

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on April 25, 2018, at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
SARA GODDARD
EMILY HURD
RICHARD MECCA
JULIE SOUZA
BENJAMIN STACKS
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

None

The Council convened at 6:30 P.M. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to adjourn immediately into executive session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

At 7:30 P.M., Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to adjourn the executive session. The regular meeting of the City Council began at 7:33 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Roll Call.

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

3. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 28, 2018.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held March 28, 2018.

4. Public Hearing for April 25, 2018 to amend local law Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Rye City Code, Section 191-21, "No parking, standing or stopping", to prohibit parking on the west side of Coolidge Avenue from Osborn Road to Harding Drive. Section 191-20.F, "Four-hour limit between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except

on Saturday and Sundays”, by adding the following: Osborn Road – northernmost access drive to Osborn School to Theall Road; Coolidge Avenue – east side from Harding Drive to Osborn Road; and Theall Road – west side from the southerly end of the dedicated parking lane to Osborn Road.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca, to open the public hearing.

Craig Haines, 2 Coolidge Avenue, addressed the Council. He stated support for amending the law to restrict parking in the subject areas, as he felt the intersection has become progressively more dangerous for pedestrians. He thanked the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee (TPS) for studying the site and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Michael Cote, 1 Coolidge Avenue, and addressed the Council. He stated he had lived in his home for 19 years and he has watched commuters park all day along the subject stretch of road. He stated support for amending the law in the interest of safety for pedestrians and children who walk to school.

Christine Cote, 1 Coolidge Avenue, also stated support for amending the law to regulate parking at the subject area. She felt it important to change the regulations before an accident occurs.

Jim Slattery, 125 Osborn Road, addressed the Council and supported the amendments to the law to alleviate the traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Nez Mustafic, 145 Osborn Road, stated support for the amending the law to help the issues created for pedestrian safety.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein read emails of support for amending the local law as proposed into the record from residents John Lovallo, Steven Maresca, and Kim Rotondo.

Brian Dempsey, Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee, explained that proposed parking restrictions and future improvements to the intersection in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School program.

Mayor Cohn asked about the disruption at the intersection during those improvements. Mr. Dempsey responded that the work will be completed in the summer, alleviating issues with the school day.

Councilwoman Souza asked about how the current draft compares with the days of the week referenced with the parking limits in Indian Village, on Wappanocca Avenue. She felt it important that the two provided for the same subject days and times of the week. Mr. Dempsey responded that Wappanocca has a two hour limit, but that the days in effect were Monday through Saturday.

Councilwoman Hurd inquired about implementation, whether signs would be placed immediately followed by enforcement.

There was general discussion about enforcement and signage being important to the process. City Manager Serrano explained that once the local law was filed with the Secretary of State, the City would be able to legally enforce the area with DOT signs.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein stated that this was an area of concern because the street is located closed to Osborn School.

Mayor Cohn recommended placing temporary warning signs to give commuters some notice that the new parking regulations would be in effect.

Councilwoman Souza said that she wanted to be mindful of the parking creep, and how this might affect other neighborhoods in the future.

There being no one left to speak, Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein, to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to amend Local Law Chapter 191, "Vehicles and Traffic," as follows:

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
CITY OF RYE
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 2018**

A Proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 191, *Vehicles and Traffic*, of the Code of the City of Rye for the Purpose of Adding New On-Street Parking Restrictions On Coolidge Avenue, Osborn Road and Theall Road

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

Section 1. Current Section 191-20.F, *Four-Hour Limit*, of Chapter 191, Part I, Article III, of the Code of the City of Rye is hereby amended to add in alphabetical order the following streets:

F. Four-hour limit. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following locations for a period longer than four hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on Sundays:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Coolidge Avenue	East	From Harding Drive to Osborn Road
Osborn Road	North	From the northern-most access drive to Osborn School

to Theall Road

Theall Road	West	From the southerly end of the dedicated parking lane to Osborn Road
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Section 2. Section 191-21 of Chapter 191, *Parking, standing or stopping*, of Chapter 191, Part I, Article III, of the Code of the City of Rye is hereby amended to add the following street:

§191-21 Parking, standing or stopping.

The parking, standing or stopping of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following locations:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Coolidge Avenue	West	From Osborn Road to Harding Drive

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately on filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tagger-Epstein, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

Mack Cunningham, 502 Forest Avenue, discussed the New York Rising project with regard to Milton Road as it applies to the Boat Basin. He explained that previously, he was on the New York Rising committee and did not vote to move that project forward. He felt that the mission statement of that committee was to address flooding on a city-wide effort, rather than just one neighborhood. He felt that the project only addressed a localized area rather than the global issue of Rye flooding. He said he had spoken previously in front of the Council regarding the engineer's plan to re-route a new drainage pipe into the Boat Basin. He said that his understanding is that silt will not go into the Basin. However, he felt that the public should know that the drainage into that area is not a tax payer obligation, but the responsibility of the slip holders because it is an enterprise fund. He felt that the localized problem was being moved from the Harbor House to the Boat Basin. He said he opposed this project as designed, and the engineer said that a proposal to move it eastward or southward would cause more flooding. Mr. Cunningham highlighted County Executive Latimer's address in which the County would work with local municipalities, and focus on sharing agreements. Mr. Cunningham then stated that Rye resident and former Planning Commission member, Hugh Greechan, should be tasked with

looking at this project to provide comments. Mr. Cunningham then asked for clarity on the Milton Harbor House area drainage project, as to whether the City was required to move forward on that. He felt the City should not be forced to move forward if the Council needed clarity or felt that the project could be detrimental in any way.

Mr. Cunningham then distributed some information about imposing a sewer rent fund. He asked for a public update from the City Manager with regard to the status of moving forward with the possibility of enforcing this fund, as authorized by General Municipal Law and Local Law Chapter 161-5. Mr. Cunningham stated that other local municipalities were already assessing this fee. He felt that the Finance Committee should consider this option in its recommendation process, as sanitary sewer upgrades are currently the obligation of the tax payer. He said that the issue is that the residential tax payer base is bearing the burden of these infrastructure maintenance capital projects. However, with the sewer rent fee, the consumer would be made responsible, based on individual water usage. Mr. Cunningham stated that currently, large organizations in Rye were not paying their fair share of these projects. With the imposition of a sewer rent, Mr. Cunningham argued that there would be at least a \$500,000 savings from the city. The revenues collected into the dedicated fund would be used to sustain the necessary capital projects for sanitary sewer maintenance.

City Manager Serrano reported that the City has been attempting to work with the water companies for months on releasing the usage data to be able to properly assess the sewer rent. He stated that while Westchester Joint Water Works has agreed to release the usage data, Suez, the other water company, has not been able to get permission from the Public Service Commission (PSC) to do so. City Manager Serrano said that this refusal to release the data has affected nine communities.

Mayor Cohn commented that to hopefully move forward with this, Assemblyman Otis has been working on legislation to compel the PSC to release the information.

Mr. Cunningham then raised the issue of applying for grants with regard to sanitary capital projects. He stated that Rye was the only Sound Shore community that has not applied for these New York State grants. He felt strongly that the City should do everything it can to take advantage of available grants for capital projects, lessening the burden on the tax payer.

6. Update to the City Council by the Finance Committee.

Greg Usry, Finance Committee Chair, 299 Forest Avenue, addressed the Council. He said it has been a pleasure to work with the committee and the City staff. He stated that the Finance Committee has been meeting every two weeks to understand the current state of the City and prepare recommendations to the Council. He felt it important to maintain the quality of life in Rye while keeping the cost of living as low as possible. He stated that the Committee has met numerous times with the City Comptroller to understand the budgeting process within the City. Further, other staff members have met with the committee, such as the City Manager, City Planner, City Engineer and Corporation Counsel. Mr. Usry stated that within 45 days, he planned on giving a presentation with more specific recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Usry spoke about the budget process, and the reliance on raising fees to offset the cost to the taxpayers. He felt it important to take a fresh look at the budget process and capital improvement plan. Further, Mr. Usry stated that ongoing monitoring of periodic financial results would help in planning, especially with rising in interest rates and a change in federal tax law. Mr. Usry also said that with the help of City Comptroller Fazzino, the committee would be providing a periodic report. He also stated that he hopes to provide recommendations on the budget process, taking steps to modify the timing of things, starting with the presentation on capital projects, making it more of a financial tool, and less of a master plan.

With regard to capital improvements, Mr. Usry said there was an accumulated need for capital spending for core infrastructure. Many of these improvements are required by law, and a necessary reinvestment. Mr. Usry reported that the highest financial concern was the remediation of the Save the Sound suit. He also mentioned the imposition of sewer rent fees to help with the costs of capital improvements to the sanitary infrastructure. Mr. Usry also noted the replacement of long depreciated garbage trucks. He stated that the neglect of capital spending in the past has caused the Finance Committee to explore funding options. While the Committee is looking at grants and other sources of funding, there will likely be a need to consider debt.

