

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Minutes  
April 15, 2015**

*This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were emailed to The Current and The Press of Atlantic City. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.*

Flag Salute- OPMA notice announced-Roll call taken/Mayor Russo, Commissioners Leeds and Lawler were in attendance. Also present were Engineer Dick Carter, Solicitor Agnellini, CFO Kelly, Municipal Clerk Strawder and Deputy Clerk Kyle.

Mayor Russo- Emergency exits/public speaking limit

MINUTES-approval for the minutes for 3/12 (workshop) and 3/18 Commission meeting. Commissioner Leeds motion to approve both sets of minutes and Mayor Russo 2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES- no oppose

BUDGET PRESENTATION-Mike Garcia/Ford,Scott Associates- Mr. Garcia explained the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget and indicated that the State approved the budget. There are no amendments from the budget introduced at the last meeting. Mayor Russo added that the school budget might be in need of \$400,000. PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Ann Eldred, 17 N 33<sup>rd</sup> asked if all new construction helped in the budget. Mr. Garcia stated yes- revenue increased in permits obtained since SuperStorm Sandy.

ORDINANCES (1<sup>ST</sup> reading/introduction- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading scheduled for May 20)

**O2015-02** Authorizing the Salaries, Wages and Compensation in Year 2015 for Employees Not Covered by Previous Ordinances or Union Contracts. CFO discussed increase of 2.25%. Mayor Russo motion to approve and Commissioner Lawler 2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES- no opposed

**O2015-03** Authorizing Salaries, Wages and Compensation for Members of the Longport Policemen's Benevolent Association. Mayor Russo discussed the ordinance. Mayor Russo motion/Commissioner Leeds 2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no opposed

ORDINANCES (2<sup>nd</sup> reading/public hearing)

**O2015-01** *Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)* No public comment. CFO Kelly explained the ordinance. Commissioner Leeds motion/Commissioner Lawler 2<sup>nd</sup>. ROLL CALL: Russo/yes, Leeds/yes, Lawler/yes

Public comment/questions on resolutions listed on this agenda (3 minutes)-NONE

RESOLUTIONS

**R2015-39** Awarding Professional Service Contract- **CITY CONNECTIONS, LLC**

Lawler motion/ Leed 2<sup>nd</sup> – ALL AYES, no oppose

**R2015-40** Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funding under the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. \$15,000 allocated as per Mr. Carter for changing handicap ramps. Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>-ALL AYES, no oppose

**R2015-41** Establishing a Change Fund for the Beach Fee Program. Russo/motion, Leeds/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES- no oppose

**R2015-42** Authorizing a Non Fair and Open Professional Services Contract with Modelle Plan Studio as Borough Architect for the Year 2015

Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-43** Designating Beach Locations for Use in Launching and Retrieving of Kayaks on Borough Beaches. Russo/motion, Leeds/2<sup>nd</sup>- ALL AYES, no oppose

**R2015-44** Designating the Areas and Times Permitting the Sport of Surfing and Surf Riding within the Borough of Longport. Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-45** Designating the Bathing Season and the Guarded Beaches Including Authorized Staffing in the Borough of Longport. Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>- ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-46** Setting Dates and Hours for Beach Picnicing and Barbequing 2015. Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-47** Resolution to Express the Borough of Longport's Opposition to Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities. Russo/motion, Leeds/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-48** Approval of Change Order Number 1-Final for Corrosion Control INC- 2014 Damage Repairs to Municipal Water Tower. Russo/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-49** Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Borough of Longport and NJ State Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #363. Russo/motion, Leeds/2<sup>nd</sup>- ALL AYES, no oppose

**R2015-50** Proclamation-Municipal Clerk's Week May 3-9, 2015. Leeds/motion, Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES-no oppose

**R2015-51** Resolution to Approve the 2015 Municipal Budget- Municipal Clerk read top of resolution into record for adopting the 2015 Budget. CFO read into record total revenues. Leeds/motion-Lawler/2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL AYES, no oppose

Bill Pay List and Financial Report Summary- Commissioner Leeds asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bill pay list. With no questions from the public, Leeds made motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russo. ALL AYES-no oppose. Commissioner Leeds read the financial statement into record. With no questions from the public, Leeds motion/Lawler 2<sup>nd</sup>- ALL AYES-no oppose.

Commissioners Reports- Mayor thanked Matt Vassallo for the sponsorship of today's Social Luncheon. Next workshop is 5/7 and next commission meeting is 5/20. Beach sweep is scheduled for April 25. Talked about Sustainable Jersey Grant and the formation of the "Green Team". The Mayor also mention the movie "Bag It" explaining that the use of plastic bags is damaging the environment and wildlife. He also mention the purchase of playground equipment which \$2,500 has been placed aside for this addition.

Commissioner Leeds asked about an update on Winchester Ave project. Being paved today and striping will occur tomorrow as per Mr. Carter. Flooding on Winchester Ave was discussed.

Commissioner Lawler asked about child abuse prevention month and the status of the library.

Public Comment

Ann Eldred, 17 N 33<sup>rd</sup> asked about the water tower. Due to pending litigation, Mr. Agnellini addressed her question.

Adjournment- With no further business to discuss- Commissioner Leeds made motion to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. ALL AYES-no opposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm