

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
6.16.10

WORKSHOP SESSION @ 4:30
REGULAR SESSION @ 5:00

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings notice mailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current Newspaper on November 19, 2009 and is also posted on the bulletin board and has remained continuously posted. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office. The notice is also posted on the Borough website.

Roll Call: Commissioner Leeds and Commissioner Lawler present, Mayor Russo was not in attendance.

Also present were Deputy Clerk Amy Strawder, Solicitor Pat Agnellini and CFO Jenna Kelly, Borough Engineer Dick Carter. Municipal Clerk Hiltner was not in attendance.

In Mayor Russo's absence, Commissioner Leeds was the chairperson for the workshop session.

Commissioner Leeds mentioned an article that he read in "The Inquirer" regarding the oil spill in the Gulf. The article stated that the East Coast shore should not be affected this summer. Commissioner Leeds also mentioned a letter received from Debra Kelly commending the Fire Dept and the Police Dept, in particular Chris Ricciotti, in the rescue of her husband, George. The Commissioner also mentioned that the DEP conducted an inspection of the municipal storm water plan and left a few ideas for some ordinances. Those ordinances will be discussed during the regular meeting.

Commissioner Lawler had no report.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leeds made motion to adjourn the workshop session which was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. MOTION APPROVED.

REGULAR SESSION **5PM**

Flag Salute conducted and the Sunshine Notice was repeated.

Roll call taken: Commissioner Lawler and Commissioner Leeds were present. Mayor Russo was not in attendance. Also present were Deputy Clerk Strawder, CFO Kelly, Engineer Dick Carter and Solicitor Pat Agnellini.

Commissioner Leeds gave emergency fire evacuation instructions in the event of a fire emergency.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2010 MINUTES

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the minutes of the June 2nd Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawler. MOTION APPROVED

ORDINANCE 2010-06 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION IN YEAR 2010 FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

Commissioner Leeds stated that this is the 2nd Reading of this ordinance and asked for any public comment. With no comments from the public, Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve Ordinance 2010-06 and was seconded by Commissioner Lawler.

ROLL CALL VOTE: RUSSO (NOT IN ATTENDANCE), LEEDS –YES, LAWLER-YES ORDIINANCE 2010-06 APPROVED
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ORDINANCE 2010-07 (1st Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$760,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREFOR.

Commissioner Leeds explained that ORDINANCE 2010-07 is required in order to obtain a bond necessary to fund equipment replacement and Municipal Hall/Community Center improvements.

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2010-07 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. 2 nd Reading of this ordinance is scheduled for July 7 th . ALL AYE
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ORDINANCE 2010-08 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42-PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT AS IT PERTAINS TO RECORDS FEES

Commissioner Leeds made motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2010-08 and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. 2 nd Reading of this ordinance is scheduled for July 7 th . ALL AYE
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RESOLUTION 2010-58**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – NJS 40A:4-48**

Commissioner Lawler explained to those in attendance that this resolution was needed to appropriate funds needed for the down payment on the bond (Ordinance 2010-07)

Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve Resolution 2010-58 and was seconded by Commissioner Leeds. RESOLUTION APPROVED

RESOLUTION 2010-59**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve Resolution 2010-59 and was seconded by Commissioner Leeds.

ROLL CALL: RUSSO (not in attendance), LAWLER (YES), LEEDS (YES) Resolution 2010-59 was approved

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY & BILL PAY LIST

Commissioner Lawler read the Financial Report Summary and asked those in attendance if there was any comments or questions on the bill pay list.

With no comments or questions from those in attendance, Commissioner Lawler made motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Leeds. ALL AYE

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Lawler – no report

Commissioner Leeds – (see workshop notes) The Commissioner also mention the 4th of July activities at the Longport Fire Dept to include the American Mile Run at 6pm and Open House at both the Fire and Police Depts. The Commissioner stated that information regarding Pedestrian Safety has been placed on the back table for those who wish to read about the new law on Crosswalk/Pedestrian Safety.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin O’Boyle, 107 S 13th Ave, Longport- extended condolences to the Agnellini family. Mr. O’Boyle also congratulated Commissioner Lawler on being the acting Mayor in Mayor Russo’s absence. Lawler advised O’Boyle that Leeds is the Acting Mayor and O’Boyle stated that it is the State law that the Commissioner of Finance is Acting Mayor in the Mayor’s absence.

Frank Alfano, 303 Mansfield Ave, Margate- Asked Commissioner Leeds is he is aware of the glass on the beach from the Isen fence. Commissioner responded that he believes that the Borough responded properly to clean and assure the beach patrons of their safety. The Borough hired an Consulting Agency to take analysis of the sand. At this point, Engineer Dick Carter stated that this is a public comment portion of the meeting and wanted to know if Mr. Alfano has a comment. Mr. Alfano again asked if the Borough feels that they acted properly in the cleanup. Mr. Carter stated that they have been out there several times and no one has mentioned any problems in that area.

Mr. Alfano then asked about the “firing” of the 4/ 9-1-1 operators due to the possible merger of Police Communications in January. Commissioner Leeds stated he has no knowledge of any firings. Mr. Alfano stated that it has been reported in THE CURRENT that Longport will be merging Communications with Margate. Alfano wanted to know if the Commissioners feel that is a public safety issue. Again, Commissioner Leeds stated that he has no knowledge of any firings and apologized that he does not read the CURRENT.

Mr. Alfano began to discuss diagonal parking and stated that the government needs to react to a dangerous situation with the bike lane , vehicles backing out and the Transit bus. This is a severe public safety matter and wants to know why the government is not taking care of the problem.

Mr. Alfano mentioned the Isen party July 5th, 2008 and asked the Commissioners, who were in attendance, if they were aware that the residence did not have a certificate of occupancy. Commissioner Leeds stated that whenever he attends a party, he does not ask if the resident has a certificate of occupancy.

With no further comments from the audience, Commissioner Lawler made motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leeds.
MOTION APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Minutes corrected by Commissioner Leeds 6/28/2010