

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

10.7.2009

WORKSHOP SESSION 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Russo called the workshop session to order.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Longport has been provided to two newspapers and published in the December 8th, 2008 issue of *The Press of Atlantic City*. Roll call show the following to be in attendance:

Mayor Russo and Commissioner Leeds present. Commissioner Lawler was absent.

Mayor Russo * resident asking to consider relocating the tennis courts. Decision should not be made by governing body. Total input on this type of change should come from the taxpayers. Mr. Carter will investigate plans for the tennis courts and Mr. Subranni will also assist in the research.

- Census Bureau- wherever you are physically on April 1st, 2010 is where you will be counted.
- Final Beach Patrol stats will be reviewed

Comm. Leeds * Kayaks on the beach presents a problem with the beach cleaning. Sand should be pulled back from the bulkhead. Many kayaks are still on the beach, 29 being the last count. Various ideas to contact the owners for removal by Oct. 1st was discussed i.e. license issue with a \$5 fee as a possibility. At the recommendation of the Chief of Police, a number will be assigned to a kayak and not names and addresses.

- * Residents in the 14th Ave area would like to have an old lifeguard boat be placed as a memorial to a resident who passed away. This memorial will be placed on Borough property adjacent to the 14th Ave pumping station. Residents will be responsible for painting, maintaining and planting flowers. Mr. Subranni suggested just allowing the residents to take an old unusable lifeguard boat for this purpose.
- Beach clean up scheduled for Oct 24th. Try to get more local residents out for this project.
- ACUA valet trash and recycling service-Margate also going in with Ventnor and asked if Longport would be interested.

As there is no further business to discuss, Comm. Leeds made motion to adjourn the workshop session, seconded by Mayor Russo. All voted in favor (Lawler absent)

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REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Longport was held on the above date in Commission Chambers of the Borough Hall. A Salute to the Flag was conducted and roll call showed Mayor Russo, Commissioner Leeds, Mr. Tom Subranni (Solicitor), Mr. Richard Carter (Borough Engineer), Tom Hilnter, RMC , Amy Strawder and CFO Jenna Kelly were in attendance.

Bill Pay list was reviewed. With no questions from the audience, Comm. Leeds made motion to approve bill pay list which was seconded by Mayor Russo. APPROVED

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Sept. 16, 2009. Upon a motion from Comm. Leeds and seconded by Mayor Russo. APPROVED

ORDINANCE 2009-31 Second Reading/ Public Comment

Both Commissioner Leeds and Mayor Russo offered a brief explanation of this ordinance, Commissioner Leeds made motion to accept Ordinance 2009-31 and seconded by Mayor Russo.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LONGPORT CODE 61.6.R OF CHAPTER 61-
BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport, in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, desires to amend Longport Code 61-6.R of Chapter 61 entitled BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport that the sentence of Section 61-6.R of Chapter 61, Beaches, Parks and Recreational Areas is hereby amended as follows:

“To start or maintain a fire or fires on the beach at any time during the entire year except those sponsored by the governing body of the Borough of Longport in accordance with any Local, County and State regulation.”

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and all other Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Russo and Leeds Absent- Lawler

RESOLUTION 2009-106

Read to audience by Mayor Russo and presented to Ofc. Jason Parratt

RESOLUTION COMMENDING PTL. JASON PARRATT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Longport recognizes Jason Parratt, a Longport Police Officer since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Jason Parratt served in the Army National Guard, 3rd Platoon Leader, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Division, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Iraqi Freedom deployed to Ashraf City and Taji in Iraq from September, 2008 to May, 2009; and

WHEREAS, While in Iraq, Jason 's primary duties were to protect all western coalition personnel as well as respond to and neutralize all threats while participating in Iraqi Freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Nicholas Russo, and the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport, proudly presents this Proclamation to

Officer Jason Parratt

with gratitude and admiration for serving our Borough and country well.

Commissioners Reports – (see workshop notes)

Public Comment

Joe Nagle- 118 S 13th Ave asked about the possible increase in school tax. Mayor assured him that everything possible is being done to keep the rate low and to sensitize the State to the situation in Longport.

Bruce Funk, 102 S 19th Ave, informed the Governing Body that someone had placed "The Patriot" inside his front door and did not properly secure the gate allowing the dogs to escape. This person was on private property. Thought there was a borough ordinance about soliciting without a permit. Further investigation to continue.

John Musero, 118 N 31st Ave-asked the Borough's current position on people filing OPRA requests. Mr. Subranni advised the Commissioners not to answer due to pending litigation and litigation is not discussed openly.

Marc Silver, 121 S 13th - requested that the school board notice be placed in a more noticeable area. He was advised that the school board is a separate entity, but will make copy of the schedule and place it next to the Commission meeting schedule on the front bulletin board. Mr. Silver requested a better time for the meetings for more people to attend. The Mayor provided a synopsis of the situation including feasibility studies being conducted by the State.

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Greg Basile, 3217 Ventnor Ave- get a few members or a few residents to attend the school board meeting to report back to the governing body. Mayor said a meeting will probably be in Margate for all to attend to discuss the matter once the feasibility studies have been conducted.

With there being no further business to come before the Governing Body, upon motion by Commissioner Leeds to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Russo, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilia R. Strawder
Deputy Municipal Clerk

corrected 10/14/09 (Leeds)
corrected 10/15/09 (Russo)