

TOWN OF LONG BEACH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING via Zoom
February 21, 2022
7:00 p.m.

All council members, Bob Lemay, John Wall, Mary Lou McFadden, Mike Johnstone, John Kocher participated in the online Zoom meeting this evening, along with Clerk-Treasurer Tim Perry, Police Chief Mark Swistek, Attorney Chris Willoughby of Braje, Nelson & Janes, Kendra Bartlett-Park Board, and Marilyn Jones & Associates. There were up to 24 public viewers throughout the meeting also.

After the **Pledge of Allegiance**, Bob Lemay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Lemay opened the meeting with noting that all votes during zoom meetings are by roll call.

New Business

Committee Appointments:

The one opening, with applicants received to fill it, on the Community Center Committee, a working committee, was filled by resident Melanie Davis with a motion by Mary Lou McFadden and a second by Mike Johnstone. After comments by Davis, the vote went through 4 – 1. Lemay's previous motion to appoint Jim Palowski failed to bring a second by council.

The Human Resources Committee council appointment was announced as resident Mary O'Neil with a motion by Lemay and second by Johnstone; approved 5 – 0.

Police Advisory Board is a presidential appointment- All 3 members will be retained; Dan Moon, Zach Neff, and Bob Rose; no changes as also agreed to by Chief Swistek after Lemay's recommendation.

The presidential appointment to the Budget & Finance committee is now John Wall, who basically replaces Lemay after he just announced he is stepping down, and because John Wall attends the meetings and conducts the zoom meeting, Wall will replace Lemay. Johnstone states he'd volunteer for this committee. Lemay added him to the committee.

The council appointment to the Park Board is Kendra Bartlett with a motion by Lemay and second by J. Wall; approved 3 – 2. The first motion by McFadden to appoint Jim Dehner was seconded by Johnstone but failed to pass with a 2 – 3 vote. Term limits were discussed by council since it was noted that Kendra has already served two 4-year terms.

The street commission and water advisory committee, being combined into one committee with 9 current members, there is one opening left by Bob Gallagher from water committee who moved out of Long Beach and Kevin Flemington, absent from the street commission. Lemay recommends all stay on the committee that are presently on with the addition of Scott Popp and Ernie Summers. A second by Kocher; approved 5-0. Attorney Willoughby is advancing on officially codifying the two committees into one.

Police commission – Swistek, Kocher, Wall currently on the commission. Bob McFadden is on by council appointment. Lemay motions to leave as is; Johnstone seconds. Approved 4 – 0 with Mary Lou recusing herself because of her husband.

Advisory Plan Commission – two presidential appointments; Mike Gorman and Anita Remijas have terms expiring and wish to remain on committee so Lemay suggests they remain and this fulfills the appointments.

Town council appointment to the building commission calling for not less than 4 members. Three residents have applied. McFadden motions to appoint Ken Klausner; Johnstone seconded it. Reminder of the vacancy created by the passing of member Tom McDonald from years prior. Vote on Klausner approved 5 – 0.

Board of Zoning Appeals five member board; town council appointment of one resident needed to fulfill the committee. Chairman M. Gorman endorsed Barb Morgan, willing to service another term. And resident John Mengel has applied for the position. McFadden nominates/motions to appoint Mengel; second by Kocher; approved 3 – 2.

Town Administrator/Police Chief position: Lemay advised that an amendment to the salary ordinance be prepared for the March council meeting to describe the rolls of the position and the remuneration of the Chief's wages to perform the duties of the position. That ordinance will be discussed at the March 14th council meeting.

Accounting Manager position – Lemay stated this subject should be under Tim Perry's office purview when he decides when and if this position works with his official agenda. At the time the HR committee can work with him on a job description. Perry stated he would address the council at a later date with his suggestions.

Lemay did not feel the council should retain the proposed HR consultant on a stipend but on an hourly basis. There was council discussion on this matter and after Mary Lou's comments of an updated handbook, PTO policies being amended, the new position responsibilities by the police chief, Mary Lou believed and shared there is plenty of opportunities to retain this consultant. But after much discussion, John Wall motioned and Lemay seconded the hourly rate of \$50/hr. be paid out to HR Solutions, LLC. Instead of the \$600/month retainer. Approved 5-0 upon the contract review by Attorney Willoughby.

Although Mike Johnstone updated the council on all his reasons for favoring term limits, the subject was pushed to the April council meeting.

Public Comments – Dick McNamee commented that term limits are a good idea.

Motion and second to adjourn by Lemay and second by Johnstone, approved 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Perry,
Clerk-Treasurer

