

***APPROVED MINUTES*** of the Special  
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held  
in City Hall on January 27, 2003 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor  
FRANKLIN J. CHU  
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM  
ROBERT S. CYPHER  
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS  
ROSAMOND LARR  
DOUGLAS McR. MCKEAN  
Councilmen

ABSENT: CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis asked the Deputy City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. Consideration of the proposals of three firms: the Parr Group, Bennett Associates and Maximus, regarding the search for the position of City Manager

Mayor Otis said that the Parr Group, Bennett Associates and Maximus had submitted proposals to help aid in the search for a new City Manager. He said it seems that the broad census of opinion is that Bennett Associates, who conducted the search for City Manager Novak, had the best proposal. Councilman Hutchings noted that the fee had only increased by \$500.00 from three years ago.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Rye City Council employ the firm of Bennett Associates to conduct the search for a new City Manager for a fee not to exceed \$14,500 plus \$5,500 for expenses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Chu, Cypher, Hutchings Larr  
and McKean  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilwoman Cunningham

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

Mr. Jordan Seaman, Greenhaven Road, addressed the Council about his concerns regarding the proposed local law establishing an Interim Floor Area Ratio Moratorium, which is to be considered at a public hearing on February 5, 2003. He said he had written his own draft paying particular attention to the section on "scale". Mayor Otis told Mr. Seaman that he should present his thoughts at the public hearing and that his draft of the changes to the proposed local law could be included in this week's Council packet to be delivered on Friday, January 31, 2003. (it should be ready for circulation to the Council by Tuesday, January 28, 2003.)

Councilman Chu made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 A. M.:

The meeting reconvened at 8:47 A.M.

5. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Moore  
Deputy City Clerk