

APPROVED MINUTES of the Special
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in
City Hall on June 24, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

DOUGLAS FRENCH Mayor
LAURA BRETT
CATHERINE F. PARKER (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
JOSEPH A. SACK
Councilmembers

ABSENT: RICHARD FILIPPI
PETER JOVANOVIK
JULIE KILLIAN
Councilmembers

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. Presentation by All City Management Services (ACMS) for the outsourcing of school crossing guard services

Prior to the presentation by All City Management Services (ACMS), Police Commissioner William Connors updated the Council on the Police Department's efforts to recruit crossing guards. He said that ads have been run on the International Association of Chiefs of Police website the Indeed website. To date 84 resumes have been received and two completed applications have been submitted. They will also continue looking through the local churches. There are two to three authorized positions to be filled but he and the City Manager are also considering needs that will result from the school construction project.

Patricia Pohl, Director of Operations of ACMS made a presentation regarding the services that her company offers in connection with providing crossing guards, which she called "invaluable" to public safety. They have approximately 3,000 guards working throughout the country. Ms. Pohl outlined how ACMS recruits, trains and supervises crossing guards. She also noted that all liability rests with their company. She said that utilizing ACMS frees up police departments to do what they are trained and paid to do. They would retain the current crossing guards who wished to stay at their current rate, but new guards would be paid a lower rate. In

summary the services provided by ACMS include: the entire responsibility for the crossing guard program – recruiting, hiring, training, discipline, firing, workers comp, insurance, equipment, and supervision. They work at the direction of the Police Commissioner.

Mayor French asked Ms. Pohl to report back to the Council with what ACMS's recommended oversight model would look like.

The Police Commissioner was asked to provide information regarding how many times a police officer was used to backfill a crossing guard spot during the 2012-2013 school year.

4. Appeal of denial of FOIL request by Timothy Chittenden

Corporation Counsel Wilson said that a FOIL request was submitted in connection with an accident which took place at the City Manager's residence. Twenty-two documents were provided. The response is being appealed on two grounds: (1) there are additional documents responsive that have not been provided; and (2) information was redacted from the documents provided. Ms. Wilson said that the information redacted included telephone numbers and social security numbers – information that is typically redacted. There were documents that were withheld that concerned prior convictions of the defendant/driver, which would be denied under the personal privacy exception of FOIL. There was a discussion that there was no reference in the response to the requestor that certain documents were being withheld and why; and why redactions were being made.

Councilman Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Brett, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the appeal of the response to a FOIL request for "copies of all reports, cad dispatch reports, accident reports, incident reports, arrest reports, Vehicle and traffic summons issued, supplemental reports, drug screening reports, inventory reports and all other reports with regard to the 12/12/2010 accident at City Manager Pickup's house," is denied in part and granted in part; that part which is granted is for: the reasons for the redactions made; certification that no other responsive documents have been located; and, to provide the exemption under which certain documents were withheld.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor French, Councilmembers Brett, Parker and Sack
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmembers Filippi, Jovanovich and Killian

The Resolution was adopted by a 4-0 vote

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Councilwoman Brett made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk