

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2305 ATLANTIC AVE  
LONGPORT, NJ 08403  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 – 4:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order.

Municipal Clerk Kyle read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this meeting was emailed to the Press of Atlantic City and the Current on July 29, 2021. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board and filed in the office of the municipal clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	absent
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	present

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Municipal Clerk Kyle stated the location of emergency exits and noted that there is no public comment during workshop meetings.

Administrator Porter:

Administrator Porter requested that the Governing Body withdraw Resolution 2021-119 at the regular meeting. He explained that he received an email from the sponsor saying that he is canceling the fireworks display and therefore a resolution is not required.

Administrator Porter discussed the construction of the boat lift dock for the Longport Volunteer Fire Department and noted that it is progressing quickly. He said that the bulk of the work had been completed and he anticipated it would be operational the following week.

He also explained that former Borough Engineer, Mr. Carter, who was retained as a special projects engineer had completed nearly all the projects he was working on; however, the well house project would extend beyond his contractual agreement and he was not interested in continuing beyond the agreed upon term. Administrator Porter explained that with the Governing Body's consent, Solicitor Affanato would prepare a release for Mr. Carter and that Engineer Dennis would take over any unfinished project, namely the well house project.

Borough Solicitor Affanato:

Solicitor Affanato said he met with the police chief to discuss a potential ordinance change regarding deliveries in the Borough. He noted that he would prepare the ordinance for the next commission meeting. He also discussed the release for Mr. Carter and added that Mr. Carter had completed all projects with the exception of the well house and beach maintenance permit. He explained that the beach maintenance permit is pending NJ DEP approval. He added that Mr. Carter would finish out the beach maintenance permit unless the NJ DEP places conditions on the Fish & Wildlife plan.

He also said that there was a change to Ordinance 2021-16 that originally came to the Governing Body from the Longport Planning and Zoning Board and that the timeline from issuance of a permit was changed from 45 days to 30 days.

Engineer Dennis:

Engineer Dennis discussed a capital projects list he was preparing and said that there were approximately 28 projects under consideration. He said he will be meeting with the Governing Body to be sure nothing was missed and to work on budget figures. He explained that this would be an evolving list and would serve as a planning and budgeting tool for the Borough's capital program.

Mayor Russo:

Mayor Russo – absent.

Commissioner Leeds:

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to report.

Commissioner Lawler:

Commissioner Lawler had nothing further to report.

Municipal Clerk Kyle:

Municipal Clerk Kyle discussed an upcoming Longport Green Team presentation "For the Birds" by Kai Tripician on August 24, 2021 at 4:30 pm in Commission Chambers. Municipal Clerk Kyle also asked the Governing Body if it wished to change the time of its September 22, 2021, Board of Commissioners Meeting as it was the same day that the Wounded Warrior Parade is scheduled to be held. It was noted that this would be discussed at the next Commission Workshop Meeting on August 18, 2021.

Miscellaneous:

None.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler. All in Favor – Yes. None Opposed. Mayor Russo – absent. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

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ROLL CALL:	Nicholas Russo	absent
	James P. Leeds, Sr.	present
	Daniel Lawler	present

Borough Solicitor Affanato, Administrator Porter, CFO Kelly, Chief Culmone, Engineer Dennis, and Municipal Clerk Kyle also present.

Emergency Exits, Public Speaking Announcement – announced by Municipal Clerk Kyle.

Approval of minutes-

Municipal Clerk Kyle requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2021, and July 7, 2021, Workshop and Regular Commission Meetings. Commissioner Leeds made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the minutes. ALL AYES- none opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

The following ordinances were introduced for a first reading/ introduction:

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2021-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey. *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the August 18, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

First Reading/ Introduction of Ordinance O2021-17 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 116 – Noise, Fumes, Odors and Glare of the Code of the Borough of Longport. *A second reading and public hearing will be held at the August 18, 2021, Regular Commission Meeting that will follow the 4 pm workshop meeting.*

**ORDINANCES:**

Number	Title
2021-16	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 – Zoning of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is require that a temporary electric pole be used for all construction sites where utility supplied electric has been terminated for

Motion	any reason and to set regulations pertaining to temporary electric poles. Motion – Commissioner Leeds, seconded by Commissioner Lawler to Introduce Ordinance #O2021-16.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.
2021-17	An Ordinance Amending Chapter 116 – Noise, Fumes, Odors and Glare of the Code of the Borough of Longport
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 116 Section 116-4 A. 7 (a) Year Round Rule to include that there is no construction permitted “July 4 (If July 4 falls on a Monday or Friday, then Saturday is also a prohibited day. If July 4 falls on a weekend then no construction shall be permitted on the day of observance whether the Friday before or Monday after the weekend)”.
Motion	Motion – Commissioner Lawler, seconded by Commissioner Leeds to Introduce Ordinance #O2021-17.
All in Favor	ALL AYES. None opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

Public Comment or questions on listed resolutions:

There was no public comment or questions on the listed resolutions.

Commissioner Lawler made a motion to withdraw the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Leeds:

**Resolution 2021-119 A Resolution Authorizing a Fireworks Display in the Borough of Longport on August 7, 2021**

MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND – LEEDS. All in Favor – ALL AYES. None Opposed. Mayor Russo – Absent.

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA (R2021-117 through R2021-118):**

Number	Title
2021-117	A Resolution Establishing an Emergency ‘No Parking’ Area During the 2021 Wounded Warrior Parade MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Russo – Absent.
2021-118	A Resolution Authorizing a Fireworks Display Sponsored by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department MOTION – LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. Russo – Absent.
2021-119*	A Resolution Authorizing a Fireworks Display in the Borough of Longport on August 7, 2021 MOTION to <u>WITHDRAW</u> – LAWLER, SECOND- LEEDS, All AYES- none opposed. RUSSO – Absent. <i>*Resolution was WITHDRAWN prior to the consent agenda.</i>

**BILL LIST**

Commissioner Leeds, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, asked if there were any questions on the August 4, 2021 Bill List. There were none. MOTION – LEEDS, SECOND – LAWLER. ALL IN FAVOR - ALL AYES. NONE OPPOSED. RUSSO – ABSENT.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**MAYOR RUSSO**

Mayor Russo – Absent.

**COMMISSIONER LEEDS**

Commissioner Leeds had nothing further to report.

**COMMISSIONER LAWLER**

Commissioner Lawler had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Isen of 1301 Beach Terrace questioned the purpose and enforcement of Ordinance 2021-17. Solicitor Affanato explained that with July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on a Sunday this year, and the holiday being observed on a Monday, that the current construction ordinance did not address this type of situation and therefore construction was permitted to occur on that Monday. This ordinance would amend the Code to prohibit construction to include the day that the Fourth of July holiday is observed. Mr. Isen asked if the times had been changed. Solicitor Affanato explained that the ordinance did not change any times.

Bob English of 130 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue noted that ordinance 2021-17 did not address Saturdays. Solicitor Affanato explained that there is another section of the ordinance in the Code Book that addresses construction on Saturdays. It was noted that construction is permitted on Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm.

Mr. English also asked if there had been any follow up regarding his question at a previous meeting regarding the countywide court system and if it would be a savings to Longport. Administrator Porter said he did look into the option and that the cost would be in the \$30,000 range for the Borough. Mr. English asked what the Borough currently pays the City of Margate for court services. It was noted that the Borough currently pays \$10,000 a month.

Mr. English also asked about flashing signs to remind drivers to slow down. He wanted to know if they had been installed yet. It was noted that they had not been and that installation would most likely occur after the summer season.

No one else wished to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION – COMMISSIONER LEEDS, SECOND – COMMISSIONER LAWLER. All AYES- none opposed.

RUSSO – ABSENT. Adjournment – 4:21 pm.

***After the conclusion of this meeting a member of the public reported to the Borough's attention that the remote audio portion of the meeting did not work and members of the public who called in could not hear the proceedings of the meeting. The Borough has no way to verify if this is accurate.***