Mr. Usry said that with regard to revenues, the City relies on property tax and the committee has been working with City staff to understand how revenues can be improved. Mr. Usry said that the committee was considering several revenue strategies, including moving funds from the General Fund to an enterprise fund. He expressed support for costs being shared fairly. If the city has to borrow 10 million, the annual cost will be \$500,000 of debt services. Mr. Usry said that he and the committee were open to all and every input of the Council, staff and community.

Mayor Cohn thanked Mr. Usry and the Finance Committee for their hard work. He stated he agreed with the sentiment about the Save the Sound remediation. He also agreed about Mr. Usry's analysis of capital projects, specifically that the sewer pipes were installed between 50 and 100 years ago. Overall, Mayor Cohn said that the City had a vast quantity of infrastructure due for repair.

Councilwoman Hurd thanked Mr. Usry for his thoroughness. She said that the City was in a tax cap environment. She asked about the sewer funds taking potentially take \$500,000 out of the budget to create a sewer fund.

Mr. Usry responded that regular operating expense for the sewer line is approximately \$350,000 annually. He said that in addition to that, overhead expense from other departments can be added to that expense. He explained that that cost would be an annual transfer from the General Fund to the enterprise fund and billed therefore to the rate payers. He also added that the remediation of the sewer line is also added as an expense of the enterprise fund.

Councilwoman Hurd asked if Mr. Usry anticipated a tax override situation for the coming budget. Mr. Usry responded that he did. He said that looking at labor costs, retirement, and

other expenses, the City is going to be as creative as we can from a revenue standpoint, but the increase in property tax may have to happen.

Mayor Cohn stated that raising property taxes would be a last resort.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked about clarification on the PSC with Suez. City Manager Serrano responded that in comparison, many other municipalities own their own water systems and do not have this issue.

There was general discussion about other municipalities working to push for the PSC to release the water usage information.

Councilwoman Souza asked if there were any other creative revenue sources, such as a hotel tax. Mr. Usry responded few other things, such as storm water charging, sales tax, flip taxes for properties, or other items. However, all will be in the confines of 20,000 residents.

Councilwoman Souza asked about SALT (state and local taxes), and a movement to try to classify school districts as nonprofits for that portion of the tax bill to be considered deductible. Mayor Cohn said that there had been state legislation to that effect passed, but with little information from the IRS.

7. Announcement of the Rye Sustainability Leadership Award.

Councilwoman Goddard announced that this was the Second Rye Sustainability Leadership Award, honoring individuals, organizations or members of the community for significant environmental achievements. Councilwoman Goddard announced that Scott Nelson and Rye Country Day School were the winners of the 2018 Rye Sustainability Leadership Award. Their consistent and generous support hosting the Rye Sustainability Green Screen series contributed to the award.

Scott Nelson, Rye Country Day School headmaster, thanked the Sustainability Committee for their recognition. He said that working with the committee on the Green Screen series had been a very successful public/ private initiative.

8. Presentation by CCAC regarding the importance of wetlands.

Carolyn Cunningham, Chair of the Conservation Commission Advisory Council (CCAC), recognized the other members of the CCAC. She gave a brief overview of the history of the committee. She talked about the start of the recycling program within Rye and the start of the Rye Nature Center. With regard to wetlands, Ms. Cunningham said that they were equally, if not more important than ever, to the City of Rye.

Melissa Grieco, CCAC, addressed the Council. She presented a slide show, discussing wetlands permits and the City's process under chapter 195. She defined wetlands and explained that they are home to important ecosystems. She identified the four main types of wetlands: marshes, swamps, bogs, and fens. In Rye, marshes and swamps are the two most common

wetlands types. She explained that there are benefits to wetlands, such as providing an area to hold water after flooding events. She quoted chapter 195, concerning the mission of Rye to protect wetlands.

Councilman Mecca asked about the role of the CCAC when with respect to the Planning Commission, and the 100 foot buffer. Ms. Cunningham explained that the City does not allow building in the wetlands. The City tries to control the building of anything within 100 feet of the wetlands area, and the CCAC is tasked with commenting on building applications in this regard. For example, if an applicant had a site plan for a swimming pool, the CCAC would try to keep it out of the buffer. She explains that the Code provides that if the CCAC disagrees with the Planning Commission's determination of what the site plan may allow, the Commission must address the CCAC comments in writing. She said that occurrence was rare, but that the buffer was very important to protect the wetlands.

