

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in
City Hall on January 18, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
ANDREW C. BALL
MACK CUNNINGHAM
MATTHEW FAHEY
DUNCAN HENNES
GEORGE S. PRATT
HOWARD G. SEITZ
Councilmen

ABSENT: None

The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey and unanimously carried, to adjourn to executive session at 7:01 P.M. to discuss real estate negotiations. Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to close the executive session at 8:25 P.M. No decisions were made. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

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.

Storm Update

Mayor Otis announced that a large number of residents are still without power as a result of the morning's freak wind storm when gusts reached over 65 mph and caused a great deal of damage. City Manager Shew reported perhaps 40,000 residences in the County were without power; that the storm was unanticipated; and perhaps the worst in three decades in terms of tree damage and with widespread regional impact. Police Commissioner Connors reported on the downed electrical wires, with the worst hit areas being Greenhaven, the Post Road (which had been closed most of the day) and most of the eastern part of the City. He estimates recovery will be a 3-5 day event. City Engineer George Mottarella said his crew had worked tirelessly cleaning the spillways and pump stations and cutting whatever of the trees they could safely cut. He reported over 80% of the traffic signals were out and the major trees (there were 38 of them) still in the roads are there because they are on live wires and have not been declared safe by Con

Edison. He said they were looking at over two weeks of cleanup. Councilman Seitz said he had been most impressed by the service received by the DPW and thanked everyone. Mayor Otis joined in the thanks and warned everyone to stay away from the wires.

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

Douglas Carey, 131 Purchase Street, 13 year resident of Highland Hall, and advocate for the residents of Highland Hall, reported that some of the residents on the first and basement floors of both 131 and 151 Purchase Street had been handed eviction notices by the new owners. He said many of these renters have not violated their leases, some are senior citizens; some are disabled; several have lived in their apartments for over 25 years; and they are all confused, as they had been promised respect and no strong-arming tactics. He said Rye's greatest treasures are its citizens and the City needs to keep some affordable housing. The Mayor said he shared Mr. Carey's concerns and was working with the Corporation Counsel to examine what options the City has to help and the City is anxious to work with the tenants and he is distressed as well. One of the areas they are examining is whether Rye can participate in the Emergency Tenant Protection Act. Mr. Carey said the overwhelming majority of the tenants are now involved with this group and will be able to express their concerns and views. *Barbara Beals, Highland Hall resident*, said she is a single mom with a daughter who is a senior at Rye High School and all she wants is to be able to buy a little time so her daughter can graduate. She said one of the principals purchasing the building came by unannounced to "interview" her and it was uncomfortable.

4. Presentation by the Triathlon Committee

After an introduction by City Manager Shew, who said the Triathlon Committee has worked long and hard over the past two years to make sure the Westchester Triathlon has run smoothly, Jack Geoghegan (a board member of the Leukemia Society, beneficiary of the Triathlon and Tarsicio Alvarez-Rivera (Triathlon organizer), presented a plan for a second Triathlon to be held on Saturday, September 16, the same weekend as the Westchester Triathlon. This Triathlon would be an elite professional race, sponsored by the International Triathlon Union (ITU), one of four held in the United States that is run for money and points toward qualifying for the Beijing Olympics. The course would not be held on City Streets and would have minimal impact on the community, as it would be over by 10:30 A.M. The committee will reimburse Rye for any overtime costs needed for Police. Why is this a good idea? There is a sense of pride to be chosen; it would be impressive for our children to see athletes actually in contention for the Olympics; and there might be an added chance to get corporate sponsorship for the local race on the next day (which is much bigger, more disruptive, but very beneficial to both Leukemia and the Rye YMCA). Why might this not be good for Rye? Two days of Triathlon activity, perhaps intrusive press, and residents' inconvenience, particularly near Playland where summer activity has just quieted down.

The Council expressed general approval, citing the success of the Westchester Triathlon, but had questions they wanted explored before granting final approval? Where and when do participants arrive? (*Playland*) Can you control the spectators? (*There shouldn't be so many,*

especially the first year). Do we have the manpower? (Yes, we can do it safely.) Is everyone on board with the plan? (Yes, including Playland, Rye Town Park, County Police and our police.) The major questions to be addressed prior to the next Council meeting would be if there is any serious opposition from the affected community, and how can we prepare people for the event.

5. Presentation by Recreation Commission regarding public paddle tennis proposal

Doug French, 46 Meadow Place, Chair of the Recreation Commission, presented the idea of applying for the Reilly Green Mountain Public Court Challenge to try and be chosen to have two free paddle tennis courts for two years with an option to buy them at \$50,000 each at the end of the two years. “Free” would be in addition to certain costs like maintenance, electricity, lighting, etc. Before submitting the application, which Bob Byrne, member of the Commission, has agreed to prepare, they need to know if the municipality is amenable to the idea. He said the real decisions would have to be made only if Rye wins the challenge but in the meantime the Commission and staff will do the necessary due diligence. The Council endorsed the idea of applying and authorized City Manager Shew to draft a letter of support for the application.

6. Update on Whitby Castle by Golf Club Manager

Scott Yandrasevich, Rye Golf Club Manager, gave an update on Whitby Castle and the Golf Club’s plans for 2006 and the future. He thanked everyone who has been working hard on the project, saying everyone’s goals were to be flexible, provide financial security, take the time to do things correctly and insure public input. He summarized his update memorandum for the Council as follows: 1) the contract with Restaurant Associates (RA) has been terminated; 2) work has commenced on the aesthetic work on the castle; 3) evaluation and scheduling for serious repairs is in progress; 4) a plan is moving forward to have RA events next summer as well as other outside catering events so that the 2006 budget figures will be met; 5) the Golf Club will run the snack bar operation; 6) the Golf Club is also exploring the possibility of running a limited grillroom/bistro food and beverage operation at the Castle; 7) the transfer of the liquor license is moving forward; and 8) they have been meeting with other firms to see who might be interested in partnering with the Golf Club in the future. In conclusion, he emphasized that the current plan is a solid and prudent approach to the project and will provide adequate time to come up with a comprehensive RFQ (request for quote) that will, at the very least, offer diverse options. All firms who have visited have expressed initial interest and understand that the City is seeking a new model.

The Council was in support of moving the plan along, citing competition as a good thing, and said they were looking forward to watching the RFQ develop. Will the snack bar need extra staff? No. Does the City supply supplies to caterers? The City owns lots of supplies, but outside caterers bring everything – the City just supplies the venue. Will the transactions be cashless? That is the goal in the long term. What has been spent to date? A minimal amount to date but even with future expenses it is anticipated the Golf Club will operate in the black.

7. Presentation of Planning Commission Memorandum regarding Proposed Strategies to Address Subdivision Concerns.

Christian Miller presented to the Council what he termed a significant land-use proposal prepared by the Planning Commission to address concerns regarding future subdivisions and suggested local law as it pertains to certain sub-divisions. He summarized the memorandum citing the Planning Commission's concern regarding flag lots (two houses one in front of the other) and gerrymandered lots (where the lot width is altered in the middle of the lot). He said Rye is perceived as being built out but there is still a fair amount of lots with opportunity for subdivision, due to a variety of factors. Many lots will require removal of a home to achieve a subdivision.

Subdivision impacts include the impact on the neighborhood character (crowding appearance) and environmental impacts, especially now that it is cost effective to remove rocks and provide better drainage, more easily resulting in a loss of existing features. Present law provides for certain setbacks and widths, but these restrictions may not be adequate. The Planning Commission is recommending 1) that lot width be maintained from the street line to the rear yard setback, which would eliminate most flag and gerrymandered lots in new subdivisions; and 2) environmentally sensitive areas be deducted from the minimum lot area requirements. Current practice already deducts wetlands and watercourses so the existing law should be amended to comply with the practice as described in the Wetlands Ordinance. Steep slopes would also be deducted under the proposed local law.

Mr. Miller acknowledged this is a tough law and will make subdivisions harder in the future. He said the Council should begin the debate, as the proposal needs much discussion. He stated that there are approximately 200 residentially zoned properties in Rye that have subdivision potential under current zoning restrictions. The proposed local law would reduce that potential by approximately a third. He said the proposal had been referred to appropriate Boards, Commissions and Committees for comment. He added that the SEQR process needs to be completed and more public input should be heard before a public hearing should be set.

