

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on
November 22, 1999 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM
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 responded to questions posed by the Council regarding the proposed 2000 budget.

Police Officer Timothy Chittenden, President of the Rye Police Association, suggested eliminating the proposed Administrative Assistant in Police Staff Services and, as an alternative, promote a Patrolman to Sergeant.

3. Budget Amendments

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

RESOLVED, that the 2000 General Fund Budget and Risk Retention Fund be amended as follows:

General Fund:

Forecast 1999 Sales Tax Revenue reduced from \$1,366,442 to \$1,300,000 after more thorough review;

Forecast 1999 Mortgage Tax Revenue increased from \$709,508 to \$831,000 based on recent information from Westchester County;

Appropriated fund balance be increased by \$60,000 in lieu of above;

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Proposed 2000 Police Patrol Employee Benefits increased by \$8,250 to provide a 50% increase in local police pension benefits to remaining retirees and survivors;

Proposed 2000 Building and Engineering increased \$8,500 each to provide for salary and benefits of an additional full time office assistant to be hired on or about July 1 (1/2 year);

Proposed 2000 Parks & Playgrounds increased \$18,000 to provide for salary and benefits of an additional seasonal laborer;

Proposed 2000 Recreation Programs increased \$26000 to provide for salary and benefits of an additional seasonal recreation leader;

Proposed 2000 Rye Free Reading Room increased \$6,000;

Proposed 2000 Transfers to Other Funds increased \$65,000 to provide funding for Peck Avenue Widening Design (\$40,000) and School Traffic Study (\$25,000);

Proposed 2000 appropriations reduced \$124,799 across various cost centers to reflect risk premium discount afforded to General Fund by Risk Retention Fund.

Risk Retention Fund:

Proposed 2000 General Fund interfund service charges (revenues) reduced by \$124,799 reflecting risk premium discount;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the property tax levy be reduced by \$44,549 which reduces the tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value to \$76.44 (+3.7%).

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Cunningham

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

RESOLVED, that the 2000 Capital Project Fund Budget be amended as follows:

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Proposed 2000 project expenditures decreased by \$65,000 for deletion of three Theodore Fremd traffic signal upgrades (Central \$22k, Elm \$22k, and Locust \$21k);

Proposed 2000 project expenditures increased by \$190,000 for addition of a traffic signal at Boston Post Road and Barlow Lane, addition of School Traffic Safety project, and Peck Avenue Widening Design project;

Proposed 2000 Transfers in from General Fund (revenues) increased from \$240,000 to \$305,000 reflecting addition of Peck Avenue Widening Design and School Traffic Safety projects;

Proposed 2000 Revenues from Bonds increased from \$600,000 to \$660,000 reflecting:

\$65,000 decrease in bonding requirements for deletion of the three Theodore Fremd traffic signal upgrades;

\$125,000 increase in bonding requirements for addition of traffic signal at Boston Post Road and Barlow Lane.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Cunningham

4. Resolution Amending the Administrative Pay Plan

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

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby amends the Administrative Pay Plan, effective January 1, 2000, to read as follows:

Administrative Pay Grade A

(salary range \$55,000-101,406)

Assessor
Building Inspector

City Clerk
Comptroller
Engineer
Planner
Police Commissioner
Superintendent of Recreation

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Administrative Pay Grade B

(salary range \$40,000-74,719)

Assistant to City Manager
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation
Boat Basin Supervisor
Coordinator of Computer Services
Deputy Comptroller
Fire Inspector
General Foreman
Golf Club Manager
Naturalist

Administrative Pay Grade C

(salary range \$30,000-64,202)

Administrative Assistant/Secretary
Assistant City Engineer
Cable Television Coordinator
Garage Foreman
Greenskeeper
Labor Foreman
Park Foreman
Road Maintenance Foreman
Sanitation Foreman

Administrative Pay Grade D

(salary range \$20,000-53,371)

Accountant
Administrative Assistant
Assistant Assessor
Assistant Cable Television Coordinator
Assistant Naturalist (Curator) (3)
Junior Accountant
Junior Network Specialist
Secretary to Corporation Counsel

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to make adjustments to the salaries of the employees in this pay plan not to exceed an average of 3.5%, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to make additional adjustments to the salary of the employees in the pay plan not to exceed an average of 0.5% to ensure internal and external equity.

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ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Cunningham

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Councilwoman Larr, seconded by Councilman Hutchings and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Culross
City Manager