

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on January 12, 2011 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: None

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. The State of the City Address by the Mayor

“Good evening -- It is a privilege to represent Rye as Mayor and to once again deliver the State of the City Address.

“Tonight, I will take a brief look back and look ahead in laying out a plan for Rye for the coming year. The decisions we make in 2011, on top of the ones we made last year, will then put Rye in a position where once again we can begin to control our own destiny, create momentum and plan a vision for the future.

“2010 was a year of transition and challenges as the City had to transform its manner of doing business in response to one of the worst recessions in our lifetime. One year ago, I stood at this podium in my first address and said: *“Just as you, your family and those around you have been tested by today’s economic times -- in 2010 our government will be tested.”*

“And we were. Not just financially, but on many fronts. We accomplished a great deal, and Rye passed those tests.

“There are three pillars of good government, not all of which you find in many communities – but they are all here in Rye.

1. First, we have sound fiscal management practices that guide how we operate.
2. Second, we have transformed our government organization structure to more effectively and efficiently provide core services.
3. And third, we have created an environment that encourages public participation to help shape our policies – and the people have responded.

“For those 3 reasons, I stand before you tonight and say the State of the City is strong.

I. SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

“We began 2010 with no money in the bank – just \$1.5M above our chartered minimum, no ability to borrow without public referenda, and a \$5M IOU on a building that dropped in value. But the biggest challenge we faced was the unexpected healthcare legislation. Our employee benefits line grew 14% in one year. Let me say that again. One quarter of our annual operating budget, which is pension and healthcare but not salaries, went from \$6.5M to \$7.4M in one year. The math simply does not add up – and the days of passing the tab onto the taxpaying public who can no longer afford it had to change.

“So, last year we made the hard decisions:

1. First, in 2010 we held spending flat to 2009 levels, saving about \$500k from what was budgeted.
2. Second, in the 2011 budget, we held spending levels to about 1% over 2009 actuals or roughly ½ percent per year for 2 years. Last January, on this night, I called for a 5% reduction across City departments and in December the council voted unanimously to adopt all of the proposed cuts by the City Manager – \$170,000 (6%) from the \$2.8M Recreation budget, \$150,000 (2%) from the \$8.6M Police Department budget, \$75,000 (6%) from the \$1.1M Library contribution, and \$285,000 (3%) from the \$9M Department of Public Works budget. Operational decisions were made by the City Manager and Department heads, but the Council established clear goals.

“The result has been a 1% increase in the 2011 tax levy – one of the lowest if not the lowest around. The budget reflects our commitment to balance conservative revenue expectations and maintain expected levels of service.

“As we look to 2012, we must continue to recognize all of our constituents are part of an economically diverse community with moderate to high-income, fixed income, under-employed and unemployed. Whether you are single, a family or a senior we want you to be able to afford to live here.

1. I call on our City Manager to identify the top 2 cost-savings initiatives for 2012. The 2011 budget was a time where we had shared sacrifices across all groups. Now we need to turn our primary focus on the biggest cost drivers.
2. I will be forming a property tax relief commission to study the situation and identify new revenue opportunities to offset the ongoing burden of property taxes. In my research, other communities across the US have taken this approach and now it is time for Rye. I will ask someone from our Citizen’s Finance Committee to chair this working group.
3. Healthcare is under local control so I am asking the City Manager to do an immediate review of our future healthcare liability and identify potential solutions.
4. Together as officials and residents we need to continue to push for pension reform with NY State.
5. Last December, we came to agreement with our largest union -- local 1000 DPW. We still have 3 expired labor contracts with our Police, Fire and Clerical unions. A negotiated settlement is the best option for all and I am hopeful the unions will come to the bargaining table.

2. TRANSFORMING OUR GOVERNMENT

“With the ongoing municipal recession, we had to begin to transform our City operation in order to efficiently provide municipal services and maintain our quality of life. A lot was accomplished. We started in the City Manager’s office.

City Management

“This year marked 50 years since Rye established itself as a City Manager form of government, yet with recent turnover – we had to stabilize that position. The City Council conducted a thorough search and interview process and in the end, unanimously appointed Scott Pickup. His 5 years in the assistant position and living in the community, his knowledge of municipal government and the inter-workings of the City, and his overwhelming endorsement of surrounding municipal officials and peers, made him the right person at the right time.

Litigation Management

“For a small city, Rye has a full docket of cases. The focus of our legal services has to meet the ongoing demands on municipalities and accomplish three objectives:

- Provide in-house staff support and advisory to prevent litigation where possible.
- Provide a range of municipal law expertise and practice-area specialization to effectively manage the variety of matters the City faces.
- Incorporate cost-containment measures and management.

“The changes we implemented in our law department meet all of those objectives and provide the City with effective legal representation in today’s litigious environment.

“In addition, we were able to provide continued rent protection for 99 out of 102 residents at Highland Hall, negotiate competitive water rate increases with United Water, pass “No-knock” legislation, and we are no longer in dispute with our neighboring community, Rye Brook.

“Most importantly, after the court ruling, I am very pleased to have come together and worked with School Board President Josh Nathan and Osborn Chairman Jack Miller to come to agreement on the long-standing Osborn Home dispute and avoid further litigation -- and instead look toward the future and partnership opportunities.

1037 Boston Post Road

“This year we made good on the \$5M IOU. The staff and council have worked hard on discussing next steps and will be issuing a plan in the coming year.

Public Safety

“In 2010, burglaries, coyotes and other threats including storms were met head-on by our professionals. The charge to our City Manager and Commissioner has been to maintain our level of public safety and optimize deployment of personnel where needed with the priority on patrol. Two patrolman vacancies were sworn in this week. Like other communities, there will be a modification in our DARE program and Marine patrol.

“The other side of public safety is an informed and alert public. The Commissioner has successfully instituted our public notification e-mail and text system – nixle.com to complement the reverse 911 phone calls. One of our key priorities in 2011 will be to expand this program. Every Rye resident should sign up for this notification service to stay informed of emergency, public safety, weather and traffic issues around our City.

“With coyotes, our strategy will continue as one of controlled co-existence through trapping and relocation to instill fear of humans, and education of the public to be on alert. We will continue regional coordination with surrounding

communities, Westchester County, the New York State DEC and the Federal government.”

4. General Announcements

Councilmembers thanked the Department of Public Works and Police Department for their efforts during the recent snow storms and made announcements regarding meetings, events and activities of various boards, committees and organizations in the City.

5. Recognition of Safe Routes to School Award Winners

Mayor French announced the winners of the recent Safe Routes to School Poster Contest held at the Rye Middle School that encouraged students to submit posters featuring safe walking and biking tips. They were as follows: 1st Place: Grier Poole; 2nd Place: Daniel Sundaram and 3rd Place: Samantha Brown. Honorable mention was awarded to: Alissa Vitiello, Jack Usry and Eli Reynolds. The Council offered their congratulations to all.

6. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 15, 2010

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Filippi and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 15, 2010, as amended.

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

John Carey, 860 Forest Avenue, referred to a memo he had sent and urged the Council to utilize independent legal counsel, other than the firm the Corporation Counsel is associated with, when outside legal counsel is necessary. He said the Council must not restrain competition in the furnishing of legal services. He added that separate law firms should be able to bid for legal work. Mayor French said that legal services outside of the Corporation Counsel’s Retainer Agreement would require a Council vote and would not be exclusive to any firm. City Manager Pickup pointed out that in the last year the City had many different attorneys representing it for different types of legal work. Councilman Sack pointed out that the “lions share” of legal bills paid by the City are paid to the Corporation Counsel’s firm.

Robert Zahm, 7 Ridgewood Drive, spoke about issues related to snow removal. He noted that there was improved compliance with shoveling of snow but pointed out that the area along Old Post Road over the Playland Access Bridge had not been shoveled and that snow piles were created at street corners as a result of plowing, which blocked many crosswalks and intersections. As a result pedestrians were required to walk in the streets. He asked who is responsible for clearing away the snow that blocks the crosswalks and intersections. City Manager Pickup said it was not a defined part of the snow removal process but indicated that the City had begun clearing crosswalks in areas where crossing guards are provided when they have manpower. Mr. Zahm again urged the Council to post statistics related to citations issued by the Police Department. Councilman Jovanovich noted that the Police Commissioner is working on a

new format for presenting the data. He also suggested that there should be a plan to help seniors or people on fixed incomes to clear their snow.

8. Mayor's Management Report

- Update from the Playland Advisory Committee

Charles Dorn, the Chair of the Playland Advisory Committee reported on the activities of both the Playland Advisory Committee and the Playland Strategic Planning Committee. He said that the Playland Advisory Committee, which had met once in the previous five years, has been reactivated and met twice during the year with representatives of Playland. He summarized issues the Committee has been dealing with such as the Tiki Bar Restaurant including utilization of space and issues related to alcohol consumption, noise issues, and concerns about Playland's new ticket policy. He said that they have conveyed the concerns of residents to the Playland Administration. Going forward for 2011, the Committee has drafted a list of issues that will be forwarded to the County expressing concerns relating to issues such as the golf carts utilized by the Tiki Bar to transport patrons; pricing issues; the hours of the park's operation; signage issues; marketing suggestions; any planned capital projects; expansion of the art show from last year and parking. He said that people could contact himself or Councilwoman Parker with complaints.

Mr. Dorn next provided an update on the Playland Strategic Planning Committee. Playland is the only municipally owned and operated amusement park in the country. The Committee has met six times, done a tour of Playland, conducted two public forums and made an effort to educate people before requesting feedback. They have received information regarding what types of people might or might not be interested in bidding on Playland as well as the historical background of the park. He said a not-for-profit group from Rye called Sustainable Playland is preparing a bid for a public/private relationship. Other suggestions made include a passive park; tearing down the park and building condos; building a hotel/conference center and increasing retail. Concerns expressed include traffic; environmental issues; keeping access to the water and appropriateness of what might be built. He said that the County is not sure what they want to accomplish with Playland because they don't know what responses they will get to their Request for Proposals (RFP). He said it is important to determine what would work for Rye while also considering the needs of other communities in Westchester. If any part of Playland is commercialized it would have to receive alienation of parkland approvals from the County and State.

Councilman Sack expressed the belief that whatever is done at Playland should be consistent with the character of Rye and should not drastically effect the quality of life of residents.

Mayor French noted that the process has been beneficial to the community to get all the facts out and there seems to be a consensus of opinion building. The Council is looking to pass a Resolution at the March 2nd meeting, to be forwarded to the County Executive, outlining the types of things the City would like to see at Playland. He asked that Mr. Dorn come back to the February meeting with final recommendations from the Committee.

Agenda Items 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 were taken out of order.

- Update on all outstanding City Grants

City Manager Pickup reported on the status of the following Grants:

Bird Homestead Grants:

- The \$250,000 New York State Strategic Investment Grant - is in the Office of Management and Budget awaiting specific disbursements.
- The 200,000 Westchester County Conservation Easement Acquisition Grant – waiting for the setting of a closing date in either late January or early February when the City should receive a check.
- The Long Island Sound Stewardship Grant – waiting for authorization for disbursement of the money.
- The New York State Parks and Historic Preservation Grant –concerns of the Attorney General’s Office related to title concerns seem to be resolved. The next step would be to send it to the Office of Management and Budget for disbursement.

The City has not issued Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANs) in connection with any of the above grants at this time. There are concerns relative to the one-year window for repaying a RAN that if the money is not received, the City would have to put long-term borrowing into place.

Sluice Gate Grant:

- The City will not go to final authorization and bidding on the project until the grant is approved. Since October, the City has been waiting for a Budget Certificate Letter or Master Certificate, which will provide the authorization to bid the project.

\$10,000 Grant for Fire Protection Equipment

- The money was approved for disbursement on January 12th and the purchase order has been issued.

2007 Flood-related projects New York State Emergency Relief Funds –due to the New York State process of giving each project the same Project Identification Number, the projects will not be moved forward individually. Both projects come out of New York State funds that are controlled by the State Department of Transportation.

- Central Avenue Bridge Project – the project is ready to go out to bid, when authorization is received from the State.
- Theodore Fremd Avenue Retaining Wall – this project is in a Federal authorization process and has been sent for a NEPA review which is a Federal Highway requirement. The engineering has been approved through the State. Once the Federal approvals are received, the project would be fully approved and ready to go out for bid.

- Update on Police Staffing

The Council was provided an update prepared by the Police Commissioner relative to the 2011 staffing levels for the Department. He said the issue with police staffing is not how many police officers are authorized, but how many are available to work at a given time. Currently there is one officer on limited duty status and another on long-term disability absence. Although these positions are both fully funded, it impacts the amount of manpower available to put out on the street. Decisions will be made on the amount of police coverage available in the best interests of the City. The authorization is for 35, without counting the Police Commissioner or Parking Enforcement Officers. The Department continues to use a five squad chart to fill patrol slots.

- Legal Update

Corporation Counsel Wilson reported on the following matters:

- Osborn v. City of Rye – The Consent Judgment and Order and Judgment have been forwarded to the County and the Order and Judgment has been signed by the Judge.
- Bassett v. Rye – The matter went to trial and the jury returned a verdict that the City was liable for \$50,000. The City has made a motion to set aside the verdict and a decision is expected within 30 days.
- Beaver Swamp Administrative Hearing – Harrison has been asked to provide a local analysis of the local impacts such as traffic, noise and visual impacts related to Project Homerun. They are in the process of updating studies that were previously done in 2004. After the studies are submitted, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will make a SEQRA determination.

The City Clerk offered a brief update on the “No Knock Registry” that residents can now sign up for in order to prevent peddlers or solicitors from coming to their homes.

9. Presentation by the Rye Shared Roadways Committee

Committee members Steve Cadenhead and Maureen Gomez made a presentation about what the Council could expect of the Committee. They will provide: (1) a list of short and long term prioritized projects that will make the roadways in Rye a better place for everyone; (2) specific requests for Council Resolutions; and (3) community outreach. They indicated that they are working with City Planner Christian Miller on the list of projects and the timing is set to coincide with the capital planning process. The Committee will focus on the needs of user groups including school children, commuters, recreational users and people with special needs. An example of areas where they may request Resolutions from the Council include: the East Coast Greenway Project; the implementation of Sharrows on the roadways; the Complete Streets Policy; and sidewalk repair policies. In connection with public outreach, they believe: pedestrian and bicycle safety education should start as early as kindergarten; programs from outside organizations should be brought into the schools; the City should draw on other communities programs such a walking school buses; and focus groups and safety seminars for seniors should be held. They believe it is important to raise community awareness of the Committee’s work in order to make sure they are doing what the community wants and suggested the use of surveys or a link on the City website.

10. Presentation by the Government Policy & Research Committee on Home Rule Legislation

Committee members Susan Jansen and Terrence Stack spoke about the Committee's work on the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT). They noted that their mission is to study and educate about issues not make recommendations. The Council is considering increasing the current 1% rate for the GRT. The GRT is a charge on the sales of utility services that is recovered through end user utility bills. The City collects about \$400,000 annually through the GRT. An additional \$400,000 to \$800,000 could be raised if the Council decides to impose an additional 1-2%. Smaller cities must request authority to increase their rates. Yonkers implemented a 3% GRT in the 1980s. Up to 57 cities outside New York City have imposed a GRT of at least 1%. The Council and School Board of Plattsburgh recently debated imposing a GRT. The School Board looked at it as a way of diversifying sources of revenue to avoid increases in property taxes. The proposal was withdrawn from consideration based on negative reaction from the Council, Chamber of Commerce and public. If the City passes a Resolution to increase the GTR, enabling legislation will be required from the State Legislature. City Manager Pickup added that if the local jurisdiction asks for the authority to increase the GRT, the expectation at the State level would be that it will be implemented. He added that the City could use the money as a way of reinvesting in the community. He noted that the School District is also authorized to collect a GRT separately from the City. Mr. Pickup advised that Legislators have asked to receive Home Rule requests early in the legislative session, by end of January or early February.

11. Discussion on 2011 Home Rule Legislation

Mayor French asked Councilmembers to provide suggestions for Home Rule Legislation that would be discussed at the next Council meeting. The suggestions included:

- Gross Receipts Tax;
- The requirement to stop in a crosswalk vs. yielding in a crosswalk;
- Red light cameras.

The Council was advised that suggestions such as adding a community service requirement to the penalties for talking on a cell phone and increasing the penalty for speeding in a school zone would not be subjects for Home Rule Legislation because they would require changing State law.

12. Public Hearing for a License Agreement Application submitted by NextG Networks, Inc. for telecommunications access in the Public Rights-of-Way

Corporation Counsel Wilson noted that NextG had received approval from the Board of Architectural Review and were back before the Council for a public hearing and approval to do work in the City rights-of-way.

Councilman Filippi made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache and unanimously carried to open the public hearing.

Joshua Trauner, the Director of Government Services for NextG Networks, said that NextG is a telecommunications company that installs a type of network called a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) which utilizes extremely low powered and small equipment installations on existing telecommunications infrastructure. Councilman Sack noted that the Corporation Counsel had advised that City did not have an option to deny the application or negotiate the fee, but asked if there were any health issues associated with the equipment that would be placed in the right-of-ways. Mr. Trauner said that safety reports have been done on the equipment that show that the radio frequency emissions are less than 1% of the maximum set by the Federal Government. He offered to supply the reports to the Council.

There was no one from the public who wished to speak.

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 Keith to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Manager and Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with NextG Networks, Inc. for telecommunications access in the City of Rye Public Rights-of-way.

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.

13. Consideration to set a Public Hearing for March 2, 2011 for the establishment of the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District

City Manager Pickup said that two district-wide petitions have been distributed to members of the proposed District and the number voting in favor is well over the 66 2/3% statutory threshold for creating a Special Assessment District. The size of the district has been expanded from the original proposal to include additional properties closer to the Mill Pond.

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

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to establish the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing to discuss the establishment of such Sewer Special Assessment District; 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 March 2, 2011 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 to establish the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary
Sewer Special Assessment District**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 2nd day of March, 2011 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 establishment of the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District.

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

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk
Dated: February 16, 2011

14. City Council declaration of intent to be Lead Agency and referral to the Rye City Planning Commission for Advisory LWRP Coastal Consistency and Wetland Permit Approval in connection with the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District

Corporation Counsel Wilson said this agenda item is an action defined under the Environmental Conservation Law that requires that a Lead Agency be designated.

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

RESOLVED, that the City Council declares its intent to be Lead Agency and hereby refers to the Rye City Planning Commission for Advisory

LWRP Coastal Consistency and Wetland Permit Approval in connection with the Kirby Lane Extension Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District.

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. Appointment of the 2011 Deputy Mayor by the Mayor

Mayor French appointed Councilwoman Paula Gamache as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2011, to serve as Deputy Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

16. Appointment of a Council Member as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund, by the Mayor with Council approval, for a one-year term

Mayor French made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Councilman Richard Filippi as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2011.

17. Designation of the City Council's Audit Committee by the Mayor

Mayor French appointed Councilwoman Paula Gamache and Councilman Peter Jovanovich to the City Council's Audit Committee for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2011.

18. Resolution to establish and appoint a Legal Case Management Committee

Mayor French said this agenda item would not be voted on at this meeting. The purpose of the Committee would be to oversee the Corporation Counsel's review of legal invoices. The Committee would not provide legal strategy. It would be composed of the City Manager, the Mayor and at least one other Councilmember.

19. Designation of the following City Council Liaisons by the Mayor

Mayor French asked the other members of the Council to review his suggestions for liaison and notify him regarding their interests.

20. Designation of official City newspaper

Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, to designate *The Journal News* as the official City newspaper.

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.

21. Designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to recommend the following amounts of faithful performance bonds, as recommended by the auditors:

A. City Comptroller	\$ 1,000,000
B. City Clerk	\$ 500,000
C. City Marshal	\$ 100,000

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.

22. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports

Councilwoman Keith reported that the YMCA Safe Routes Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 18th. The Sustainability Committee will be meeting on January 26th. This Committee is interested in holding Public Forum on March 31st. The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee will meet on January 13th. The Shared Roadways Committee will meet on January 26th and is looking for public feedback.

The Rye Town Park Commission will be meeting on January 18th to approve a budget.

23. Old Business

Councilman Filippi said he would like to put revising the Tree Ordinance on the Council agenda for February. He said a key to revising the law was how it would be enforced and suggested a model similar to the Bay Constable concept whereby people could be trained on what to look for and volunteers could be utilized. City Manager Pickup said he would work with the Corporation Counsel on issues related to using volunteers for Code Enforcement.

Councilman Jovanovich said he would like a Council discussion on flood legislation when there is sufficient time to devote to the discussion.

Councilman Sack said he would like to schedule a discussion on the Golf Club for the March 7th meeting. He offered to circulate an agenda and reach out to interested parties.

Councilwoman Gamache asked for an update on the Westchester Joint Waterworks situation. City Manager Pickup said that letters had been sent to them but no official correspondence had been received. The City's water attorney has been asked to provide three options on how the City might proceed.

Councilwoman Keith said that the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee will look at a Resolution relating to pedestrian safety, traffic safety and neighborhood issues in order to protect citizens when construction is being done in the City, which will then come back to the Council. She also asked that ideas regarding Communication Strategy be discussed at a meeting.

Mayor French asked Corporation Counsel Wilson to do an orientation for the Board of Architectural Review regarding the Committee's mandate.

24. New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

25. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Councilman Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jovanovich and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk