

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City  
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on August  
11, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: JAMES K. BURKE

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 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) document.

City Manager Culross explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review the CIP. 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 1998 budget.

Using Microsoft Powerpoint (a computer based slide presentation), City Manager Culross provided an analysis of the potential Capital Improvement Projects for the years 1998-2003, which include:

21 Building Maintenance Projects  
20 Streets, Sidewalks, Traffic Signals, and Parking Projects  
14 Sanitary Sewers, Storm Drains, and Flood Control Projects  
17 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Projects  
5 Golf Club Projects  
1 Boat Basin Project

City Manager Culross emphasized the following points:

- The proposed 1998-2003 Capital Improvements Program calls for expenditures of at least \$9.0 million, while the suggested 1998 program proposes expenditures of at least \$2.3 million.
- Implementation of the 1998 Capital Improvements Program will be challenging.
- Funding Sources include:

General Fund  
CHIPS (State funded highway aid)  
Golf Club Revenues  
Boat Basin Revenues  
Friends of the Rye Nature Center

- 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 1998 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 Improvements Program strives to present for discussion an accurate assessment of Rye's known capital infrastructure needs.
- This is a planning document; it is not a budget recommendation. The 1998 Budget will be presented in November.

A general discussion focused on the following topics:

Master Planning for the Village Green  
Fire Department addition and renovation  
Marina maintenance dredging and possible use of silt basins  
CBD parking - no proposals for increased parking  
DPW Storage Building and Salt Shed  
Theall Road reconstruction  
Car Park Rehabilitation (CBD) expanding the scope of this project to include curbing and the islands in the CBD parking areas.  
Traffic Signal Improvements - and the State requirement to bring the signals up to standard

The City of Rye's eligibility for funding at a future stage for the rock hazard at the intersection of Purchase Street and the Boston Post Road

Other comments included:

City Manager Culross reported that there are no active negotiations regarding the acquisition of playing fields, and \$330,000 was never budgeted for this project.

Mayor Dunn suggested increasing the fee for street opening permits and dedicating those proceeds for street resurfacing.

Councilwoman Walsh spoke in support of sewer projects and suggested an updated study be done to determine areas suitable for sewers in an effort to improve water quality in Long Island Sound.

Councilman Hutchings stressed that having the Council chambers ready for cable telecasting would enable the City Council and other organizations to communicate more effectively with members of the community.

4. Adjournment

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Collins and unanimously carried, to adjourn into executive session to discuss real estate contracts at 9:05 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 10:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Walsh made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, to schedule a special executive session for August 21, 1997 at 8:30 A.M. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad  
City Clerk