

NAME	GOOD AND WELFARE QUESTIONS – AUGUST 18, 2020	ANSWERS
<p style="text-align: center;">Moshe Brooks</p>	<p>At the last Council Meeting, you voted to transfer \$50,000 for a police secretary. Didn't you fire a police secretary, give her a full payout of unused accrued time, then rehire that same secretary, and have to transfer money to cover her salary?</p> <p>This sounds remarkably stupid and dare say corrupt.</p> <p>Moshe</p>	<p>A Time Keeper position was eliminated from the Police Department as part of layoffs. There was no prior Secretary position. Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">David Palpatine</p>	<p>Thank you for responding to some of my questions about payouts. My follow up questions for the next good & welfare are as follows:</p> <p>Are you going after all employees who received drawdowns & payouts that exceeded the code and contract? For instance, are you going after John Mooney, Jack Radin, Jay Gusler, and the hundreds and hundreds of individuals, or are you strictly threatening to sue exempt employees?</p> <p>Also, you previously stated you would only go back to 2012 because that was when Schnirman supposedly initiated the practice. However, you have suddenly announced that you will now go back to 2010. Is there a reason you arrived at 2010? You acknowledged that this practice was identified in two audits from the early and mid 1990s. Why wouldn't you go back to 2000, or 1990, or 1980, or 1970? And if it's abundantly clear, and even accepted by your attorney, that this has gone on for decades, why would start by suing Schnirman and Agostisi, leaving out Tangney, Mirando, Theofan, Eaton, Laffey, Nyman, Spiritis, Porr, and all other City Managers before and since who followed these same policies and procedures?</p> <p>Are you at all concerned that your lawsuit looks extremely political and will likely be dismissed because of your selective enforcement?</p> <p>Also, why are you indicating that the lawyer and the city manager were faithless servants but not the comptrollers and payroll supervisors who authorized these payments as well? Also, why are you only suing Schnirman's second corporation counsel and leaving alone the first one who worked underneath him for the first three years of his career? Also, wouldn't you believe it was the fiduciary duty of the city council members to rectify this situation? Why are you not suing them and attempting to clawback their salaries? I look forward to your thorough response.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>David Palpatine Formerly of Lido, Currently of Long Beach</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. This is an ongoing legal matter that cannot be discussed in the detail you are requesting.</p>

<p>Stacie Schiotis</p>	<p>Hello, I was wondering if there will be any discussion regarding keeping the boardwalk open past 9pm? Perhaps for residents only? It is nice to be able to walk home or ride my bike from the west end along the boardwalk back to my home in the east end. Especially when it is dark outside. Thank you so much for all you do. -Stacie Schiotis</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The administration is continuing to evaluate and discuss this measure. No decision has been made to adjust this protocol at this time.</p>
<p>Linnea Romano</p>	<p>Hello, Please find a few questions below for the City Council Meeting. Thank you!</p> <p>With the addition of 10 new Special Cops as “Social Distancing Ambassadors” on the beach, I wonder if additional LBPD officers will be available to enforce traffic laws in the city, specifically in the business district and on the weekends. I appreciate the safety concerns the city has in regards to regulating the population on the boardwalk and beach during the coronavirus pandemic, however, the beach being closed & the limited boardwalk limited is creating more foot, bike, and vehicle traffic in town. Too often in town when riding my bike or walking I witness someone in a car running a stop sign or a red light. I truly feel that not only would a bit of police presence make the city safer for those who are walking and biking the city while the boardwalk is closed, but it would assist in generating revenue by giving out traffic tickets.</p> <p>While the city leadership is very concerned with its residents safety on the beach and boardwalk, I am very confused on why we do not have a properly designated bike lane yet. Anyone who rides their bike on our boardwalk understands the frustration of trying to ride through crowds of people who do not understand that they are in the wrong lane. Why is this aspect of resident’s safety not considered, or if considered not acted upon? We need a clearly designated bike lane.</p> <p>It seems that the safety of local surfers is not being considered. While we are already limited by surfing beaches throughout the summer, we have been limited further with only one surfing beach the majority of the time, with a second closing by 12pm. With the huge increase of surfers this season, the surfing beach is usually extremely crowded. This does also go against the city’s priority of protecting residents from coronavirus and the importance the city has placed on social distancing on the beach. Why is it that we cannot have additional surfing beaches?</p> <p>I appreciate your time in answering my questions! Thank you, Linnea Romano</p>	<p>The Social Distancing Ambassadors are doing work separate and district from our PD. That said, our PD will be putting out increased patrols utilizing our Police Traffic Safety, DWI and Buckle Up New York Grants. Throughout the City of Long Beach, the extra patrols will be focusing on driving while intoxicated, speeding, aggressive driving, red light, stop sign, use of cell phone and seat belt violations.</p> <p>After Sandy, the boardwalk was rebuilt with a tropical hardwood that doesn’t take paint or stains. Our Maintenance Department has even tried branding the wood, but that too did not work. We are currently looking at other possible solutions.</p> <p>When beaches are designated as surfing beaches, it pushes non-surfers to other beaches, which then can become overcrowded. In order to ensure 50% capacity at beaches, the number of surfing beaches needed to be kept to a minimum.</p>

<p>Dorann Lyon</p>	<p>Sandy took our hospital, South Nassau took our money and now Mount Sinai is taking everything they promised and more and apparently, you let them! >:(How did this happen? We were promised a permanent emergency room, capacity for services and a medical pavilion and instead they've been granted an Assisted Living?? And they're still getting the tax break? What's wrong with you? Shame on you!!</p>	<p>Mount Sinai at South Nassau is paying full taxes on the property, so there is no tax break. There has been no approval or an application for an assisted living facility on the property at this time.</p>
<p>Katherine Dimonda</p>	<p>My question for the City Council: Is it true that an anonymous page on Facebook created for the purpose of harassing City Council members and private residents of Long Beach is being operated by Robert Agostisi and Gordon Tepper, among others? Is it true that these are two of the employees who received illegal payouts? Will legal recourse be sought against these individuals by the City if confirmation exists that these individuals have been operating this page?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p>John Wallmuller</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I oppose the Engel Burman's development of the Super Block property construction. I also do not trust Zoom video as i have had issues with my computer and don't feel my information is safe using Zoom video.If you google about zoom you will see some information goes through China data company's in china. The super block decisions should be postponed for months until we get some what normal. How many stories is this which they fail to announce and keep secret. also they tout how may jobs i believe over 800 but where are all these workers going to park? this is a bad idea we already have congested traffic issues like vehicles traveling east on Park ave to turn North on Long Beach road backs up and takes several light changes to get through as it is now and will be so much worst. Too high of building for our emergency personnel. unsafe for air traffic that already dangerous fly's low. How many stories? where are all the residents and employed going to park? and so many more questions. Again I AM AGAINST AND OPPOSE oppose the Engel Burman's development of the Super Block property construction.</p> <p>John wallmuller</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. The Nassau County Industrial Development decided when to hold the hearings and if they would grant the tax abatement. The meeting was also held in person at the Allegria Hotel in addition to Zoom. As proposed, it appears that the project confirms to the City's zoning for the property and will not require any variances.</p>

Roy Lester	<p>Why are the good and welfare questions from the last meeting only answered a short period of time before the good and welfare questions for this meeting have to be submitted? Unfortunately my questions regarding why Foil is not being responded to are not being answered. Are you not aware that sooner or later you will have to answer these questions? How long do you intend to use COVID as an excuse not to answer your foil requests? Why is there a strict time deadline to submit good and welfare questions that are not answered for weeks?</p>	<p>The City has responded to more than 400 Good and Welfare questions since the pandemic began. The responses are posted on the City's website for all to see. The number of responses alone far exceed the amount of responses from prior administrations. The deadline for submitting questions is in place so staff can be afforded the time to compile a list of those who have put forth questions or comments in time for the meeting.</p> <p>Your previous FOIL-related questions have all been addressed. While there still exists some FOI requests that have not yet been responded to, they are all being processed and will be responded to. If there is a specific request you are interested in, please let us know.</p>
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