoln Blvd

Spoke about airplane noise

Anthony Maiello – 270 Shore Rd

Thanked the City Council for support of the Volunteer Fire Dept.

Caren Riskin

Asked about work being done on Harmon St

Sam Pinto

Thanked the City Council, City Manager, Corporation Counsel and City Clerk for their work

Janet Cohen

Spoke about water pressure

Craig Forlader

Thanked the City Council and spoke about public comment at the meetings

Ron Paganini

Spoke about overtime