

***APPROVED MINUTES*** of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on October 20, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

DOUGLAS FRENCH Mayor  
RICHARD FILIPPI  
PAULA J. GAMACHE  
PETER JOVANOVIĆH  
SUZANNA KEITH  
CATHERINE F. PARKER  
JOSEPH A. SACK  
Councilmembers

ABSENT: None

The Council convened at 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:05 p.m. Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adjourn the executive session at 8:03 p.m. The regular meeting convened at 8:09 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. General Announcements

Mayor French asked that the City Manager and Police Commissioner Connors take a look to see if there is a system that would allow an interim message to go out to the public regarding police matters that are under investigation in order to allay public concern and confusion. City Manager Pickup said that in matters of public safety notification is immediate but in criminal instances the determination of what should be made public is best left to the police department.

The City Council will hold a Town Hall meeting at The Osborn on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Other announcements were made regarding information, accomplishments and activities of other organizations and groups in the City.

4. Presentation by Mayor and City Manager of Certificates of Public Service to members of the City staff who have served Rye for twenty-five or thirty years

Mayor French and City Manager Pickup acknowledged the following City of Rye employees for their public service to the City for twenty-five or thirty years:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Alan Demmel	Fire	25
Dennis DeVito	School Crossing Guard/Police	25
Richard Dooley	Department of Public Works	25
Arcadio Ocasio	Department of Public Works	25
Sally Rogol	Recreation	25
Dominick Cerasoli	Department of Public Works	30
Robert Chittenden	Police	30
James LaBrusciano	Rye Golf Club	30
John Wood	Police	30

5. Approval of the election of two new members to the Rye Fire Department

Mayor French made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby approves the election of Robin Latimer to the Rye Police Patrol Company and Antonio Alba to the Poningoe Engine and Hose Company, as approved at the last meeting of the Fire Wardens.

6. Draft unapproved minutes of the special meeting/workshop of the City Council held September 27, 2010 and the regular meeting of the City Council held October 6, 2010

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the special meeting/workshop of the City Council held on September 27, 2010, as amended.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on October 6, 2010, as amended.

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

*James Burke, 43 Elmwood Avenue, and John Carolin, 66 Milton Road,* representing the American Legion, addressed the Council about their idea of replacing the flag holders on Purchase Street, which currently hold five small flags, with larger brackets that would contain a larger 3' x 5' flag. *Mr. Carolin* also spoke about the condition of memorial plaques placed at the foot of trees along Purchase Street. He said they were in disgraceful condition and the City should find a way to relocate them. He also said that the trees along Purchase Street were not well-maintained. Councilwoman Parker noted that the Department of Public works had tried to polish the plaques, which did not clean up very well, so the results could not justify the amount of time spent on the project. Councilman Sack suggested that restoring the plaques might be a good project for Doug Carey and his leadership group.

*Robert Schubert, 980 Forest Avenue,* read a statement he had prepared regarding the issue of the pond on his property. Mayor French thanked Mr. Schubert for his comments and said that the Council takes the matter very seriously, but the Council can't discuss the matter due to pending litigation.

*Sis D'Angelo, 110 Wappanocca Avenue,* expressed her concerns about conditions on Purchase Street and said the Department of Public Works should do a better job of caring for it. Councilwoman Parker noted that she had asked if some of the extra garbage cans on Purchase Street could be repositioned to Elm Place and Purdy Avenue.

*Doug Carey, 131 Purchase Street,* invited everyone to attend the Rye Cable Committee's "Margie Awards" that will be held on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rye Free Reading Room. *Mr. Carey* also offered thanks to Tom Fendler and Tomart Corporation for replacing, free of charge, the plaque at Gagliardo Park that honors Sam Gagliardo.

*Bob Zahm, 8 Ridgewood Drive,* said (1) the crosswalks at Old Post Road and the Playland Access Road had not been painted yet and urged the City to paint them, and (2) that enforcement statistics have not been published. City Manager Pickup said the redesign of the Old Post Road/Playland Access Road intersection will require site distance improvements and there is a disagreement regarding whether or not it is safe to paint the crosswalks. Mayor French asked the City Manager to share the information on enforcement statistics with the Council and publish them.

8. Mayor's Management Report  
● Rye Town Park Advisory Committee 2010 Season Summary

Kristina Bicher and Michael Corbett of the Rye Town Park Advisory Committee presented a report on Rye Town Park at the conclusion of the summer season. They said the Task Force was happy with the changes that have occurred at the park over the last year. As of the end of September, park operations are \$100,000 ahead of last year. Two out of three of the recommendations made by the task force had been implemented including erecting physical barriers and differentiated parking fees for residents and non-residents. Any offset in the number of cars coming into the park was offset by the increased pricing. They believe the park was safer this summer than in recent years due to a lower number of users, an increased police presence and safety plans implemented by park staff. It was determined that 90% of the users of the park are non-residents, which is higher than original estimates. The park was only closed three times

because it was full. Suggestions were also offered for additional changes they believe should be made by the Rye Town Park Commission. They said an automated system for collection of parking fees and beach access should be implemented. Residents should be encouraged to use the park more often. Use of mass transit to the park should be encouraged, as well as the use of other parking lots. Cars should be kept off the stone bridge. Improvements should also be sought in connection with controlling alcohol use and smoking in the park. They also believe the expense structure of the park could be lowered; the revenue base diversified and the management should follow generally accepted accounting procedures.

- Water Company Update

Mayor French said that approximately 350 homes in the Rye Neck section (including parts of Greenhaven) receive water from the Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) and have recently received bills reflecting a 75% increase in rates. This is the result of a resolution adopted by the Village of Mamaroneck without input from the City. The Mayor will write a letter to the Mayor of Mamaroneck informing him of the issue and the Council will pass a resolution and move forward to spread out the 75% increase over a number of years. City Manager Pickup said that WJWW customers were billed in May and never received notice prior to receiving their next bills of what their rate increase would be. WJWW is a Public Benefit Corporation and does not follow the same Public Service Commission (PSC) process for rate setting as the City does with United Water. The City is looking to implement a notice provision to prevent this from happening again. Councilman Sack inquired why WJWW was not regulated by the PSC and said that even without that type of regulation there should be a provision requiring that either the customers or the municipality in which they reside would have to be put on notice of proposed rate increases. He added that if the City had been aware of the proposed increase we could have been more proactive in opposing it.

- Legal Update

Interim Corporation Counsel Kristen Wilson reported on the Appellate Division, Second Department decision regarding the Osborn case. She said that the Court found that the Osborn is 100% taxable and not entitled to a charitable use tax exemption or a partial hospital use tax exemption. She said the decision also upheld the methodology used by the Osborn regarding valuation. Ms. Wilson said that overall it was a positive decision for the City, the School District and the tax payers and provides clarity moving forward.

*Robert Schubert* asked if Ms. Wilson would be reporting on depositions that have been held over the last few months relating to his property. Ms. Wilson said that the depositions he was referring to were in connection with a State Court action that the City is not a party to.

Additionally, the Mayor asked City Manager Pickup for an update on the funding for the Sluice Gate project. Mr. Pickup said that the City should be seeing the Agreement for the grant funding in a week or two. When the City signs and returns the grant, it will be authorized to proceed. Mr. Pickup also updated the Council on the Central Avenue Bridge project. He said that the State has tied the funding for both the Central Avenue Bridge and Theodore Fremd Avenue Wall projects to one project number. The State Department of Transportation (DOT)

will not authorize the bridge project to go forward until the wall project, which has had significant engineering delays, has been approved.

9. Presentation by the Rye Free Reading Room regarding the 2011 Budget

Mayor French said that one of the recommendations presented to the Council by the City Manager and City Comptroller was to reduce the contribution from the City to the Library. Library Board President Debra Julian and Treasurer John Eckerson thanked the City for their past support and said they do not take City support lightly; that the Board is very responsible and is committed to using a financially conservative approach to their budget. They said the cuts proposed by the City will have an impact on the community. They made a presentation to the Council that touched on the following points:

- In a recent survey conducted by the Library 91% of Rye residents agree that the Library is a good use of taxpayer funds.
- There is no flexibility in the current budget to cut costs without impacting its collection, hours of operation, programs and maintenance on the building.
- They have been aggressive in implementing cost saving measures.
- Their total salaries and wages have been mostly flat over the last four years and they are at the lower end of personnel costs in peer library groups.
- The five-year union contract will expire in December 2011 and renegotiation is a priority of the Board.
- Pension increases were larger than anticipated.
- Attracting a new director will be difficult with a challenging budget.
- Their revenue sources have been maximized.
- The Library continues to increase private funding, New York State grants and other income items.
- Private funding contributes more to the revenue base in Rye than in its peer libraries.
- The Library is at the top of its peer group in measures of cost efficiency and services and at the bottom end in the level of municipal funding support.
- A \$190,000 cut in funding would reduce the City's support to the lowest level since 2003.

