

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on November 6, 1996 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

EDWARD B. DUNN, Mayor
JAMES K. BURKE
CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
JOSEPH L. LATWIN
KATHLEEN E. WALSH
Councilmen

ABSENT: EDWARD J. COLLINS

1. Roll Call

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business. The Mayor informed the Council that Councilman Collins was absent because he was in China.

2. Old Business

A. Mayor Dunn complimented and expressed his appreciation to the City administration and staff for their outstanding work during the October 19th Nor'easter. City Manager Culross commented that everyone did an excellent job under very difficult circumstances.

Comments from the Council included:

praise for the residents for their neighborliness in helping one another,
that the Fire Department responded to over 140 calls during a 36 hour period, and
that Con Edison reported that 160 trees were down as a result of the storm.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Hutchings, City Manager Culross explained that the City's Emergency Plan is currently under review and should be presented to the Council at the beginning of 1997.

B. City Manager Culross informed the Council that the signs erected on City property without City permission by Westchester County were removed.

C. Councilman Hutchings apprised the Council that United Way will take into consideration the City's concerns regarding the fundraising sign.

3. Public hearing on proposed local law amending Chapter 170, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the City of Rye with respect to tree preservation plans

Mayor Dunn opened the public hearing.

Councilwoman Walsh clarified that this amendment allows City staff to approve minor modifications to tree preservation plans.

There being no further comments, Mayor Dunn closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh, to adopt the following local law:

CITY OF RYE
LOCAL LAW NO. 9-1996

A local law amending Chapter 170, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the City of Rye with respect to tree preservation plans.

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. § 170-15, Improvements, Subsection D, Tree Preservation, is hereby amended by adding a new subparagraph, to be known as subparagraph (10), to read as follows:

§ 170-15. Improvements.

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D. Tree preservation.

- (1.) The subdivider is required to permanently tag or affix identification on each tree on the site having a caliper of eight (8) inches or more prior to the submission of an application for preliminary subdivision approval.
- (2.) The subdivider shall lay out the subdivision in such a manner as to minimize the number of trees eight (8) inches or more in caliper to be removed to accommodate development.
- (3.) The subdivider is required to preserve all trees eight (8) inches or more in caliper unless the Planning Commission has specifically authorized their removal.

- (4.) On sites devoid of trees eight (8) inches or more in caliper or sparsely populated with such trees, the Commission shall require the installation of supplemental trees having a minimum caliper of six (6) inches, such that there will be an overall density of one (1) tree per three thousand (3,000) square feet of land, or fraction thereof. Supplemental trees shall also be tagged for future identification.
- (5.) The subdivider may be required to preserve trees having a caliper of less than eight (8) inches if the Planning Commission finds that such trees have significant aesthetic value due to species or location or that their removal would excessively alter drainage or affect the stability of slopes.
- (6.) The subdivider shall install protective barriers around each tree not specifically authorized for removal prior to the start of any construction or may, with the approval of the Commission, erect protective barriers around sections in which several trees are located. The barriers shall remain in place and be kept in good repair until all construction has been completed and removal of the barriers has been authorized by the City Engineer.
- (7.) Trees which have been designated for preservation, including supplemental trees, shall be deemed to be required site improvements, and their preservation and replacement, as necessary, including the replacement of trees damaged during construction, shall remain the responsibility of the subdivider for a period of one (1) year after the completion of the subdivision. That portion of the performance bond calculated to be the cost of replacing trees to be preserved or supplemental trees which may be damaged during construction shall be retained by the city for at least one (1) year after all improvements in the subdivision have been completed. Prior to release of the bond, the trees shall be inspected to ensure that they have not been damaged and that future growth will be characteristic of the species.
- (8.) The requirements for tree preservation shall not apply to lots for existing houses in a new subdivision, provided that such lots and houses will not be altered to accommodate development of the subdivision. However, this provision shall not relieve the subdivider of the responsibility of including in the tree preservation plan for the subdivision any tree eight (8) inches or more in caliper located within fifty (50) feet of a new lot or required subdivision improvement. When lots for existing houses have been excluded from the tree preservation plan, the landscape architect shall set forth on the plan which lots have been excluded and shall certify that the plan does include all trees eight (8) inches or more in caliper located within fifty (50) feet of a new lot or other subdivision improvement and that surrounding development will not substantially alter the environment of the trees on such lot.

- (9.) In cases where the number of trees required to satisfy the penalty cannot be accommodated on the site of the violation, the penalty shall include planting of trees on available public spaces and/or payment of eight hundred dollars (\$800.) per tree to the City Street Tree Fund.
- (10.) Modification of tree preservation plan requirements. If at any time, before or during the construction of required improvements or a residence on a lot, it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the City Planner that unforeseen conditions or the design of the actual residence proposed to be constructed make it necessary or preferable to modify the subdivision tree preservation plan, the City Planner may authorize such modifications upon written request of the subdivider with a supporting letter from the landscape architect who prepared the original tree preservation plan. This supporting letter shall include a revised tree preservation plan for the lot or other area affected by the proposed modification prepared by the subdivider's landscape architect, provided that such modifications are within the spirit and intent of the Planning Commission's approval. The City Planner may, at his discretion, decide not to exercise his authority to modify a tree preservation plan and may, instead, require the person requesting the modification to apply to the Planning Commission for a modification of the subdivision approval. The City Planner shall issue any authorization under this subsection in writing and shall transmit a copy of such authorization to the Planning Commission at its next regular meeting, subject to the following limitations:
- (a) The City Planner shall not authorize the removal of a tree required to be preserved, if the proposed improvements can be relocated so as to avoid the need for the removal of the tree.
 - (b) The City Planner shall not authorize the removal of a tree required to be preserved on the basis of the current condition of the tree, even if recommended by the subdivider's landscape architect, without first consulting with the City Tree Foreman.
 - (c) In the case of the modification of the location of required replacement trees or other required landscaping, the City Planner may not waive the requirement for the installation of the plant materials, but may modify the location if field conditions, such as underground rock, prevent the planting of the material in the location shown on the approved tree preservation plan, provided that the modified location and the original location accomplish the same goals originally envisioned by the Planning Commission.

- (d) The City Planner shall not authorize a relocation of the house and driveway shown on the approved tree preservation plan, if it will result in the removal of a tree required to be preserved on the approved tree preservation plan, unless a tree of greater or equal value originally shown on the approved tree preservation plan for removal will be preserved as a result of such relocation and then only in consultation with the City Tree Foreman as to the value of the respective trees.

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The local law was adopted.

4. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

Mr. Donald Bomann, 230 North Street, expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of certain structures owned by Metro North Commuter Railroad in the City of Rye. He graphically illustrated this by exhibiting enlarged photographs of these structures. Mayor Dunn explained that he had written to Metro North regarding similar concerns in May, June, and October, 1996, and has not received any reply. The Mayor thanked Mr. Bomann and assured him that he would contact Metro North again.

The following agenda item was taken out of order:

7. Resolution appointing an independent audit firm to perform the examination of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal years ending December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998

Mayor Dunn acknowledged the City Manager's October 29, 1996 memo stating that the City received two proposals to provide independent audit services for 1996-1998 based upon a Request for Proposal prepared by the City Comptroller and reviewed by the City's Audit Committee.

Councilwoman Cunningham informed the Council that after extensive discussion, the Audit Committee's recommendation was to accept the proposal of Bennett Kielson Storch & Company, LLP. Councilwoman Walsh added that this firm also serves the Rye City School District which she felt would have a better sense of the community and give better service than the current auditing firm.

Mr. Arthur Stampleman, 140 Grace Church Street, said that the 1995 City Financial Report indicated that the auditing firm was selected by the Audit Committee. He clarified that the auditing firm was, in fact, chosen by the City Council.

Councilman Burke made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to engage the firm of Bennett Kielson Storch & Company LLP to perform the examination of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal years ending December 31, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Latwin

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

Councilman Latwin abstained from voting on this motion because of a possible conflict of interest due to his wife's profession.

5. Discussion of government use of community television

Councilman Hutchings gave a status report on the activity of community television. He told the Council that since the April City Council resolution moving *Eye on Rye* to Channel 14, Mayor Dunn and the Council members produced 32 shows. During 1997, 52 *Eye on Rye* shows will be required. Councilman Hutchings suggested that 7 shows be assigned to each Council member and the Mayor. He recommended that Mayor Dunn appoint City staff and Council members to identify the problems and needs to televise City Council meetings live in 1997, and report their findings to the Council. He also requested that the Council suggest ways to improve community television viewership.

Having polled the Council, Mayor Dunn said that the Council is amenable to doing seven shows each in 1997. He stated the Council should continue to look for opportunities to promote *Eye on Rye* and that the City Council will review the issue of televising Council meetings at the second Council meeting in January, 1997.

Councilman Burke initiated a discussion on communicating with the residents of the City of Rye during an emergency or a disaster. A brief discussion followed regarding the ability to use the Emergency Broadcast System and the use of the Police Department's *Are You Okay?* telephone program during times of emergency.

6. Discussion of placing the draft minutes of City Council meetings on the Internet

Councilman Hutchings explained that at the last Council meeting there was a discussion about posting a draft version of the City Council minutes on *Ryebespace*, the City of Rye's Web home page. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to continue with the current procedure of placing the approved minutes on the Internet.

8. Proposed resolution requesting the State Legislature to suspend commercial fishing activity in the Long Island Sound until the Department of Environmental Conservation improves its monitoring

A discussion focused on the impact that commercial fishing has on the local recreational and sport fishing community in Long Island Sound. The City Council unanimously agreed that the City Manager will forward a letter to the New York State Legislators which would state the following:

that the City of Rye is concerned about commercial fishing in Long Island Sound,

that it is apparent that recreational fishing activity has been adversely impacted by commercial fishing in the Sound,

that it is important to protect a healthy recreational fishing industry, and

that the New York State Legislators request a report from DEC on its enforcement activity to guard against adverse impacts on recreational fishing.

9. Proposed resolution endorsing the submission of a Westchester County Community Development Block Grant program application to provide improvements at Gagliardo Park

Councilwoman Walsh apprised the Council that Westchester County Planning Department noted that Rye's submission was done early and that the City is also contributing toward the work which will be done in the park.

Councilman Latwin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Burke, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rye City Council desires to provide improvements at Gagliardo Park, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye 1985 Development Plan recommends preserving and improving Gagliardo Park, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye, as owner of this park, is responsible for the improvements on this property, and

WHEREAS, the 1997-2001 Capital Improvements Program have identified certain projects to improve this park, and

WHEREAS, this project is eligible for Westchester County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 1997-1999 funding because it is located in a CDBG eligible area that would benefit low and moderate income persons as determined Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and

WHEREAS, this project will replace the bath house, picnic shelter, perimeter and outfield fences, and establish asphalt walkways, a walking trail, a barrier fence along the New York State Thruway, a refurbished memorial, a flagpole, and other site amenities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rye City Council endorses the submission of a Westchester County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program application by the City of Rye to provide improvements to Gagliardo Park, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rye City Council hereby affirms that \$27,500 in contributing funds for this project will be authorized by the City towards the total estimated project cost of \$115,000, with a balance of \$87,500 being requested through CDBG funds.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

10. Consideration of proposed local law amending Chapter 191 for the purpose of designating an additional *No Left Turn* location within the City

Councilman Latwin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Burke, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a proposed local law entitled “A local law amending Chapter 191 of the Code of the City of Rye for the purpose of designating an additional no left hand turn location within the City” has heretofore been introduced at this meeting and placed before the Mayor and each Councilman, and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed local law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on November 20, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF RYE**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Law
Amending Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Rye
for the purpose of designating an additional no left hand turn
location within the City.**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 20th day of November, 1996, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed local law entitled “A local law amending Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Rye for the purpose of designating an additional no left hand turn location within the City”. Such local law will designate a no left turn from Grandview Avenue onto Evergreen Avenue (north fork).

Copies of said proposed local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

City Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

11. Consideration of proposed local law amending Chapter 197, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Rye with respect to site development plan approvals for lots with existing buildings

Councilman Latwin made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a proposed local law entitled, "A local law mending Chapter 197, Zoning, of the Rye City Code with respect to site development plan approvals for lots with existing buildings" has heretofore been introduced at this meeting and placed before the Mayor and each Council Member, and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed local law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on November 20, 1996, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said city, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF RYE**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law
Amending Chapter 197, Zoning, of the Rye City Code
with respect to site development plan approvals
for lots with existing buildings**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Council of the City of Rye on the 20th day of November, 1996, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which time interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed local law entitled " A Local Law Amending Chapter 197, Zoning, of the Rye City Code with respect to site development plan approvals for lots with existing buildings of the Code of the City of Rye". The local law is designed to simplify the review process for the development of lots with existing buildings.

Copies of said proposed local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

City Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

12. Consideration of a proposed local law providing for the creation of a records management program in the City of Rye

Councilman Burke made a motion, seconded by Councilman Latwin and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a proposed local law entitled, "A local law providing for the creation of a records management program in the City of Rye" has heretofore been introduced at this meeting and placed before the Mayor and each Council Member, and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed local law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on November 20, 1996, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said city, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**Notice of Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law
providing for the creation of a records management program in the City of Rye**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Council of the City of Rye on the 20th day of November, 1996, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which time interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning a proposed local law entitled "A local law providing for the creation of a records management program in the City of Rye" The proposed local law would create a records management program and provide for the appointment of a Records Advisory Board in keeping with the State guidelines.

Copies of said proposed local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

City Clerk

Dated:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

13. Authorization for the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a license agreement with New York-American Water Company to permit and maintain the existing and proposed pressure reducing chambers in the City of Rye

In response to inquiries from Councilwoman Cunningham and Councilman Hutchings, City Manager Culross explained that landscaping of the subject areas will be restored when the work is completed.

Councilman Latwin made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York-American Water Company has requested a license agreement for a proposed pressure reducing chamber at Oakland Beach Avenue & Boston Post Road, and for an existing pressure reducing chamber on Cedar Street & Purchase Street in connection with the proper maintenance of their water system, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to grant such a license for this purpose for proposed and existing chambers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and enter into license agreements to permit and maintain the proposed and existing pressure reducing chambers in the City of Rye.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

14. Consideration of request of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to use city streets for their Annual Great Strides Walk on Sunday, June 1, 1997

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Latwin and unanimously carried, to approve the request of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to use city streets for their Annual Great Strides Walk on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

15. Resolution transferring \$61,000 from the Contingent Account to the General Fund Account to cover the cost of repairing October 19, 1996 storm-related damage

City Manager Culross reported that the City has not, as yet, received a response from Federal Emergency Management Agency or the City's insurance carrier about the claim for reimbursement for the storm-related damages.

A motion was made by Councilman Latwin, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following amendment to the 1996 budget as follows:

General Fund:

Transfer from:

11.5.01.10.1010.9000	Reserve for Contingency	<u>\$61,000</u>
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Transfer to:

11.5.05.51.5110.1201	Road Maintenance DPW Overtime	<u>\$61,000</u>
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for the purpose of covering the cost of repairing the
October 19, 1996 storm-related damage.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin, and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

16. Resolution transferring \$65,000 from the Contingent Account to the General Fund Building
and Vehicle Internal Service Fund to purchase three police cars

Councilman Latwin made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh, to approve the
following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to make the following amendment
to the 1996 budget as follows:

Transfer from General Fund:

11.5.01.10.1010.9000	Reserve for Contingency	<u>\$65,000</u>
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Transfer to Building & Vehicle Maintenance Fund:

66.4.50.40.0000.2811	Building & Vehicle Maintenance Fund	<u>\$65,000</u>
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for the purpose of purchasing three police vehicles.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin, and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

17. Bids for Police Vehicles

The following bids were received:

BID #4-96
Three (3) Police Vehicles
OPENING October 28, 1996

<u>Company</u>	<u>Security</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Warnock Fleet & Leasing 175 Route 10, P.O. Box 524 East Hanover, NJ 07936	Bid Bond	\$ 60,390.00
Tower Ford, Inc. 124 S. Middle Neck Road Great Neck, NY 11021	Certified Check \$ 3,104.55	\$ 62,091.00

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Burke, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Bid #4-96, Three (3) Police Vehicles be awarded to Warnock Fleet and Leasing, the lowest responsible bidder, meeting specifications in the amount of \$60,390.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin, and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Collins

The resolution passed.

18. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held October 3, 1996

Motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held October 16, 1996 as submitted.

19. Miscellaneous communications and reports

A. Councilwoman Walsh reported that she had discussed cellular antenna regulation with Corporation Counsel Richard Gardella and that City Planner Frederick Zepf has been asked to research this issue. As of this date, Mr. Zepf has found some interesting information on the Internet. She also informed the Council that there will be a presentation on this topic by the Greenburgh Town attorney.

B. Councilwoman Walsh apprised the Council that she had consulted with City Planner Frederick Zepf, Building Inspector Adolph Orlando and Mr. Martin Edelman, chairman of the Board of Appeals, about fence regulations. She said that Mr. Edelman suggested that there are categories of fences that he thinks are deserving of consideration for higher fence heights (preferably not through variances). Speaking for himself and not on behalf of the Board of Appeals, Mr. Edelman recommended that the following categories might be considered exceptions:

- 1) Houses that border I-95 or Playland Parkway,
- 2) replacement of non-conforming fences that have been in existence in excess of 10 years, and
- 3) residences abutting commercial property where there is no existing screening.

Councilwoman Walsh said that Mr. Paul Benowitz, chairman of the Planning Commission, suggested that another category, namely, situations where the topography between two lots is very different.

Councilwoman Walsh suggested that the Planning Commission might be asked to submit several versions of a preliminary draft for the aforementioned categories for the Council's consideration.

C. Mayor Dunn acknowledged the receipt of the October 16, 1996 letter from Mrs. Lynn Ferrari, Coordinator of Public Information, with a flyer announcing that William Johnston, Deputy Superintendent of the Boston Police Department, will be speaking about "Civil Rights, Civil Wrongs...Creating a World Without Hate" on November 13, 1996 at the Rye High School Auditorium.

D. Mayor Dunn acknowledged the October 28, 1996 letter Mr. John Butler, representing The Safety Committee and the residents of Blind Brook Lodge, thanking the Council for its role in increasing safety. Mr. Butler strongly urged the Council to enforce the speed limit on Milton Road.

E. Councilwoman Cunningham referenced a recent article published in the Gannett Suburban Newspaper on aging bridges. She said that trucks in excess of the posted weight are using bridges in Rye and other areas. She suggested that the City Engineer investigate this matter.

F. Councilman Latwin reported that Westchester County adopted the exemption from the state's sales & use taxes for certain clothing and footwear during the week of January 18, 1997 through January 24, 1997.

20. New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

21. Adjournment

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel at 9:25 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 10:15 P.M.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad
City Clerk