Pat McCarthy, 60 Summit Avenue, owner of one of the 200 lots which he is currently applying to have sub-divided, said it is a dramatic request with immense impact and if enacted would prevent him from subdividing. Instead of creating two lots with 3500 square foot houses he would be forced to sell his house and a builder would tear down his existing house and erect an 8000 square foot house. Mr. Miller suggested the Council would have to discuss what policy they would adopt in relation to those who are in the middle of the subdivision review process. Would you, for example, exempt all those who have already applied to subdivide under the old law?

Jonathan Kraut, partner of Friedman, Harnfenist, Langer & Kraut, representing a Rye landowner also addressed the issue. He said builders are concerned too; that the discussion to date has been very quiet; and the Council will need to hear from the "masses." He recommended looking at the number of existing properties that would not meet the requirements of the proposed local law. He suggested that there are a large number of flag and gerrymandered lots and questioned whether they are out of sync with neighborhood patterns. Sometimes they are better than mega-mansions and cause less harm to the neighborhood. He contended that

gerrymandering lots is often done to preserve stately old homes. How many times has this happened? How does this law apply to commercial properties as well? How many steep slopes are involved, and how many existing subdivisions would have been denied if this law had been applied earlier? How many plots will now become non-conforming? He said this is the single biggest land use legislation to come before the Council in a long time; that it will impact land values for some people; that it needs to be evaluated in light of the study of the City's Master Plan; that it will require introspection; much analysis and an extensive informational process.

Mayor Otis asked how Rye compares to other communities. The City Planner stated that many up-county communities permit flag lots on larger properties. He stated that Rye Brook adopted a width law like the one proposed in 1998. The Mayor asked if there are other ways of effecting these changes and if there are stormwater issues. Councilman Pratt thanked everyone for the report, saying while there is no rush it is good to get the debate started and get the word out to the public, especially as zoning changes do not, by law, require extensive public notice. Councilman Hennes said the Council needs to know how many will be affected and agrees that deliberations should move extremely slowly as a high hurdle is necessary before denying someone something they always had; that this affects property rights not only of the owner but of the neighbors; that it is a big piece of legislation and the Council needs to ask the right questions. Councilman Seitz commented that there are fewer large lots left in Rye so people are looking at smaller ones and are finding ways to create oddly shaped pieces. He said it is important to think the matter through and look at it in terms of where does Rye want to be in 10 years.

The Council urged the City Planner to do his homework; report back to the Planning Commission and keep the process going. Mr. Miller said he would do so and would post the proposal on the City's Web page.

8. Public hearing to increase the size of the Board of Architectural Review from 5 members to 7 members

Mayor Otis said the public hearing to increase the size of the Board of Architectural Review from 5 members to 7 members would need to be rescheduled. Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to amend Article 19, Board of Architectural Review, of the Charter of the City of Rye by amending Section C19-1 to increase the size of the Board of Architectural Review from 5 members to 7 members; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed amendment to the law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the

Council of said City on February 1, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed local law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF RYE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed local law to increase
the size of the Board of Architectural Review from 5 members
to 7 members**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 1st day of February, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning a proposed local law to increase the size of the Board of Architectural Review from 5 members to 7 members.

Copies of said local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Susan A. Morison
City Clerk

Dated: January 24, 2006

9. Public hearing to increase the size of the Recreation Commission from 7 members to 9 members

Mayor Otis opened the public hearing to increase the size of the Recreation Commission from 7 members to 9 members. *Doug French, Chair of the Recreation Commission* explained that recreation in Rye has expanded its footprint and is more active so there is a need to increase involvement that will lead to increased participation and enable the Commission to have more subcommittees. He said the only downside is going to be meeting the challenge to fill the slots. As there were no further comments from either the public or the Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey, to adopt the following local law:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2006

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION C16-1, COMMISSION;
APPOINTMENT, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
RYE, NEW YORK**

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1 A local law amending §C16-1 Commission; appointment of the Charter of the Code of the City of Rye is hereby amended to read as follows

§C16-1. Commission; appointment

There shall be a Recreation Commission to consist of ~~seven (7)~~ nine members to be appointed for three (3) year terms by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, except that the present members of the Recreation Commission shall continue in office as the members of the Recreation Commission, as constituted by this charter, until the expiration of their terms, and thereafter, their successors shall be appointed for the term of three (3) years from and after the expiration of the term of their predecessors in office.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

NOTE: Proposed additions are shown in underline and proposed deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Ball, Cunningham, Fahey, Hennes,
Pratt and Seitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

10. Consideration of establishing a Nature Center Temporary Committee

Mayor Otis said he would like to establish a temporary committee to develop a plan for the Nature Center. He said the purpose is not to reverse changes that have taken place, but to build on those changes and put the Nature Center on a stable footing going forward. He envisioned the timeline to be three to four weeks and that the committee should be comprised of present Chairs of the Friends of Rye Nature Center and the Conservation Commission, several others to be suggested by the chairs, two members of the City Council and one staff person.

The Mayor made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt and unanimously approved, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, a January 13, 2006 memorandum from the Mayor has proposed that a Nature Center Temporary Committee be established to provide an opportunity to develop recommendations and proposals to assist the City to develop a workable plan for the future of the Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, the committee should consist of the president of the Friends of Rye Nature Center and the Chair of the Conservation Commission as well as several other members to be proposed by these two individuals, two members of the Rye City Council; and one City Staff representative; and

WHEREAS, the committee should deliberate for about three to four weeks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Nature Center Temporary Committee be established based on the above criteria.

11. Consideration of setting public hearing to incorporate permanent City Committees in the City Code

The Mayor re-introduced his proposal to include various City committees in the City Code in an effort to have them codified. He said at this time he would not propose the addition of the Beautification Committee, nor would he include codification of the Finance Committee, but he would like to increase the size of the committee from 7 to 9. He said this idea had been proposed in the past. Councilman Pratt said the more members the better, especially in terms of having a quorum and creating subcommittees, but the Council should charge the committee with a list of things to consider and then see if there is a need to expand. Councilman Hennes agreed to sit down with Councilman Pratt and work out a list of financial items that could/should be discussed during this year. Councilman Seitz said the Finance Committee had several empty slots and suggested asking the Committee if they wanted to expand. He also said he had hoped the Council would be able to wait for the annual reports from the various committees before considering the local laws and reiterated his belief that it is better to have the chairs appointed by the various committees rather than by the Mayor. It was agreed that consideration of codifying the Beautification Committee and the Finance Committee should be deferred for 6 months.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to amend Part 1, Administrative Legislation the Code of the City of Rye by adding a new Chapter 10 to include an official description of the City of Rye Playland Advisory Committee (Chapter 10A), the Rye Senior Advocacy Committee (Chapter 10B) and the Youth Advisory Committee (Chapter 10C); and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed amendment to the law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on February 15, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post

Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed local law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF RYE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed local law to amend Part 1, Administrative Legislation the Code of the City of Rye by adding a new Chapter 10 to include an official description of the City of Rye Playland Advisory Committee (Chapter 10A), the Rye Senior Advocacy Committee (Chapter 10B) and the Youth Advisory Committee (Chapter 10C)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 15th day of February, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning a proposed local law to amend Part 1, Administrative Legislation the Code of the City of Rye by adding a new Chapter 10 to include an official description of the City of Rye Playland Advisory Committee (Chapter 10A), the Rye Senior Advocacy Committee (Chapter 10B) and the Youth Advisory Committee (Chapter 10C).

Copies of said local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Susan A. Morison
City Clerk

Dated: February 7, 2006

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Ball, Cunningham, Hennes and Pratt
NAYS: Councilmen Fahey and Seitz
ABSENT: None

The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

12. Consideration of setting a public hearing to amend Chapter 180, Taxicabs, Section 1, 180-8 and Section 2, 180-12, of the Code of the City of Rye, New York

The City Manager explained that this code amendment was to eliminate a specific dollar amount for these fees so that the Code would not have to be changed each time the fees were amended.

Councilman Pratt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to amend Chapter 180, Taxicabs, Section 1, 180-8, Fee for drivers' license and Section 2, 180-12, Vehicle license fees, of the Code of the City of Rye by amending Section C19-1 to eliminate the specific dollar amount for these fees by making them set by Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed amendment to the law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on February 1, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed local law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF RYE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed local law amending
Chapter 180, Taxicabs, Section 180-8, Fee for driver's license
and Section 180-12, Vehicle license fees, of the Rye City Code**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 1st day of February, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed local law amending Chapter 180, Taxicabs, Section 180-8, Fee for driver's license and Section 180-12, Vehicle license fees, of the Rye City Code

Copies of said local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Dated: January 24, 2006

Susan A. Morison
City Clerk

13. One appointment to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2007, by Mayor with Council approval

This agenda item was deferred.

14. Approval of the election of a new member to the Rye Fire Department

Councilman Hennes enthusiastically made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey and unanimously approved, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Rye hereby approves the election of George Polis to the Milton Point Engine and Hose Company approved at the January 9, 2006 meeting of the Board of Fire Wardens.

15. Resolution to approve Corporation Counsel Retainer Agreement for 2006

Councilman Pratt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby approves the Corporation Counsel Retainer Agreement for 2006 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Ball, Cunningham, Fahey, Hennes,
Pratt and Seitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

16. Authorization to fill position of Cable TV Coordinator

City Manager Paul Shew asked for authorization to fill the position of Cable TV Coordinator left vacant by James Kenny. He said the position is being filled currently on a part time basis, but a full-time person is necessary; that the impact on the budget will be revenue neutral; that there are candidates in the wings, but he would like to start the official process.

Councilman Pratt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes the City Manager to fill the position of Cable TV Coordinator.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Ball, Cunningham, Fahey, Hennes,
Pratt and Seitz
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Agenda numbers 17-25 were deferred to the February 1, 2006 Meeting of the City Council

17. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Amendment of General Order #104.1, "Uniform Specifications and Equipment"
18. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Approval of a new General Order #104.3, "Uniform Classifications"
19. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Approval of a new General Order #121.3, "Use of cellular Telephones While on Duty"
20. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Approval of a new General Order #117.8, "Mobile Video Recording Systems"
21. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Approval of a new General Order #103.10, "Deployment of Electro-muscular Disruption Device (Taser)"
22. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Amendment of General Order #120.4, "Use of Force/Injury Investigations"
23. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Amendment of General Order #120.5, "Firearm Discharge Report."
24. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Amendment of General Order #114.2, "Supervisory Notifications and Response"
25. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department, Amendment of General Order #103.4, "Use of Firearms and Use of Deadly Physical Force"

26. Bid Award for Bid #7-05, One Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Truck

The City Manager reported that two bids had been received for the Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Truck. He said the funds are in the budget and he recommended that the Council approve the recommendation of the General Foreman of the Department of PublicWorks to accept the low bidder. The bid tab is as follows:

BID # 7-05

ONE (1) CHEVROLET COLORADO PICKUP TRUCK

BIDDER	AMOUNT BID
Bruno Truck Sales	\$21,274.00
Major Automotive Group	\$21,376.13

Councilman Pratt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hennes, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Bid #7-05, One Chevrolet Colorado Pickup Truck be awarded in the amount of \$21,274 to Bruno Truck Sales, being the lowest bidder meeting specifications.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Ball, Cunningham, Fahey, Hennes,
Pratt and Seitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

27. Designation of City Council Liaisons by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated City Council Liaisons for 2006 as follows:

Ambulance Corps – Councilman Hennes
Board of Appeals – Councilman Seitz
Board of Architectural Review – Councilman Ball
Boat Basin Commission – Councilman Hennes
Commission on Human Rights – Councilman Seitz
Conservation Commission/Advisory Council – Mayor Otis
Finance Committee – Councilman Pratt/Councilman Hennes
Landmarks Advisory Committee – Councilman Ball

Recreation Commission – Councilman Cunningham
Rye Beautification Advisory Commission – Councilman Cunningham
Rye Cable Television Committee – Councilman Ball
Rye City School Board – Councilman Pratt/Councilman Cunningham
Rye Free Reading Room – Councilman Pratt
Rye Golf Club Commission – Councilman Fahey
Rye Merchants Association – Mayor Otis
Rye Playland Advisory Committee – Councilman Cunningham
Rye Senior Advocacy Committee – Mayor Otis
Traffic and Transportation Committee – Councilman Fahey
Youth Advisory Committee – Councilman Cunningham

28. Miscellaneous communications and reports

There were no miscellaneous communications and reports.

29. Old Business

Councilman Seitz asked about the situation with the Occupancy Tax Bill. Mayor Otis said it would begin its journey through the legislature one more time without the need to resubmit the papers.

30. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

31. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 4, 2006

Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 4, 2006 as amended.

32. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Hennes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fahey and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Morison
City Clerk