Council comments and questions included:

- Are full-time and part-time employees covered under the benefit system? (If they elect to be part of the system.)
- Is there an endowment? (The endowment is about \$1.55 million. There is a limit in their Charter on how much can be used.)
- How did the 2009 fundraising amounts compare with 2008 and what are the projections for 2010? (The 2008 levels decreased from the high of 2007 but the 2009 levels were higher than anticipated. The 2010 campaign is just underway so there are no figures available.)
- What percentage of the budget goes toward programs that are not self-funded? (There is \$1,000 allotted in the 2011 budget.)

- A question should have been included in the survey asking people if they would rather give more money to the Library or have their taxes go up. (The survey was done in preparation for a new Strategic Plan for the Library.)
- There is a limit on how much the Library will be able to shrink staff levels. The Board should collaborate with the City Manager in negotiating their next contract. The City and the Library should be on the same page regarding contracts.

*Bertrand DeFrondeville, 19 Hook Road*, said that statistics will show that library services have not decreased with fewer employees. He added that it was refreshing to see an organization present a lower budget.

10. Presentation by Joshua Trauner, NextG Networks, regarding their application for a License Agreement for use of the Public Rights-of-Way for wireless telecommunications

Joshua Trauner, Director of Government Relations for NextG Networks, said that they are a telecommunications company with a license from the Public Service Commission to provide telecommunication services. They build a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) telecommunication system that is installed in the public right-of-way, usually on existing telephone utility poles. They are offering to enter into a Right-of-way Use Agreement with the City giving NextG permission to enter the right-of-way in exchange for paying the City revenue for the equipment they install. The compensation is a percentage of their income per installation they make – 5% of their gross revenue. Municipalities that fail to enter into the right-of-way agreements with NextG, receive no compensation when the networks are built. They are planning to install eight DAS boxes in the City. Their installations are low-powered and come in much lower than the Federal government’s limits on radiation exposure. City Manager Pickup said the staff recommendation was to refer the application to the Board of Architectural Review and have money put into escrow for consultant work on site issues, prior to the Council voting on the proposed agreement. The Council concurred with the staff recommendation.

11. Discussion on the proposal from the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead, Inc. regarding the Rye Meeting House

Mayor French said that he and Anne Stillman of the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead (Committee) had attended a meeting of the County Board of Legislators and the County has approved the \$215,000 grant for the purchase of the Bird property. City Manager Pickup said there will have to be an additional closing to record the easement required by the County before the funds will be available.

Mayor French said that a meeting was held to work out the parameters of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City and Committee regarding the Meeting House. Councilwoman Parker said that at the meeting the Committee had provided more financial information as requested by the Council. City Manager Pickup said that an additional \$25,000 of capital money will be put into a capital account as part of the MOA, which will come from money the Council had allocated to the Meeting House in prior years. The money will be available if the Committee runs into unforeseen structural or construction related problems. He said that because the project is changing from a restoration project to a renovation project the

City must have some agent working with the Committee to make sure that all relevant historic preservation guidelines are met. Ms. Stillman said that the Committee's budget does not include anything extra for operating that is not necessary because their primary mission is preservation of their buildings. They project to raise more money than is in the budget for operation, and that money will go into the buildings. The Committee would be happy to have other organizations use the Meeting House as long as it fits in their schedule and their costs are covered. The MOA will be tied with the existing Bird Homestead MOA in terms of the length of the agreements.

Council questions and comments included:

- What percentage of donations received will go to the cost of the project? (Approximately 97 %.)
- It seems that the Committee anticipates raising enough money over the next five years through private donations, grants and event revenues to meet operating expenses. What is the expected breakdown among the three revenue streams? (Approximately 50% grants and 50% private donations.)
- What specific capital projects does the Committee have in mind? (Three new roofs on the Bird homestead; realignment of one of the buildings; structural matters will also be addressed. After the first phase proposed for the Meeting House, the Committee will monitor the building twice a year and allocate money as necessary to address any needs.)
- Does the projected revenue include the money still outstanding on the purchase of the Bird Homestead? (It does not include that amount because the Committee is confident the outstanding grants will come through.)
- What happens if the Committee does not fulfill their obligations for fund raising? (The restoration will be slower.) Interim Corporation Counsel Wilson said that if the Committee is no longer able to manage the property, the City, as the owner of the property, can step in.

Mayor French said that the key terms of the MOA should be made public and the Council should vote on the proposal at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

*Tracy Star, Laura Brett, Doug Carey and Margot Burgheimer* on behalf of *Melissa Brown Grecco*, all addressed the Council in support of the Committee's proposal to take over operation of the Meeting House.

12. Continuation of Public Hearing to amend Local Law Chapter 191, Section 39, Parking Time Limits and fees, to remove the setting of fees from Local Law

The public hearing remained open from the last Council meeting. The proposed local law was amended, as requested, to include language requiring that a public hearing must be held prior to fees being increased. No members of the public wished to comment on the proposed local law.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to close the public hearing.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache, to adopt the following local law:

**CITY OF RYE  
LOCAL LAW NO. 9 2010**

**A local law to amend Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic,  
Section 39, Parking time limit and fee, of the  
Code of the City of Rye as follows:**

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

**Section 1.**

**§191-39      Parking time limits and fee.**

**[Amended 12-15-1965 by Ord. No. 4-1965; 2-18-1970; 2-15-1984 by L.L. No. 5-1984  
Editor's Note: This local law also provided that former §§191-41 through 191-49 be  
renumbered to become §§191-40 through 191-48, respectively; 12-15-1993 by L.L. NO. 12-  
1993; 12-15-2004 by L.L. No. 5-2004]**

The permitted parking time and fees in all City parking meter zones shall be set after public hearing by resolution by the City Council. Upon the expiration of the permitted parking time with respect to any vehicle in such designated parking space, the operator shall forthwith remove such vehicle from such parking space.

**Section 2.      This law will take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES:                    Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,  
                                 Keith, Parker and Sack

NAYS:                    None

ABSENT:                None

The local law was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

13.      Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the fees on selected parking permits

City Comptroller Jean Gribbins said that if All Day/All Night permits were increased 50% it would increase the City's revenues by about \$12,000 in 2011; increasing All Night permits by 50% would increase revenues by about \$2,400 in 2011; and, if Merchant permits were doubled it would increase revenues by about \$110,000 in 2011. Mayor French said he would rather postpone a decision on the proposed increases in parking permit fees and include it as part of the budget workshop discussions. It was also suggested that parking fines should also be a topic for budget workshop discussions. The discussion was deferred.

14. Resolution to return net revenues from the Central Business District parking pay stations to General Fund City operations

City Manager Pickup provided an overview of previous resolutions relating to how pay station parking revenues would be treated. He said the original resolution about how to treat the additional revenue that was adopted when the pay stations were installed was implemented differently from the way the Council had anticipated. In December 2009 a second resolution was adopted, to clarify the intent of the Council, which created a scorecard that measured investment in the Central Business District (CBD). City Comptroller Gribbins said she spoke with the City's auditor who advised that if net revenues from CBD pay stations were designated to be used for CBD capital improvements, those funds must be removed from the General Fund and must be designated as a portion of Fund Balance. If these funds are removed from the General Fund, the revenue must be raised someplace else. She added that there has been a great deal of work done in the CBD over the last several years that did not come from funds that were segmented and the City is at the point where the General Fund needs the revenue. She said that the 2010 budget was prepared to have the money go into operations. The 2009 Resolution was written to segregate the net proceeds and save it for CBD capital projects. If that Resolution is not amended, at the end of the year she will be required to take the funds out of General Fund Fund Balance and segregate it.

Council questions and comments included:

- The money could be included in the operating budget as long as the City keeps track of it as having been collected from the pay stations. (It has to be identified as an obligation of the City on financial statements and as a designation of Fund Balance.)
- Pay station revenues may never cover the cost of some improvements that must be done in the CBD, such as restoring Purchase Street.
- Is there any spending that could apply to the CBD definition in the budget for next year? (Nothing is programmed for 2011.)
- How are pay station revenues segregated? (The funds are in their own revenue account.)

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith, to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, in the past it has been the goal of the City to use funds generated from central business district parking pay stations in the central business district, minus expenses, to fund capital projects in the central business district; and

**WHEREAS**, the city desires to place any funds generated from the central business district parking pay station in the general fund; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that within the general fund the City Comptroller shall maintain an accounting of gross revenues and net operating income generated for each year by the parking pay stations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City's annual CIP and annual City Budget shall include a report of this information for use by the City Council and the public; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council will use this information as part of the capital planning process to track parking revenues and provide a basis to assign capital project commitments to the central business district on an ongoing basis; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the funds generated from the central business parking pay stations be made part of the general fund starting January 1, 2011.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,  
Keith, Parker and Sack  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was adopted by a 7-0 vote.

15. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the fees on meters and pay stations

It was noted that since the Council adopted the local law in agenda item number 12 above a public hearing must be held before a vote can be held to increase the fees on meters and pay stations.

Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Council wishes to increase the fees on meters and pay stations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed increases, 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 November 3, 2010 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:

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF RYE**

**Notice of Public Hearing on a proposal to increase the fees on meters and pay stations.**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 3rd day of November, 2010 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 proposal to increase the fees on meters and pay stations.

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

Dawn F. Nodarse  
City Clerk  
Dated: October 27, 2010

16. Bid Award for a Truck-Mounted Combination Sewer Vacuum and Jetter (Bid# 5-10)

City Manager Pickup said that this item was one that had originally been deferred in March, but through the management of the capital projects list, staff believes that this purchase can be afforded this year. The bids came in better than anticipated.

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Bid # 5-10 for a Truck-Mounted Combination Sewer Vacuum and Jetter is hereby awarded to Gabrielli Truck Sales, the lowest bidder whose bid meets specifications, for the amount of \$288,960.00

**BID #5-10**

**(1) One Truck-Mounted Combination Sewer Vacuum and Jetter**

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>AMOUNT BID</b>
Gabrielli Truck Sales	\$288,960.00
Jet Vac, Inc.	\$331,708.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,  
Keith and Sack  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilwoman Parker

The bid was awarded by a 6-0 vote.

17. Bid Award for the Interior Alterations to the Rye Police Station (Contract # 2010-06)

City Manager Pickup said this bid was also for a project that had been deferred in March. The project addresses an operational issue and is of importance to the rank and file of the Police Department.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Contract # 2010-06 for the Interior Alterations to the Rye Police Station is hereby awarded to Peter A. Camilli and Sons, the lowest bidder whose bid meets specifications, for the amount of \$89,000.00.

**Contract No. 2010-06 - Interior Alterations to the Rye Police Station**

Contractor	Contractor's Bid	Engineer's Check	Dollar Amount Above Low Bid	% Above Low Bidder
Peter A Camilli and Sons	\$89,000.00	<b>\$89,000.00</b>	\$0.00	0.00%
Construction Force Services Inc.	\$129,989.00	<b>\$129,989.00</b>	\$40,989.00	46.06%
Abott and Price Inc.	\$134,000.00	<b>\$1,285,166.61</b>	\$45,000.00	50.56%
Fourmen Construction	\$147,500.00	<b>\$147,500.00</b>	\$58,500.00	65.73%
K-Con Site Development	\$152,000.00	<b>\$152,000.00</b>	\$63,000.00	70.79%
Foremost Development LLC	\$194,400.00	<b>\$194,400.00</b>	\$105,400.00	118.43%

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,  
Keith, Parker and Sack  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The bid was awarded by a 7-0 vote.

18. Three appointments to the Rye Golf Club Commission by the Council for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2014 and the designation of one member to the Rye Golf Club Nominating Committee

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to approve the appointments of Frank Adimari, John Duffy and Richard Verille to the Rye Golf Club Commission for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2014 and designate Paul Ryan to serve on the 2011 Rye Golf Commission Nominating Committee for a one-year term expiring on January 1, 2012.

19. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports

Councilwoman Keith said that the Sustainability Committee is working on getting members for their team, which will be brought to the Council for approval at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Councilman Jovanovich asked about the status of a memorandum regarding citizenship requirement for serving on Board and Commissions. Interim Corporation Counsel Wilson said she was working on it.

20. Old Business

Councilman Sack said that he has learned that 40% of those who pay parking tickets walk in to City Hall. It has been suggested that if that option is eliminated people may become angry and may not pay their tickets. He asked if there could be some sort of kiosk in City Hall where people could come to pay their tickets and avoid the loss of revenue. City Manager Pickup said there would be an education process that would encourage people to take care of the process online.

Councilwoman Keith asked when a crossing guard analysis could be done. City Manager Pickup said it would be part of the budget discussion. Ms. Keith also asked if information about the next steps regarding Playland could be put on the website. City Manager Pickup said that most of the documents available are County documents such as the Master Plan and the RFP, which are available on the County website, but said he would look into providing additional information.

21. New Business

Mayor French said that he and City Manager Pickup had attended the most recent meeting of the Westchester Municipal Officials Association and offered his thanks to the other members of the Council. He said the other mayors in attendance had lamented about the contentious natures of their Boards.

City Manager Pickup offered his thanks to Police Commissioner William Connors for sending a Department of Environmental Conservation poster on coyotes to schools and public areas in Rye.

22. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sack and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse  
City Clerk