

| Number | Name               | GOOD AND WELFARE QUESTIONS - June 2, 2020   | ANSWERS  |
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|        | Allison Blanchette | <p>1. Will the bathrooms on the beach and boardwalk have tampon or sanitary napkin dispensers? We were told the city would look into installing dispensers last year (and previous years when I brought it up at Council Meetings). If so, please be mindful that tampons with plastic applicators should not be available unless they have recyclable cardboard applicators - not plastic.</p> <p>2. Will there be an extension of mobi-mats so that people with access needs are not forced to cluster around beach entrances which may not be the safest for spatial distancing?</p>   | 1. No 2. Money for addition Mobi-Mats was not included in the budget.  |
|        | Neil Silverstein   | Can you provide an update on farmers market schedule and plan?  | The farmers market will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays when it re-opens. We are currently working with them with the hope that they will be open by the end of the month. |
| 3      | Lisa Santinos      | <p>Thank you again for actually answering my questions. So refreshing!</p> <p>The Charlie Rubin Police Commissioner rumor continues to escalate, but I recently heard that he's getting cold feet and alleging to have a heart issue. Is it conceivable that you would keep Ed Ryan, or are you definitely looking for someone new?</p> <p>Also, is Peter Madonia going screen the final candidate the way he did with Simone Freeman (at least that's what I read online). And lastly, on the topic of Peter, does he really have a relationship with Senator Kaminsky or was that just conjecture? Why did you need him to meet Simone before you pulled the trigger on hiring her?</p> <p>Lisa Santinos<br/>West Olvie St.</p> | We just finished collecting resumes. No Police Commissioner has been hired. A full committee will be established and the candidates will be reviewed by said committee.        |
| 4      | LB Secrets         | <p>Two questions. By law, you have to read these and we hope you will respond.</p> <p>1) Is Sam Pinto a medical expert?</p> <p>2) Is the city reprimanding him for publicly announcing that the flu was a greater risk than coronavirus?</p>  | 1. Mr. Pinto is a parametic and firefighter. 2. His column was written as a private citizen, not as an employee of the City of Long Beach.                                     |
|        | Helen Maley        | <p>Can you tell us who is responsible for trimming the new trees the city installed in our neighborhoods a few years ago? There are many tha thave low hanging branches that interfere with walking on the sidewalk and hit you if you walk by them. Someone is going to get injured if branches aren't trimmed. Who trims these - the residents or the city?</p>   | Residents are resposible for maintaining everything up to, and including, the curb. This includes trees.   |

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| 17 | Kristen Casse | <p>I am writing to implore further information as to the rationale behind the restrictions imposed on the biking on the boardwalk. The Long Beach boardwalk was designed to allow for both bikers and walkers to enjoy the space. Restricting biking from dusk until 10am without additional hours in the evening is creating hazards on the roadways. The reasoning that is listed on the signage advises this is to allow additional space for walkers during “prime” hours. If so, why is the boardwalk closed and government restrictions in place when we are not concerned about social distancing? First, please tell me why we are concerned about social distancing after sunset? Second, please tell me how encouraging all of the bikers to cram on the boardwalk during morning hours makes it any safer for fellow bikers, walkers, strollers? It's seems by bottle necking the “prime” morning hours, this is creating more havoc then good. If the concern is truly the volume of people, why not restrict capacity to approximately 50%, which is the recommended action for beaches. This would allow appropriate space for everyone on the boardwalk, without imposing harsh restrictions.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Kristen Casse</p> | <p>The NYS Dept. of Health approved re-opening the boardwalk with bicycle restrictions to allow for maximum social distancing during the hours the boardwalk is most utilized. They recently allowed for a relaxation of those restrictions and bicycles are now allowed on the boardwalk after 6pm as well as prior to 10am.</p> |
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| 18 | Robin Donovan | <p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>1) The NYS Financial Review Board FRB in their June 2019 report states that Long Beach has 70 uniformed police officers. They cite that the NYS Department of Criminal Justice which provides local governments with appropriate staffing levels says that the City should have, based on our size, population and complaint level, 35 full time patrol officers where we have 48 employed. They suggest we reduce such force by 13 officers which would save 2.2 million dollars. Are you aware of this recommendation and have you undertaken to reduce the size of our police force?</p> <p>2. What steps can you take to institute “How to Appeal Your Assessment Workshops,” available to the City of Long Beach property taxpayers in October 2020, that would explain the entire process of why their City of Long Beach taxes are going up and how to grieve them?</p> <p>Could these be held at the Long Beach Public Library and all property owners receive notification of these workshops prior to the meetings?</p> <p>Right now many tax payers are unclear of the difference between their School Taxes/Library Taxes paid through Nassau County and the City of Long Beach Property Taxes.</p> <p>Right now there are no workshops presented to the property owners on how to appeal their City of Long Beach Property Taxes. (There are for Nassau County Taxes that include school and library).</p> <p>In fact many property owners are not even aware that there is a Tax Grievance Filing Period that the City of Long Beach property owners can take in January and paperwork to be filled out. Property Tax Payers need to know how the Tax Assessor’s Office comes up with their assessment and are entitled to WORKSHOPS!</p> | <p>1) The City is aware of the report. Reductions in the police force would need to be done through negotiations with the union. 2)The City will work with its Assessor and reach out to the County Executive and our local Legislator to see if this is possible once the public health crisis ends.</p> |
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|  | Robert Saminsky | <p>Questions for Good and Welfare</p> <p>1. What do you say to your critics that it appears you are stalling efforts to recover the overpayments,(Payments for Unused Leave Accruals), in hopes people will forget they exist?</p> <p>2. Please give us a brief report on what EFFORTS you have affirmatively taken to recover the overpayments the City of Long Beach has made regarding the “Payments for Unused Leave Accruals?”</p> <p>How much money have you paid to the law firm to date, June 2, 2020, INVESTIGATING such overpayments?</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Robert Saminsky</p>  | This information is the subject of an ongoing investigation and we are unable to released it at this time.       |
|  | Noquid Proquo   | <p>My three minutes..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; Several residents have asked in recent weeks if council members are eligible to be paid in spite of their absences at meetings. With that in mind, Scott Mandel, the senior member of the city council, has missed 29 meetings throughout his tenure. TWENTY NINE. Based on research, this is the most absences by ANY council member in the city's history.</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; Even at \$20,000 a year, Mandel clearly hasn't given Long Beach taxpayers their money's worth. Having missed more than a full year's worth of meetings, will he set an example and pay it back?</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; My name is Noquid Proquo, and I live in the Walks.</li> </ul> | Please refer to Article 5 of the City Charter with respect to the duties and responsibilites of Council Members. |

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| <p>Albert<br/>Albuquerque</p> | <p>As a resident, I am asking why the city manager and the city council are filtering certain questions at city council meetings, while asking others, as I have asked questions that have gone unanswered while politically favorable questions were read and addressed. That violates my first amendment rights.</p> <p>I read online that the reason you eliminated youth and family services was because of the New York State FRB report. However, that same report also strongly advocated for the elimination of the paid fire department. In the q&amp;a that appears online, you state you are negotiating with the fire union.</p> <p>Why didn't you lay off the department and then negotiate the way you did with Youth and Family Services. Speculation online is rampant that members of the paid fire department are safe because of their close relationships with members of the council, which included holding fundraisers and rebuilding Liz Treston's house for free. Can you please expel these rumors and let us know that you are actually cutting the paid fire department and not just having John McNally collude with Union president Sam Pinto on phony concessions as Jay Gusler bragged about months back at Billy's Beach Cafe prior to McNally even being hired.</p> | <p>Daycare provided by the City was eliminated because it presented significant liabilities.</p> |
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