

APPROVED MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on February 13, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT S. CYPHER-Arrived at 7:09
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
DOUGLAS McR. MCKEAN
Councilmen

ABSENT: FRANKLIN J. CHU-Arrived for Joint School Board Meeting

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

3. Consideration of a resolution extending the term of employment of the City Manager

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

WHEREAS, Julia D. Novak is employed by the City of Rye as City Manager; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2002 she advised the City Council of her intent to resign her position as City Manager effective March 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in retaining Novak's services beyond March 18, 2003; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that, Novak shall continue to serve as City Manager until April 11, 2003, with a termination date (based on accrued vacation) of May 7, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED that, Novak shall, within sixty days of the last date of her employment, pay to the City of Rye \$43,200 in full satisfaction of liquidated damages identified in Paragraph 6 and 7 of the Addendum to her employment contract.

ROLL CALL

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

4. Discussion of arrangements for an Interim City Manager

Mayor Otis said that the Council has approached Frank Culross, Rye's former City Manager, to rejoin the City while our search for a new City Manager is being conducted, as Interim City Manager on a basis of a three-day week starting the week before Manager Novak leaves so that they would have some overlap to work on things together.

Councilwoman Cunningham read and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that. Frank J. Culross of the firm of Culross Associates Ltd. be retained as interim City Manager commencing on April 7, 2003 at a stipend of \$800.00 per day plus actual expenses which is based on the current costs for the City Manager; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Frank J. Culross will have all of the powers prescribed by law for the City Manager of the City of Rye; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement for Interim Services in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Cypher arrived at this time.

5. Discussion of letter from Representative Nita Lowey requesting submissions for appropriations

Representative Lowey asked for a list of City of Rye projects she can seek funding for in the next federal budget. After discussion the Council agreed to submit the following projects:

- Sewer System Improvements- continued rehabilitation of sewers and expansion of scope to include sewer pump stations.
- Beaver Swamp Brook
- Blind Brook Hydrological Analysis
- Scenic Trailway Project
- Theall Road Project-Senior Pedestrian and Handicap Accessibility Improvements
- Public Safety Infrastructure Projects

6. Other Business

Councilman Hutchings recused himself from the Rye City School Board meeting (discussion of The Osborn litigation) scheduled for that evening because he and Mrs. Hutchings have filed application for residency at The Osborn.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKean and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Moore
Deputy City Clerk