

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held in the Square House and
City Hall on May 5, 1999 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM
ROBERTA DOWNING
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN
KATHLEEN E. WALSH
Councilmen

The Mayor convened the meeting at the Square House, site of the first City Hall.

1A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis invited the audience to join the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B. Square House Ceremony

Mayor Otis welcomed everyone to this traditional annual meeting and said this would be the last meeting in the Square House for this century. He acknowledged the tremendous contributions made by his predecessors and all the volunteers who have served the City of Rye throughout the years. He indicated to the audience that the dignitaries from all levels of government who attended the signing ceremony for *Project Impact* were very impressed with the beauty of Rye.

Mayor Otis introduced City Manager Frank Culross, who in turn, commended and introduced the following members of his staff:

George Ballantoni	Fire Chief
Christopher Bradbury	Assistant to the City Manager
Joseph Carlucci	General Foreman, Department of Public Works
Alice K. Conrad	City Clerk
Michael Genito	City Comptroller
George Mottarella	City Engineer
J. Henry Neale, Jr.	Corporation Counsel
William Pease	Police Commissioner
Chantal Speglevin	City Naturalist
Jeffrey Stonehill	Administrative Assistant
Vincenzo Tamburro	Building Inspector
Noreen Whitty	City Assessor

Fred Zepf

City Planner

The Mayor acknowledged receiving letters from former Mayors Carey and Ross and former council members Ralph Rogers and Frank Rich who were unable to attend this meeting because they were out of town.

The Mayor welcomed and introduced the following:

Westchester County Legislator George Latimer
The Honorable John Alfano, Acting City Judge
Former Mayor Edmund Grainger, Jr.
Former Mayor Edward B. Dunn
Former Councilman James Flick
Former Councilman Robert Werner
Former Councilman Myron Weinberg
Mrs. Phyllis Dillon, Director of the Rye Historical Society

He also welcomed and introduced the following members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

Jonathan D. Kraut	member, Board of Appeals
Michael Klemens	chairman, Planning Commission
Stephen Meyers	chairman, Recreation Commission
Richard Propper	chairman, Commission on Human Rights
Edmond J. Downing	member, Finance Committee
Nancy Stampleman	member, Landmarks Advisory Committee
C. Nicholas Hodnett	chairman, Conservation Commission/Advisory Council
Joseph Murphy	member, Conservation Commission/Advisory Council

Several members of the boards, commissions, and committees expressed their appreciation to the council liaisons for their dedication and interest. They also commented on the progress and activities of their particular group.

Former Councilman Robert Werner commended City Manager Frank Culross for his extraordinary work and stated that the City of Rye was very fortunate to have him as City Manager.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Daniel O'Day, a long-time resident, who died recently.

The meeting adjourned to City Hall and reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City Business.

3. Presentation by the Commission on Human Rights

Mr. Richard Propper, chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, gave a status report on the Commission. He made the following comments.

- It is important to have a nine-member commission to undertake the future projects.
- Names of candidates to fill present vacancies will be submitted to the council for consideration.
- One goal is to diversify the commission.
- Attention of the commission is directed towards positive proactive efforts.
- Projects under consideration include a cable TV show series with a unique slant on human rights.
- Excerpts from a movie about prejudice: "Color of Fear" have been previewed. The Commission is exploring possible venues, perhaps partnering with Rye's houses of worship, to present this compelling film followed by thought provoking discussion.
- The Commission is planning to update its information on diversity in the Rye City staff and workforce.
- There are plans to invite prestigious people as guest presenters.
- A commission representative served on the Intergenerational Study Circles, organized by Stephanie Lowe at the Rye Middle School, and he participated in the Community Summit at the High School which addressed problems in substance abuse, stress, safety/law enforcement, and violence to self and others.
- Guidance has been given in two landlord tenant disputes.
- The Commission plans to reactivate the long-standing human rights component in the Halloween Window Painting contest next year.

- The Human Rights Award presentation will continue with presentation at the Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.
- The Commission has supported Westchester County's efforts to establish a Commission on Human Rights, and joined with the City Council to call for a New York State "Hate" Law.
- The Commission will continue to build and maintain a high profile to make certain that the commission's availability is well publicized.

In conclusion, he expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and the Rye City Council for giving him the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and to address, first hand, all of the issues he holds so dear to his heart. He expressed the hope that Rye will become a model community in Westchester.

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

There was no one wishing to address the Council on matters that did not appear on the agenda.

5. Public hearing on proposed local law amending Chapter 133, Noise, of the Code of the City of Rye with respect to the use of leaf blowers

Referencing his memo in support of the proposed local law, Mayor Otis said this local law is intended to balance the use of leaf blowers during summer months with the desire of the public to reduce the level of noise created by such equipment. Instead of enacting a seasonal ban, the City Council is trying to find a mechanism to encourage the use of leaf blowers only when necessary during the summer months when there are generally few leaves on the ground.

To accomplish this, the following provisions are included in this proposed law:

Additional rules for power blowers or leaf blowers powered by internal combustion engines between the dates of June 1st and September 30th:

1. Power or leaf blowers shall not be operated simultaneously on the same lot with any other type of machine-powered lawn equipment.
2. Two or more power or leaf blowers shall not be operated simultaneously on lots of 1/3 acre or less.

These rules will not apply to certain large tracts of land.

This section shall not apply to the following entities: municipal, school district, religious institutions, membership club, golf course, hospital, and retirement communities except that these entities shall minimize any power blower use to the maximum extent practicable in proximity to residences.

Mayor Otis opened the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholas Hodnett, chairman of the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council (CC/AC), supported the proposed local law. He said it is interesting that the proposed amendment is very similar to the model legislation contained in the CC/AC's 1994 report. In 1998, when the City Council asked the position of the CC/AC on leaf blowers, the response was in favor of regulation.

Mr. Leo Morganstern, 65 Brevoort Avenue, suggested amending the proposed local law by extending the seasonal limitations to April through October. He said the purpose of a law should be for peace and quiet for the residents. He encouraged educating the community.

Mrs. Anne Goering, 45 Fairway Avenue, recommended redoing the proposed local law because she felt it was a band-aid approach. Since the majority of homeowners use a landscaping service, she said, the noise is constant and very disturbing, especially to those who are home during the day.

Mayor Otis said that the intensity of the noise will be mitigated if several pieces of machinery are not operated simultaneously. He said the city will need the cooperation of landscapers to implement this proposed law.

Councilman Hutchings said he did not want a law on the books which could not be enforced.

Councilmen Stampleman and Cunningham stressed the importance of going on record by having regulations for leaf blowers.

Councilman Stampleman questioned whether or not Milton Harbor House would be considered an exempt property since it is self contained.

Councilman Hutchings responded by saying that Scarsdale passed legislation exempting certain city and school functions. This was challenged in court because a law cannot make exemptions for certain entities.

Mr. Curtis Spacavento, landscaper, said implementing this proposal would prolong a job from 45 minutes to 60 minutes which would entail additional cost to the homeowner.

Mayor Otis said the goal is to cut noise pollution because the cumulative decibel levels of operating several pieces of machinery simultaneously is very extreme. We are trying to get away from the idea that every inch of the property has to be blown during the summer. He expressed the feeling that reducing noise is better than a seasonal ban.

Councilwoman Cunningham acknowledged receiving a letter from a resident suggesting that the council consider including the times for operating equipment, the proximity of one's property to another and the health, welfare, and quality of life issues in the proposed law.

Mr. Daniel Greto, arborist, said his industry needs to use blowers. It is a great disservice and a hardship for tree removal services not to be able to use blowers. He said professionals do not have a problem; it is the non-professionals who create the problems.

Mayor Otis questioned whether or not to exempt tree services and commercial landscaping accounts.

Mrs. Sarah Winter, 40 Brevoort Lane, suggested having a ban on weekends to allow residents who work during the week to enjoy the outdoors. Enforcement, she said, is impossible.

Councilman Hutchings expressed concern about focusing on leaf blowers when, in his estimation, the focus should be on noise. He suggested self-regulation for landscapers and educating the public to cut the noise levels.

Councilwoman Larr suggested eliminating operating leaf blowers on weekends.

Mayor Otis said no community has a ban on weekends. It would be a burden to homeowners who do their own lawn work.

Councilman Stampleman suggested shortening the hours of operation on weekends.

In response, Mayor Otis said hours would be addressed at a later time.

Mr. James Mc Grath, 14 Richard Place, urged the council not to adopt a law which cannot be enforced. He preferred educating the community and pressuring the manufacturers of lawn equipment to produce less noisy machinery.

Mayor Otis said the existing law and guidelines are unenforceable; the proposed law would be enforceable.

Councilwoman Walsh suggested reviewing the proposal because the comments from residents and landscapers indicate they are not supportive of the proposed version.

Mr. Larry Wilson, president of the Turf and Landscape Association, Inc., expressed his appreciation to the members of the Council for their consideration of the landscaping industry. He said it is very difficult not to use a leaf blower especially during pollen season. He said the proposed law would be a hardship for the landscapers.

In response to Councilman Hutchings' question, Mayor Otis said that the postcard created by Mr. Wilson was never distributed to the neighbors because it arrived at the end of the season.

Mr. Joseph Murphy, Jr., 57 Franklin Avenue, said the intent of the law is great but enforcement will be difficult. He suggested researching what needs to be done for noise abatement.

Mr. Ben Fratarcangeli, landscaper, said that some towns had to repeal their legislation because it was unconstitutional. He recommended limiting the use of blowers to driveways, patios, and walkways.

Mayor Otis closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Downing objected to the proposed local law. She suggested, and Councilman Hutchings concurred, focusing on noise abatement. She said there was not sufficient time to review and discuss the proposed law. She asked what happened to Corporation Counsel Neale's suggestions on the proposed local law.

Mayor Otis responded that Mr. Neale's recommendations were incorporated in the proposed law. The Mayor said the proposed legislation is well crafted and enforceable. He tried to draft a law which is simple and which would reduce noise in the community.

Councilwoman Larr made a motion to table this matter.

Councilwoman Cunningham said something should be done to abate noise. She expressed concern about the impact on smaller lots.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion to adopt the proposed local law. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

On advice from Corporation Counsel Neale, Mayor Otis amended closing the public hearing. It will be continued at the May 19, 1999 council meeting.

Mrs. Beth Griffin Matthews, 2 Lea Place, expressed concern that the equipment is too noisy and lasts too long. She said something has to be done. Although what is before the council is not perfect, she said it is a start. She encouraged the council to adopt a law regulating leaf blowers.

The public hearing will be continued at the May 19, 1999 council meeting.

6. Public hearing on the proposed relocation of approximately 880 feet of Grandview Avenue

Mayor Otis opened the public hearing.

Jonathan Kraut, Esq., representing Rye Country Day School, respectfully requested that the Council consider the relocation of approximately 880 feet of Grandview Avenue to reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflict and to improve traffic at Rye Country Day School. He apprised the Council that the Planning Commission has granted preliminary site plan approval. As lead agency, the Planning Commission has also declared a negative declaration of environmental significance. He said that Rye Country Day School believes that the roadway modification would be an exemplary illustration of a public benefit being achieved with private funding and he would appreciate the Council's favorable consideration.

Using an aerial photograph, map, and drawings of the proposed relocation of Grandview Avenue, Mr. Gerard Schwalbe, engineer for Rye Country Day School, described the project in detail, emphasizing:

- traffic analysis
- signal timing changes
- improvements
- road relocation and widening
- retaining wall
- designated pickup and drop off with internal queuing
- improved parking facilities
- pedestrian safety improvements
- projected traffic generation

Mrs. Ellen D'Angelo, 90 Wappanocca Avenue, questioned the benefit to the city if Grandview Avenue is reconfigured. She stated there are still drainage problems from the construction of the Dunn Performing Arts Center. She also said there are ethical issues involved in this project.

Mr. Kraut responded by saying the retaining wall for the Performing Arts Center was built to standard and acceptable to the city engineer.

Mrs. Paula Groglio, 34 Elizabeth Street, agreed with Mrs. D'Angelo. She expressed the feeling that there was not a proper traffic study done. The school, she said, is buying up real estate and is not concerned with residents. She requested that the plans be modified.

Councilwoman Walsh clarified that the purpose of this particular public hearing is to hear comments on the relocation of Grandview Avenue.

Mrs. Cynthia Savage, 138 Grandview Avenue, supported the proposal because it would provide a safer environment for the students.

Mrs. Eleanor Avrutin, Holly Lane, said by relocating the road, the campus will be safer and more secure.

Mrs. Jacqueline Putting, 119 Grandview Avenue, objected to the relocation because it will increase traffic and drivers will speed down the straight road.

Mrs. Dod Fraser, 93 Hillside Road, supported the proposal for the safety of the school children, and to alleviate traffic congestion on Cedar Street.

Mrs. Jennifer Ricketts, 6 Evergreen Avenue, said the school created the problem when the Dunn Performing Arts Center was constructed. She objected to increased traffic. She said the residents have not seen an alternate plan.

Mr. Scott Nelson, headmaster of Rye Country Day School, apprised the council that the school has been on the same site since 1869. He stressed the importance of safety for the children.

Mr. Demarest Duckworth, 105 Grandview Avenue, expressed concern about the increased traffic, the creation of additional parking spaces by widening the road, and the lack of pedestrian sidewalks.

Mr. James Noone, 50 Grandview Avenue, was concerned about safety, screening, the responsibility for road maintenance, and quality of life issues which need to be addressed.

Mr. Gerard Schwalbe explained the proposed screening and landscaping plans.

Mrs. Paula Liang, 43 Evergreen Avenue, supported the proposal because it will improve safety and provide more parking spaces.

Mr. John Wood, 40 New Street, expressed concern about blasting for the reconfiguration of the road and the serious issue of children's safety because of increased traffic.

Mr. John Rosanelli, 2 Robert Crisfield Place, said this is a wonderful alternative to what presently exists.

Mr. Hugh Coleman, Loder Street, supported the proposal because of the safety for the children.

In response to several questions posed by the residents and the Council, Mr. Kraut clarified the following:

- The school has taken measures to reduce the run-off.
- The Planning Commission has stated that concerns about drainage have been addressed.

- The relocated section of Grandview Avenue will be widened from 22 feet to 30 feet and the geometry of the intersection of Grandview Avenue and Cedar Street will be improved.
- The newly configured pedestrian facility will be completely separated from vehicular traffic flow on Grandview Avenue.
- Rye Country Day School staff and crossing guard will continue traffic control during the school's peak arrival and dismissal periods.
- The school does not have a problem if the city wanted to implement no parking on the street.
- There will be improved and safer traffic circulation.
- The fence will provide sound attenuation and act as a visual buffer.
- A new shelter for disaster relief will be built as part of the Rye Country Day School master plan.
- There is no cost to the taxpayers.

Mayor Otis closed the public hearing.

Mayor Otis acknowledged the April 30, 1999 memo from City Engineer George Mottarella who stated that comments about drainage, traffic and road geometry have been addressed to his satisfaction.

Mayor Otis encouraged the Planning Commission to pursue the improvement of landscaping to enhance the visual buffers. He said that we live in a residential community and we owe it to our residents to have continuing dialogue on these plans.

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

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby approves the relocation of approximately 880 feet of Grandview Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The resolution passed.

7. Discussion of the *Public Safety and Court Facilities Study*

The Honorable Acting City Judge John Alfano said he circulated a letter to Mr. Christopher Bradbury, assistant to the City Manager, and City Planner Fred Zepf regarding misstatements in the Public Safety and Court Facilities Study. He said the court should be involved in discussions which focus on the court facility.

Further discussion of this issue was deferred to the May 19, 1999 City Council meeting.

8. Discussion of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Playland Parkway Access Road and Old Post Road

This matter was deferred to the May 19, 1999 City Council meeting.

9. Discussion of McCullough Place Dedication and Official Map Amendment

Mayor Otis referenced a memo from Councilwoman Walsh to the City Manager dated April 29, 1999 concerning the re-naming of Third Street to McCullough Place.

Corporation Counsel Neale stated that the re-naming would require more than a simple Council action; it would require an amendment to the Official Map of the City which is filed with the Westchester County Clerk. He also stated that the matter would need to be referred to the Planning Commission for review and that no action could be taken for 30 days during that review process. As part of the public hearing process, the adjacent property owners would need to be notified as well.

Former Councilman James Flick, 361 Park Avenue, stated his support for this action. He asked that the Council take whatever action is necessary to honor the memory of Judge Frank McCullough, Sr., who did so much for this community.

Mayor Otis mentioned the need to advise business owners of the proposed change.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to refer the matter of the re-naming of Third Street to McCullough Place to the Planning Commission and to the adjacent property owners.

10. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into a non-binding letter of intent with Personal Security and Safety Systems, Inc. regarding a Personal 911 System

This matter was deferred to the May 19, 1999 City Council meeting.

11. Endorsement of Memorandum of Understanding between the owners of certain multiple-family dwellings and their tenants for a two year term expiring on June 30, 2001

Mayor Otis acknowledged the April 29, 1999 memo from City Manager Culross regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the owners of certain multiple-family dwellings and their tenants.

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the Endorsement of Memorandum of Understanding between the owners of certain multiple-family dwellings and their tenants for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2001.

12. Acceptance of Morris Court and its related sanitary sewer, storm drain and easements as a public street, sanitary sewer and storm drain

Mayor Otis acknowledged the April 29, 1999 memo from the City Planner, regarding the Rye Bradford Estates Subdivision #214A and the dedication of Morris Court as a public street.

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

WHEREAS, Mindich Developers, Inc., developer of Morris Court and related sanitary sewer main and storm drain located in the right-of-way in the Rye Bradford Estates Subdivision in the City of Rye, has requested that the City Council accept the dedication of the street, storm drain, and sanitary sewer main and a related drainage easement over Lots 1, 5 and 6, and

WHEREAS, Mindich Developers, Inc., owner of said street, has submitted a deed transferring to the City of Rye all of their right, title and interest in said street, and

WHEREAS, Mindich Developers, Inc., filed a drainage easement to the benefit of the City of Rye over Lots 1, 5 and 6 in the subdivision for the discharge of storm water runoff from the street into the drainage systems constructed on these lots on 10/12/98, as Liber 11720, Page 164, in the County Office of Land Records, and

WHEREAS, the development of Morris Court received a negative declaration of environmental significance at the time of the approval of the subdivision, and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has advised that the street and the storm drain and sanitary sewer main located in the street have been constructed in accordance with the approved subdivision plans and has recommended that the street, storm drain and sanitary sewer main be accepted for dedication, along with the related drainage easement, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has authorized release of the original subdivision performance bond and cash deposits and has recommended that the street be accepted for dedication, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the dedication of Morris Court in the City of Rye as a public street be and the same hereby is accepted, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the dedication of the storm drain and sanitary sewer main located in the street as a public storm drain and a public sanitary sewer main be and the same hereby are accepted, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the dedication of the drainage easement over Lots 1, 5 and 6 be and the same hereby is accepted, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to allow for filing of the deed to Morris Court in the County Office of Land Records by Mindich Developers Inc., and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the official date of this acceptance shall be the day Mindich Developers Inc., files the Title Insurance Policy to Morris Court in the Office of the City Clerk, following their filing of the deed to Morris Court in the County Office of Land Records.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution passed.

13. Proposed Resolution of Support for the elimination of the sunset provision of the Local Government Records management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)

Mayor Otis acknowledged the April 29, 1999 memo from the City Clerk with regard to a proposed resolution in support of the elimination of the sunset provision of the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF).

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund was created in 1989 to provide technical assistance and grants to establish, improve or enhance records management programs in New York's more than 4,300 local governments, and

WHEREAS, a sunset date for the LGRMIF was established in the original legislation to permit its operation as a five-year experiment, and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF operated successfully and supported essential advisement and grants projects signally to improve the management of records and information in local governments, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature in 1995 extended the sunset date to December 31, 2000, and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF and the programs it supports continue to operate at a high standard of excellence and provide direct and significant benefit to local governments at no cost to the taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF continues to be critically important in the fulfillment of the many records and information related responsibilities of the City of Rye, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rye supports the elimination of said sunset provision of December 31, 2000 in order to make the LGRMIF permanent.

The resolution passed.

14. Consideration of the request of the Milton School Centennial Committee, received April 27, 1999, for permission to use the Village Green as part of the School's Centennial Celebration on June 5, 1999

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the request of the Milton School Centennial Committee to use the Village Green as part of the School's Centennial Celebration on June 5, 1999.

15. Consideration of the request from residents of Hix Park for controlled traffic on July 17, 1999 for a "Block Party" on Dalphin Drive, with a rain date of July 24, 1999

Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the request of the residents of Hix Park for controlled traffic on July 17, 1999, for a "Block Party" on Dalphin Drive, with a rain date of July 24, 1999.

16. Consideration of request to use City Streets and the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 18, 1999 for the *Boston to New York AIDS Ride*

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Walsh and unanimously carried, to approve the request of the Boston to New York AIDS Ride to use City streets and the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 18, 1999.

17. Bids for Video Editing Equipment

Mayor Otis acknowledged the April 29, 1999 memo from Mr. James Kenny, Cable TV Coordinator, regarding bids for video editing equipment.

The following bids were received:

BID #5-99

VIDEO EDITING EQUIPMENT

NAME OF BIDDER	SECURITY	AMOUNT BID
Video Corporation of America 7 Veronica Avenue Somerset, New Jersey 08875	Bid Bond	\$19,941.00
Armato's Photo Service 67-16 Myrtle Avenue Glendale, New York 11385	Certified Check \$1,005.00	\$20,100.00
B&H Photo 420 9 th Avenue	Certified Check \$934.75	\$18,695.00

New York, New York 10001		

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

RESOLVED, that Bid #5-99, video editing equipment, be and is hereby awarded to B&H Photo, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$18,695.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution passed.

18. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held April 21, 1999

This matter was deferred to the May 19, 1999 City Council meeting.

19. Miscellaneous communications and reports

A. Councilman Hutchings read a letter from former Corporation Counsel Richard Gardella who expressed his appreciation to the City Council for his retirement gift.

B. Councilwoman Larr acknowledged the April 14, 1999 letter from Mrs. Maureen Moran Williams regarding Manursing Lodge parking.

Mayor Otis said he would follow-up on this matter.

C. City Manager Culross apprised the Council that the bid opening for the Whitby Castle Addition and Restoration Contract #9902 will be postponed until Thursday, May 13, 1999 because several bidders felt they needed more time. He said there may be a need to schedule a special Council meeting for this bid award.

20. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

21. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

22. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Downing and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice K. Conrad
City Clerk