

***APPROVED MINUTES*** of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on January 13, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSEPH A. SACK Mayor  
KIRSTIN BUCCI  
EMILY HURD  
TERRENCE McCARTNEY  
RICHARD MECCA  
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN  
Councilmembers

ABSENT: JULIE KILLIAN  
Councilmember

The Council convened at 6:30 PM. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried to immediately adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:30 PM. The regular meeting convened at 7:35 PM.

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. The State of the City Address by the Mayor.

“First, as we start the New Year, I would like to welcome two new members of the Rye City Council – Danielle Tagger-Epstein and Emily Hurd. I would also like to welcome back Council member Richard Mecca. Congratulations and good luck to you all.

Further, I would like to recognize all former Council members and current elected officials who are present, including Judge Latwin and Judge Carey.

We have as our most special guests this evening, the fourth and fifth grade student government leaders from the Midland, Milton and Osborn schools.

When you hear your name, please stand and remain standing until I have called all names. From Midland School: Kyan Cox, Lucca Cristiano, Casey Delfs, Maelin Doran, Andrew Lukes, Owen Myers, Lara Nemeth, Lily O’Connor, Charles Reddoch, Avery Smith, Ryan Wade, and Charlie Williams.

From Milton School, Thomas Anderson, Paddy Harrigan, Hannah Keegan, James Kennedy, Ellie Kruijtzer, Brette Moore, Maggie O'Connor, Henry Paul, Kendall Reidy, Kendall Scansaroli, Marra Storey, Amalie Tuypens, Nick Vlasto, and Meredith Ward.

From Osborn School: Graham Alban, Delia Bajuk, Bri Bieber, Tyler Canna, Delia Degnan, Dylan Garbutt, Emily Hirsch, Alli Hochberg, Ian Khemlani, Samantha Khemlani, AJ Miller, Laura Morris, Noel Regan, Julian Rozowsky, Scarlett Russo, Jake Sammon and Dillion Schmidt.

I would like to thank the school principals, Jim Boylan, Joanne Nardone and Angela Garcia, as well as Mary Partington, Michelle Johnson and Laura O'Leary, for their help in arranging the students to be present. I would also like to thank Superintendent Frank Alvarez, Dr. Betty Ann Wyks, and Board President Katy Glassberg for working as partners on issues that affect us all.

Girls and boys, you have ahead of you: middle school and high school, college and beyond, and unlimited potential. That may seem like a long road, but I assure you, as the parent of three daughters myself, all about your age, it goes by very quickly.

And indeed Katie, Allie and Mary Sack are here tonight. It's not too embarrassing to be the mayor's daughter, is it?

You may someday move away from Rye, but when you put roots down elsewhere, you will draw strength from the memory of the community in which you were raised.

And for those of you who will return to Rye to raise families of your own, as far off as that may seem, you will no doubt take leadership roles in organizations which have served as pillars of our community – the Rye Little League, the Rye Arts Center, the Rye Nature Center, the Rye Free Reading Room.

I am sure that among you right now are future City Council members, a future Mayor of Rye.

Because of you, and because of your families, the state of our City is strong, and will continue to be strong.

My colleagues and I on the City Council play important roles. However, we are volunteers and serve in a part-time capacity. We all have careers and/or other responsibilities aside and apart from our public service.

The day-to-day operations of the City are run by a full-time professional Rye City Manager, who oversees all other Rye City employees. Therefore, one of the most important responsibilities that the City Council has is to hire a good and trustworthy person to fill this role.

In 2015, we did just that when our long and diligent search led us to Marcus Serrano.

Our top mandate to Marcus has been, and continues to be, to lead City operations in an open, honest and responsive manner. In short order, Marcus has exceeded our high expectations in that regard. Marcus, we are very glad that you are here.

Subsequently, Marcus proceeded to select two new key City department heads, with the hiring of Michael Corcoran as Police Commissioner and Carolyn D'Andrea as City Clerk, bringing fresh perspectives to Police Headquarters and to City Hall. Michael and Carolyn will continue to make significant contributions towards solidifying the public's renewed trust and confidence in our City government.

They have joined top-notch veterans on the City staff, who are also here tonight: Assistant City Manager Eleanor Militana, Recreation Superintendent Sally Rogol, Assessor Noreen Whitty, Planner Christian Miller, Engineer Ryan Coyne, Building Inspector Maureen Eckman, Comptroller Joe Fazzino, Golf Club GM Jim Buonaiuto, Personnel Manager Maryann Cianci, Corporation Counsel Kristen Wilson, Fire Lt. Kurt Tietjen, Boat Basin Supervisor Pete Fox, and Cable Coordinator Nicole Levitsky.

Thank you to all City employees for the great work that you do, day-in and day-out. Like Fred Astaire dancing, you do it so well, that you make something quite difficult look rather effortless. Your service helps make Rye such a terrific place to live.

In 2015, together we achieved good outcomes on a number of long-standing issues, including: the passage of historic new rock-chipping legislation, the creation of a new downtown historic district, the implementation of the innovative new off-leash dog policy at Rye Town Park, the successful search for and retention of a new insurance broker, the investment of \$1 million dollars in repaving our roads, the approval of rezoning for a senior housing project on the site of a vacant building on Old Post Road, and with the help of Council members Terry McCartney and Kirstin Bucci especially, the navigation of a difficult summer at Rye Golf Club which saw the closing of greens, but which culminated in a positive financial resolution.

How did we do it? In the words of former Mayor and Judge John Carey: hard work, team work, imagination and guts, from all seven members of the Council. And by the way, John has been a tremendous resource and role model for me as I have developed in my role as mayor.

For the past two years, the City Council has worked very hard to set a new trend in how we conduct our business.

In dealing with the public, the Council has been committed to listening to and considering all good-faith points of view. While residents sometimes hold passionately to one perspective or another, which is their right, Council members do not have the luxury of serving only as partisan advocates.

In dealing with the City Manager and his staff, the Council has chosen to encourage creativity and to allow our professionals the leeway to do their jobs, while also appropriately exercising a necessary level of guidance and oversight.

In dealing with each other, the Council has made an affirmative effort to develop consensus around workable solutions. Members of the Council have had, and no doubt will continue to have, differing points of view on the substance of issues. But we have been united in supporting a process of productively working through disagreements.

Moreover, the Council has learned that achieving buy-in from all members on controversial issues carries greater moral value, and garners wider and deeper acceptance, especially when public opinion is initially divided. We have found that it is better to be personally effective, than to take uncompromising stands or to engage in political posturing, which serves no beneficial purpose.

Collaboration and equanimity have been our hallmarks. This has generated good will and mutual respect in our community. Residents appreciate it, expect it, and deserve it. Let's keep the positive momentum going.

At the end of the day, we are one community. We are One Rye.

This approach will continue to be essential as we address other new and continuing issues in 2016, including: the negotiation of new collective bargaining agreements, which deal with unchecked long-term health care liabilities, the re-structuring of our fire department, to provide for appropriate supervision and to re-calibrate the dynamics between professional and volunteer members, the establishment of better emergency preparedness protocols and procedures, the publication of a revised Master Plan for the next 30 years, the continued monitoring of Port Chester's plans at the former United Hospital site, the resolution of the continuing litigation at the Rye Golf Club, the activation of a comprehensive deer control strategy, the development of a plan to meet sewer line influx and infiltration requirements, the maintenance of forward progress at Rye Town Park, in partnership with our neighboring municipalities, as we look to negotiate new contracts for park amenities, at the Boat Basin, a continued search for new revenue and planning for the future, at Playland, a continued commitment to protecting Rye's interests, the purchase of energy efficient lighting and green technology, the study of a City-wide 25 MPH speed limit, the implementation of flood mitigation strategies using the promised New York Rising grant money, the funding and prioritizing of other needed infrastructure improvements, the consideration of a Charter change to increase our relatively low debt limit, and the overall achievement of preserving both essential and desired City services in a tax-capped environment with ever-increasing costs.

This presentation summarizes just a partial list of our past highlights, and our new challenges ahead. We have a lot on our plate, but we look forward to rising to the occasion.

Sadly, 2015 marked the loss of two of Rye's most prominent citizens: John Carolin and Judge Peter Lane.

John was 99 years old when he passed, but he was one of the youngest people I knew. He was a kindred spirit – we both benefitted from a Jesuit education – and I admired his unique combination of rectitude and irreverence.

Peter was a fine jurist, a caring family man, a trusted confidante, and – truth be told – a first-class schmoozer. As mayor, as in life, Peter always beseeched me to be “presidential.” And I hope that that word does not lose its true meaning in today’s world of less than inspiring national political candidates.

It must also be noted that in the last year or so, three former Mayors of Rye have died: Warren Ross, Fred Hunziker and Ed Grainger. On the wall in this Council chamber are affixed their portraits, which now serve as eternal tributes to their great service to our City.

Along with luminaries such as Theodore Fremd, John Motley Morehead, Livingston Platt and Clay Johnson, Ed Grainger is one of Rye’s most famous mayors, for his role during the late 1960’s and early 1970’s in fighting New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller and the powerful Robert Moses over their plans to build a bridge from Oyster Bay, across the Long Island Sound, and right through the heart of Rye. Ed will always be remembered for winning that fight and saving our community.

Not long ago, in December 2014, at the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of City Hall, Ed regaled us from this very spot, about how he did it. That videotape, which you can find on the City website, is quite a piece of oral history. I’d encourage you students to take a look, and maybe even do a report for some extra credit at school.

I’d like to recognize Mayor Grainger’s wife, Mrs. Ginie Grainger. I’d also like to recognize Ed and Ginie’s daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and John Hobbins, and their granddaughters, Samantha and Tori. Kathy serves on our Board of Architectural Review, and the girls attend Osborn school. Thank you for all your family has done and continues to do for Rye across multiple generations.

Unbelievably, the same threat which Mayor Grainger thwarted over 40 years ago is upon us again. Last week, Governor Cuomo announced plans to study not a bridge, but a tunnel, from Long Island, possibly to Westchester, possibly through Rye.

The resulting construction and traffic would have devastating impacts on the Sound Shore region. In Rye, it would forever alter for the worse our quality of life.

Another former Rye Mayor, Steve Otis, whose picture also hangs on the wall, now serves us in the state legislature, as does former Council member George Latimer. I am confident that they will strongly represent our interests on this issue in Albany.

I myself would encourage Governor Cuomo to think more like a mayor. He ought to consider the impacts that this project would have on what matters most to most people – the place we live with our families, the place we call home.

The Governor should know that we will vigorously oppose any bridge or tunnel that interferes with the homes and environment of our City. And we pledge to support other Sound Shore communities in their opposition to any bridge or tunnel running through their towns.

Just as the bumper stickers from decades ago implored the Governor to “Ban the Bridge,” the rallying cry today from the City of Rye’s perspective must be “Topple the Tunnel.”

Earlier this month, at the new Council member swearing in, Resurrection Church pastor Monsignor Dwyer referenced in his Invocation: “We pray especially for the well-being of our young people. Some of our kids are over-worked, stressed out and too busy. This leads to poor judgment and dangerous behaviors. Lord, there are incidents in our community of teen-agers who are playing with fire by abusing alcohol, prescription drugs, and other illegal substances. Oh God, help us to admit that this is a problem, and guide us to a solution.”

At the start of 2016, Monsignor vocalized simply but powerfully in a public forum, what has been in the front of our minds, and what we have been speaking about privately and quietly amongst ourselves. As we set our priorities for the coming year and into the future, we can set none higher than raising awareness about and dealing with this issue.

Girls and boys: You, the children in this room, represent the most precious asset and treasure that we have, and we ought to do more to address this difficult but important topic.

To that end, we should all support the efforts of the newly-formed alcohol and drug coalition, comprised of a variety of local organizations and individuals, called Rye-ACT (Rye Action for Children and Teens) and led by one of our own, Julie Killian. The coalition is committed to promoting long-term health and wellness by inspiring youth, parents and community leaders to foster healthy behaviors and reduce youth substance use.

As we begin 2016 together, there is change, there is always change. Change to the composition of the Council, change to our priorities, and even change to these very Council chambers. Within the next few weeks, this stately room will be completely re-furbished with a new coat of paint, new (and more comfortable!) chairs, and a new floor.

We must always be ready for change, and we must inevitably embrace change. But as we move forward, we may also take solace in the immutable constants in our City, in our beloved Rye. And that always begins and ends with our mutual support for, and fidelity to each other.

Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless Rye.”

4. Approval of the election of one new member to the Rye Fire Department.

Councilman Mecca advised the Council that the Board of Fire Wardens has reported that Kenneth Meszkat has been elected as new member to the Rye Fire Department. It is the recommendation of the Board to approve the election of Mr. Meszkat.

Councilman McCartney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to approve the election of Kenneth Meszkat to the Rye Fire Department.

5. General Announcements by the Council.

Councilman Mecca announced that last Wednesday, January 6, 2016, the Rye Chamber of Commerce had its first meeting of the year. They are really looking forward to 2016. Councilman Mecca also reported that there has been a lot of activity on Purchase Street, with new restaurants and shops. He also reported that Suzanne Short from Rye High School recently made a presentation about the high school internship program.

Councilman McCartney reported that the Rye Golf Club membership packets will be sent out soon, and will include a release from the 2015 TKI greens issues as discussed previously. If members have any questions, they may contact the Rye Golf Club membership committee. Councilman McCartney also discussed items from the Recreation Department and encouraged residents to read the winter brochure, featuring winter activities. He also announced that there will be a Recreation Commission meeting on January 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Lastly, the Rye Rotary will hold their annual fundraiser on March 2, 2016 at the Rye Bar and Grill to raise funds for need-based scholarships at Rye High School. This year, the fundraiser will be the first annual “Crazy Legs Contest,” in which Councilman McCartney will participate.

Councilwoman Hurd announced that on January 29, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., “Idle Threat Man on a Mission” will be playing at Rye Country Day School. Refreshments will be served at 6:30. The creative star of this documentary will be present. The film deals with Rye’s “No Idling” policy. Councilwoman Hurd also announced that the City of Rye Sustainability Committee and Friends of Rye Nature Center will collaborate for a presentation entitled, “What’s Under Your Lawn?: The Secret to Healthy Soil” on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 A.M. at the Wainwright House. This event is free of charge. Lastly, the Lions Club will be conducting their annual fundraising the Lions Club Raffle Extravaganza.

6. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 16, 2015.

City Clerk D’Andrea and Councilman McCartney clarified that the Council has received the most updated version of the draft minutes, with the exception that paragraph 5 of page 6 will be removed to avoid redundancy.

Councilman McCartney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as modified of the regular meeting of the City Council held on December 16, 2016.

7. Issues Update/Old Business.

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

8. Appointment of the 2016 Deputy Mayor by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack appointed Councilwoman Killian as the Deputy Mayor. He stated that he felt that Councilwoman Killian’s judgement and experience would serve the Council well as deputy. The following Resolution 2016-02, was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that Councilwoman Julie Killian be appointed the Deputy Mayor for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2016, to serve as Acting Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

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

Mayor Sack appointed Councilman McCartney to serve as Trustee of the Police Pension fund for a one year term. Mayor Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution 2016-03:

**RESOLVED**, that Councilman McCartney be appointed as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2016.

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

Mayor Sack designated Councilwomen Killian and Bucci and himself to the City Council's Audit Committee. The following Resolution 2016-04 was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that two Council members be appointed to the City Council's Audit Committee for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2016.

11. Designation of the City Council Liaisons by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack designated City Council Liaisons as follows:

Board of Architectural Review – Mayor Sack  
Boat Basin Commission – Councilwoman Hurd  
Conservation Commission/Advisory Council – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein  
Deer Committee – Mayor Sack and Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein  
Emergency Services – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein  
Finance Committee – Councilwoman Killian  
Fire Department Study Group – Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Mecca  
Flood Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Hurd  
Landmarks Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Hurd  
Litigation Committee – Mayor Sack, Councilman McCartney and Councilwoman Hurd  
Master Plan Committee – Mayor Sack, Councilwoman Killian and Councilman McCartney  
Planning Commission – Councilman Mecca  
Recreation Commission – Councilman McCartney  
Rye Cable and Communications Committee – Councilwoman Killian  
Rye Chamber of Commerce – Councilwoman Hurd

Rye City School Board – Mayor Sack  
Rye Free Reading Room – Councilwoman Bucci  
Rye Golf Club Commission – Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman McCartney  
Rye Playland Advisory Committee – Mayor Sack  
Rye Town Park Commission – Mayor Sack and Councilwoman Killian  
Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein  
Rye Senior Advocacy Committee – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein  
Sustainability Committee – Councilwomen Killian and Tagger-Epstein  
Zoning Board of Appeals – Mayor Sack

12. Designation of official City newspaper.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to adopt the following Resolution 2016-05:

**RESOLVED**, that the Journal News is hereby designated as the official City newspaper for purposes of publishing legal notices.

13. Designation of alternate City newspaper.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to adopt the following Resolution 2016-06:

**RESOLVED**, that the Rye City Review is hereby designated as the alternate City newspaper for purposes of publishing legal notices.

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

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

15. Designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously carried by the Council, to recommend the following amounts of faithful performance bonds:

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

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Bucci, Hurd, McCartney, Mecca and Tagger-Epstein  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Killian

16. Appointments to Boards and Commissions, by the Mayor with Council approval.

**A) Two appointments to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Andy Ball and to appoint Laura Brett to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2019.

**B) Two appointments to the Landmarks Advisory Committee for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Jack Zahringer and Rex Gedney to the Landmarks Advisory Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2019.

**C) Two appointments to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Carolyn Cunningham and Birgit Townley to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2019.

**D) Two appointments to the Rye Town Park Advisory Committee for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council to reappoint Jason Mehler and appoint Jeff Taylor to the Rye Town Park Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2019.

**E) Two appointments and one Chairperson designation to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council to appoint Frank Gadaleta and Jim Cornacchia to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2019. Mayor Sack designated Kevin Grainger as Chair to the Board of Architectural Review as a mayoral appointment.

**F) One appointment to the Board of Assessment Review.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council to reappoint Robert Byrne to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term ending on September 30, 2021.

**G) Four appointments to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Chairperson Bart DiNardo and Lisa Dempsey, and appoint Jay Wyckoff and Shelley Wolfson to the Recreation Commission for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2019.

**H) Two appointments to the Rye Playland Advisory Committee for a three-year term.**

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Steven Vasko and James Lubeck to the Rye Playland Advisory Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2019.

Mayor Sack stated that he felt this is a good mix of people who contribute their fresh perspectives. Tonight has been a good start.

17. Resolution authorizing the implantation and funding of the Rye City School District Pedestrian Improvements Project (PIN 8761.10) providing authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Pedestrian Safety improvement projects.

City Manager Serrano explained that the resolution is regarding a Safe Routes to School grant approved several years ago. The City must sign an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), and any amounts or bids also need to be submitted to the DOT.

Councilwoman Hurd stated that moving forward, it is important to think about pedestrian safety in a more holistic context.

Councilman McCartney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried by the Council, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RYE  
AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING  
OF THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PIN 8761.10)  
RESOLUTION 2016-01**

**Resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.**

**WHEREAS**, a Project for the Rye City School District Pedestrian Improvements in the City of Rye, Westchester County, PIN 8761.10 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 0% Federal funds and 100% non-federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rye desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction, construction inspection and construction supervision.



the Rye City Hall on January 13, 2016 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Rye, New York, this 13th day of January, 2016.

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Clerk, City of Rye

PIN 8761.10

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Bucci, Hurd, McCartney, Mecca and Tagger-  
Epstein  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Killian

18. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Westchester for Snow and Ice Removal on County Roads for the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2020.

City Manager Serrano explained that unlike prior years, this new agreement will be for a five-year term. Councilwoman Hurd inquired, and City Manager Serrano confirmed that entering into this agreement would not impede on the local snow removal efforts of the City of Rye Department of Public Works.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried to adopt the following Resolution 2016-07:

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with the County of Westchester for Snow and Ice removal on County Roads for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2020.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Bucci, Hurd, McCartney, Mecca and Tagger-  
Epstein  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Killian

19. Resolution to grant permission to the Rye Free Reading Room to hold a free community event on the Village Green on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to at 3:00 p.m.

Chris Shoemaker, Director of the Rye Free Reading Room, announced that the library wishes to hold this year's Celebration of Science event, with family activities. Teens will be able to volunteer their time to the event as well.

Councilwoman Bucci made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution 2016-08:

**RESOLVED**, that permission is granted to the Rye Free Reading Room to hold a free community event on the Village Green on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

20. Resolution to declare certain City of Rye Police equipment as surplus.

City Manager Serrano explained that this agenda item is regarding a list of equipment that is no longer able to be used by the City. He stated that pursuant to state law, the City Council must approve this list as surplus, followed by an auction for the surplus materials. The staff will report back to Council if money is made from the auction.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried, to declare certain City of Rye Police equipment as surplus. The following Resolution 2016-09 was adopted by the Council:

**WHEREAS**, the City has been provided with a list of City equipment identified as being obsolete or will become obsolete during 2016, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has recommended that said equipment be declared surplus, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that said equipment are declared surplus, and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that authorization is given to the City comptroller to sell or dispose of said equipment in a manner that will serve in the best interests of the City.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Bucci, Hurd, McCartney, Mecca and Tagger-Epstein

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Killian

21. New Business.

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

22. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss within the public meeting of the City Council, Mayor Sack made a motion at 8:45 P.M., seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation with Traveler's Insurance Company. It was anticipated that the Council would not reconvene for the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. D'Andrea  
City Clerk