

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City  
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on August  
19, 1996 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

EDWARD B. DUNN, Mayor  
EDWARD J. COLLINS  
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS  
JOSEPH L. LATWIN  
KATHLEEN E. WALSH  
Councilmen

ABSENT: JAMES K. BURKE  
CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM

1. Roll Call

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

2. Presentation of the Capital Improvements Program

Prior to his presentation, City Manager Culross expressed his appreciation to City Planner Frederick Zepf and Mr. Christopher Bradbury, Assistant to the City Manager, for their dedicated assistance in producing the 1997-2002 Capital Improvements Program document.

City Manager Culross explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review the 1997-2002 Capital Improvements Program. His objectives were to answer questions and receive comments regarding the relative priority of the projects and to have the Council members identify additional projects which they might want to consider as part of the 1997 budget.

Using Microsoft Powerpoint (a computer based slide presentation), City Manager Culross provided an analysis of the potential Capital Improvement Projects for the years 1997-2002, which include:

27 Building Maintenance Projects  
20 Streets, Sidewalks, Traffic Signals and Parking Projects  
12 Sanitary Sewers, Storm Drains, and Flood Control Projects  
19 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Projects  
4 Golf Club Projects  
1 Boat Basin Project

City Manager Culross emphasized the following points:

- The proposed 1997-2002 Capital Improvements Program calls for expenditures of at least \$14.0 million, while the suggested 1997 program proposes expenditures of at least \$7.7 million.
- Implementation of the 1997 Capital Improvements Program will be challenging.
- Funding Sources include:

General Revenues  
CHIPS (State funded highway aid)  
Golf Club Revenues  
Boat Basin Revenues  
Friends of the Rye Nature Center  
Community Organizations' Donations  
Intermunicipal Agreements  
Friends of RCTV  
General Obligation Bonds

- This program does not identify the City's ongoing need for investment in information technology or motorized equipment which represents a significant portion of our ongoing capital investment needs. These areas will be reviewed separately in conjunction with the 1997 budget presentation in November.
- Some projects may have to be deferred to future years based upon the unavailability of adequate financial resources or the City's organizational capacity to implement such improvements.
- The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by Proprietary Funds and Trust Funds.
- The Building and Vehicle Maintenance Fund is used to account for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, and disposition of the City's buildings and vehicles, which are not otherwise accounted for in other funds.

This is a planning document; it is not a budget recommendation. The 1997 Budget will be presented in November.

A general discussion focused on the following:

**Kirby Lane North Storm Drain Replacement**

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ovsianikoff, Kirby Lane North, spoke in support of this project.

**Fire Department**

Councilman Latwin suggested that the City Council consider constructing a new facility rather than spending a million dollars on renovations to the existing buildings.

**Car Park Rehabilitation (CBD)**

Councilwoman Walsh suggested expanding the scope of this project to include curbing and the islands in the CBD parking areas.

**DPW Storage Building and Salt Shed**

This proposal calls for the construction of a new salt storage building.

**Playground Improvements (Recreation Park)**

Mrs. Sandra Piscopo, representing the Junior Section of the Woman's Club, expressed support for the Recreation Playground Improvements.

**Other comments included:**

Councilman Hutchings stated that the Council should look at the budget on a priority basis.

Mayor Dunn expressed concern about the potholes in the parking lot at the Station Plaza.

3. Presentation by the Rye Fire Department

Fire Chief Ronald Angilello, on behalf of the Truck Committee for the Rye Fire Department, proposed purchasing a second ladder truck for the Rye Fire Department. In his presentation he covered the following points:

The need for the second ladder truck, namely,

- a. increased population
- b. increased building
- c. training
- d. mutual aid

main function of the Ladder Company,

major equipment in a ladder truck,

history of acquiring fire trucks in the past,

specifications of the desired Ladder Truck,

possible models,

estimated cost,

timeline from the bidding to the actual delivery of the truck, and

reasons for not refurbishing Ladder 25 which was purchased in 1975.

Fire Chief Angilello concluded by respectfully requesting that the City Council seriously consider this proposal from the Truck Committee.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad  
City Clerk