

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the  
City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on  
November 15, 1999 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

ROBERTA DOWNING  
Councilwoman

1. Roll Call

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

2. Review of Proposed 2000 Budget

The City Manager and City Comptroller responded to questions posed by the Council regarding the proposed 2000 budget.

Acting City Judge Alfano suggested that the correct name for the *Parking Violations Bureau* budget is the *Traffic Violations Bureau*. He also advocated combining all activities regarding parking into a single cost center. He commented that there is a need for better signage at the train station.

Library Director Teoman requested that the City Council increase the library's budget by 5% from last year versus the 3% recommended by the City Manager. She also requested a dialogue between Library Trustees and the City Council after January regarding the appropriate level of funding for the library over the long term.

Finance Committee members Robert Niehaus, George Pratt, and Edmond Downing were present and commented on the proposed budget and future financing options for capital projects.

Mayor Otis suggested that the budget needs to include the city's share of the proposed traffic study at the city schools which is estimated to be \$25,000.

It was also suggested that at least the cost of designing the proposed road widening and new traffic light at Midland Avenue and Peck Avenue be considered for inclusion in the 2000 budget. The City Manager was directed to obtain a cost estimate.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Councilwoman Walsh, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Culross  
City Manager