

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on April 8, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSEPH A. SACK Mayor
LAURA BRETT
KIRSTIN BUCCI
JULIE KILLIAN
RICHARD MECCA
RICHARD SLACK
Councilmembers

ABSENT: TERRENCE McCARTNEY, Councilmember

The Council convened at 7:11 p.m. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Brett and unanimously carried, to immediately adjourn into executive session to discuss collective bargaining. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman Slack and unanimously carried, to adjourn the executive session at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. General Announcements by the Council

Announcements were made regarding various topics, events and meetings that may be of interest to residents. Mayor Sack noted the passing of Nicholas J. Groglio, Sr., the father of Rye Police Sergeant Nick Groglio. He offered condolences to the family and asked for a moment of silence.

4. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 25, 2015

Councilwoman Brett made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on March 25, 2015.

5. Issues Update/Old Business

Councilwoman Brett reported on two issues before the Planning Commission:

Theodore Fremd Avenue Affordable Housing Project: The applicant is refining his plans for the senior housing. The project is moving forward and City staff is working very hard to ensure that the sewer improvements that will be done in conjunction with the project are moving forward.

Rezoning Request for 120 Old Post Road: The Planning Commission is not ready to send a recommendation to the City Council but they have reached a consensus regarding the use as being something the community can support. The Commission is addressing density issues regarding the proposed zoning, and setbacks and F.A.R. on the site. City Planner Miller has been asked to forward traffic studies to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee.

6. Continuation of Public Hearing to amend local law Chapter 165, "Signs", of the Rye City Code by adding Section §165-10, "Regulation of banners", to establish regulations for banners on utility poles on City property

Corporation Counsel Wilson summarized the changes made to the proposed legislation since the last meeting, which now only deals with banners on City-owned utility poles. The approval authority is the City Council, not the Board of Architectural Review. Additionally, language has been added that limits how often a license can be granted in order to allow for change over. Members of the Council suggested language changes in order to indicate that approval of banners on poles would not be permitted unless they received Council approval and that approval would only be for special events. The Corporation Counsel was asked to circulate the proposed changes to the Council for comment prior to their going into the packet.

Councilwoman Brett made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried to adjourn the public hearing until the April 22, 2014 meeting.

7. Resolution requesting that properties from the High Street/Maple Avenue/Central Avenue neighborhood be transferred from the Blind Brook Sewer District to the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District in connection with the installation of a new sewer line from Nursery Lane to North Street

Mayor Sack said that the reason for the change is because the County promised to move the sewer line in connection with the approval for the Affordable Housing project on Theodore Fremd Avenue and North Street. As a result of this change, several properties will be moved into a different sewer district. City Manager Culross said the Resolution before the Council will request the County Board of Legislators to revise the boundaries of the County sewer districts.

Councilman Mecca disclosed that he owns a property in the district.

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

RESOLUTION

Requesting that Properties from the High Street/Maple Avenue/Central Avenue Neighborhood be Transferred From the Blind Brook Sewer District to the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District In Connection With the Installation of a New Sewer Line From Nursery Lane to North Street.

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2015, the Rye City Council adopted a resolution requesting Westchester County funding for the design, construction, construction inspection and other related costs associated with the implementation of a new approximately 950-foot sewer line from Nursery Lane to existing manhole in North Street; and

WHEREAS, the sewer project requires the transfer of properties from the Blind Brook Sewer District to the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rye City Council authorizes the City Engineering Department to provide a letter requesting Westchester County Board of Legislators approval to transfer of the following 113 properties from the Blind Brook Sewer District to the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District:

Parcel ID (S/B/L)	Address
146-10-1-1	71 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-10	23 HIGH ST
146-10-1-11	17 HIGH ST
146-10-1-12	31 HIGH ST
146-10-1-13	81 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-14	87 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-15	9 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-16	95 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-17	99 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-18	82 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-2	73 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-27	204 NORTH ST
146-10-1-28	150 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-29	144 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-3	75 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-30	142 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-31	140 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-32	138 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-33	134 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-34	130 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-35	124 MAPLE AVE

146-10-1-36	118 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-37	112 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-38	104 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-39	102 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-4	49 HIGH ST
146-10-1-40	107 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-41	6 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-42	8 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-43	16 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-45	22 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-46	21 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-47	23 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-48	24-28 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-49	115 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-5	47 HIGH ST
146-10-1-50	127 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-51-1	135 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-51-2	131 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-52	30 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-53	25 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-54	170 NORTH ST
146-10-1-55	27 NURSERY LN
146-10-1-56	182 NORTH ST
146-10-1-57	139 MAPLE AVE
146-10-1-58-1	200 NORTH ST
146-10-1-58-2	196 NORTH ST
146-10-1-6	41 HIGH ST
146-10-1-60	197 NORTH ST
146-10-1-61	193 NORTH ST
146-10-1-7	39 HIGH ST
146-10-1-8 35-	37 HIGH ST
146-10-1-9	27 HIGH ST
146-6-1-41	260 LOCUST AVE
146-6-1-51	40 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-1-52	60 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-1	249 LOCUST AVE
146-6-2-10	25 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-11	246 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-12	236 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-13	232 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-14	35 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-15	31 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-16	25 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-17	15 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-2	235 LOCUST AVE
146-6-2-3	9 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-52	200 CENTRAL AVE

146-6-2-53	210 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-54	214 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-55	224 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-56	228 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-57	49 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-58	57 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-59	59 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-6	14 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-60	227 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-61	219 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-62	211 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-63	209 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-64	203 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-68	2 CLINTON AVE
146-6-2-69	12 HIGH ST
146-6-2-7	24 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-70	18 HIGH ST
146-6-2-71	28 HIGH ST
146-6-2-72	30 HIGH ST
146-6-2-73	38 HIGH ST
146-6-2-74	46 HIGH ST
146-6-2-75	48 HIGH ST
146-6-2-76 67-	69 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-77	58 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-77-1	66 HIGH ST
146-6-2-78	56 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-79-1	46 MAPLE & 241 CEN AVE
146-6-2-79-2	245 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-79-3	249 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-79-4	255 CENTRAL AVE
146-6-2-8	34 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-80	31 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-81	33 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-82	35 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-83	72 HIGH ST
146-6-2-84	70 HIGH ST
146-6-2-85	70 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-86	80 MAPLE AVE
146-6-2-87	65 HIGH ST
146-6-2-88	71 HIGH ST
146-6-2-89	77 HIGH ST
146-6-2-9	17 SUMMIT AVE
146-6-2-90	81 HIGH ST
146-6-2-92	SUMMIT AVE
146-9-1-1	203 NORTH ST

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Brett, Bucci, Killian, Mecca and Slack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman McCartney

The Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote.

8. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda

Joseph Murphy, Chair of the Rye Senior Advocacy Committee, presented the Council with copies of the Committee's Annual Report and reported that Det. John Wood had made a presentation to the Rye Senior's Organization regarding scams. He added that work on updating the Senior Directory is almost finished.

Meg Cameron, 5 Martin Butler Court, asked about an outstanding FOIL request that she had submitted and not yet received a response to.

9. Resolution to transfer funds from the Contingent Account to the Public Works Department for expenses incurred for the purchase of salt and overtime for the 2015 winter season

Roll Call.

City Manager Culross said staff is recommending this transfer to reimburse the department for overtime expended this year and for salt used, as well as to allow the refilling of the salt bins so there will be salt available for next fall

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

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the amounts expended for sale for storm coverage in fiscal 2015 exceeded the amounts provided for in the adopted 2015 budget by \$160,000, and the amounts expended for overtime related to storms and snow removal in fiscal 2015 exceeded the amounts provided for in the adopted 2015 budget by \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, that the Deputy City Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$250,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Public Works Department.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Brett, Bucci, Killian, Mecca and Slack
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman McCartney

The Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote.

10. One appointment to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2020, by the Mayor with Council approval

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Caroline Mosher Gadaleta to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2019.

- 10A. Five appointments to the Finance Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2018, by the Mayor with Council Approval

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Evan Bernardi, Diane Ball Brendel, Dave Desmond, Mark Doran and Tatiana Shestova to the Finance Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2018.

11. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports

Councilwoman Brett reported that the Landmarks Committee does not agree with the location originally suggested by the Ceres Garden Club for the placement of the Blue Star Memorial Markers and after consultation with the City Manager's office has suggested a site located near City Hall. This location has also been vetted with the American Legion.

Councilwoman Killian asked who was responsible for maintaining the property on Midland Avenue near the entrance to 287. City Manager Culross said it was probably either the New York State Thruway Authority or the Department of Transportation.

Mayor Sack reported that prior to this meeting he and Councilwoman Killian met with two residents regarding the issue of new building, tear downs and reconstruction in the City. The residents believe there should be greater restrictions on construction of new homes. Mayor Sack said it was a conversation that will continue as the City looks toward updating its Master Plan.

12. New Business

There was nothing reported under this Agenda item.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the search for a new City Manager and not return to the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk