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SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 29, 2023

6:00 PM

A Special Budget Workshop of the Long Branch City Council was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Present: Rose Widdis, Council President; Dr. Mary Jane Celli, Council Vice President; Bill Dangler, Councilman and Mario Vieira, Councilman

Others present: Mayor John Pallone; Charles F. Shirley Jr., Business Administrator; Mike Martin, Chief Financial Officer; and Heather Capone, Municipal Clerk

Absent: Dr. Anita Voogt, Councilwoman

Certification was read into record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

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1. **SENIOR CENTER** – Pat Krosnicki
Senior Center Director Krosnicki spoke about the Senior Center budget. Stated that her budget will stay flat.

Discussion held regarding the construction at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Celli asked if the \$25,000 grant was reduced.

CFO Martin explained how the grant is broken down and that it is actually \$26,000.

2. **LIBRARY** – Tonya Garcia
Library Director Garcia provided an update on the Library budget. Distributed handouts to the Mayor and Council. She explained that the Library is almost where it was pre-pandemic. Discussed various programs that are held for the public.
3. **RECREATION** – Kris Parker
Recreation Director Parker discussed various increases he is proposing for the Recreation budget. Spoke about various programs Recreation provides to the public.

Council is very pleased with the job he is doing.

4. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Jacob Jones
Community Development Director Jones discussed the Community Development budget. Stated that he is not asking for a large increase. Spoke about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ).
5. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Stan Dziuba
Public Works Supervisor Dziuba discussed the budget and explained the reason for requesting various increases.
6. **BEACHES** – Stan Dziuba
Beach Director Dziuba explained the beach budget. Stated that the budget is the same as last year. Is looking for beach ticket takers for the summer season.
7. **FIRE BUREAU** – Fred Fritz
Fire Official Fritz spoke about the Fire Bureau's budget. Discussed two (2) capital requests that made the budget increase.
8. **FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Miguel Guarda
Public Safety Director Broughton presented the Fire Department's budget. Discussed capital requests.

Fire Chief Guarda discussed the condition of the current equipment.
9. **POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Public Safety Director William Broughton
Public Safety Director Broughton discussed the Police Department's budget and capital projects they are requesting.

Motion by Councilmember Dangler, seconded by Councilmember Vieira to close the Special Budget Workshop portion of the meeting at 7:32 p.m.: Ayes 4- Nays 0- Absent 1 (Voogt) - Abstain 0

Motion by Councilmember Vieira, seconded by Councilmember Dangler to adopt Resolution R-93-23 to go into executive session at 7:33 p.m. was carried out upon the following roll call vote: Ayes 4- Nays 0- Absent 1 (Voogt) - Abstain 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PERSONNEL