Councilman Mecca commented that if there is a fence along a wetlands buffer, Ms. Cunningham has stressed the importance in the past that it is high enough off the ground to allow for small animals to pass through underneath.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked if there were situations where an area could be declassified as a wetland. Ms. Cunningham responded that she recalled on scenario where a wetland was moved on Midland.

Mayor Cohn asked if the non-allowance of building within the wetlands was in the code. Ms. Cunningham responded that she believed it was.

Councilwoman Hurd thanked the CCAC for presenting the information on wetlands and the issues of building within the buffer area. She commented that there is a balance between property owners and the protection of the wetlands, and on the community efforts to clean up the City's natural resources.

Councilwoman Goddard commented that the presentation was important because preserving wetlands benefits the entire community as a holistic enterprise.

9. Presentation by Con Edison regarding their gas main replacement program for the 2018 year.

Sean Mackey, Con Edison, presented several projects scheduled for 2018 in the City. The first project was set to take place in the Grace Church area, to be completed in four sections. Mr. Mackey explained that the project would help Con Ed's reliability and eliminate existing leaks.

Mayor Cohn asked about the purpose of each replacement segment, with regard to leaks in a certain area. Mr. Mackey responded that the project would begin at Midland and Grace Church Street, and that there were leaks along Grace Church Street. Mr. Mackey said that all work was scheduled to be completed by Labor Day.

Councilwoman Goddard asked if all neighbors had been notified. Luigi Vengome, Con Edison Corporation Events, responded that all the neighbors along the Grace Church corridor had been notified. Mr. Mackey explained that the work would be done under the existing sidewalk on Grace Church Street, and that Con Edison would need to trench the roadway.

Councilwoman Goddard asked if there would be rock chipping. Mr. Mackey responded that this might be the case, and that the trench will be four feet deep.

Councilman Mecca explained that the rock chipping law only applied to private property.

Mayor Cohn expressed great concern for the area at the end of Grace Church Street, as that area was set to be completely renovated. He said that with Con Edison's work, Grace Church would be largely out of commission. Mr. Mackey responded that they had spoken to the Rye Police Department on the issue of traffic control.

Mayor Cohn stated that the City should not bear the burden of providing traffic officers for the projects. He asked that the project begin at Ralston Street and move eastward. Mayor Cohn also asked that more personnel be put on the project.

Mr. Vengome asked when is the City's projected start date was on the renovation of the Fireman's circle. City Manager Serrano responded that it would begin one month following the meeting date.

Councilwoman Souza expressed concern for the neighbors on Grapal, Ralston and Guelisten.

Councilwoman Goddard said that the streets in question were small and she was concerned about those living in those areas with the construction happening.

Joe Mendera, Con Edison's construction manager, explained that there would be measures taken to minimize the impact.

There was general discussion over communication with neighbors about the work to be performed.

Councilwoman Goddard asked whether there would always be a supervisor on site so that the City could provide some comfort to the residents. Mr. Mendera responded that there would be.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked about the timing of the proposed work. Mr. Vengome responded that they were slated to work from 7:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Nick Issac, Con Edison, introduced the next project. He explained that the project was due to a report of low pressure in the area along Forest Avenue to Rye Beach Avenue, to Overlook Place, to Oakland Beach Avenue. The Council felt concerned about the timing of that endeavor as to not intrude with the busy summer season. Mr. Vengome stated that there was a

need for this project to improve pressure, but the Council felt that the need had not been supported. Mr. Vengome responded that he would provide more data.

Councilman Mecca discussed the need for improvements, as in recent years there has been consistently more gas usage. However, he agreed with Mayor Cohn and advised that Con Edison find better timing as the City has planned for road repaving, and that route sees a lot of traffic during the summer. He said that coordination is key.

Joe Mendera, Construction Management for Con Edison, explained the next project, a long term plan to remove the present tankers in Rye. This project involves a 12 inch main, with work to be done along Milton to Parsons, down Boston Post Road, and Old Post Road. This installation would make it possible to remove the tankers in two years. The tankers were used three times in the past winter due to the colder temperatures. Mr. Mendera explained that the project would cover roughly 7200 feet.

Councilman Mecca explained the history of the gas tankers in Rye. There was discussion over the timing of the project. Mayor Cohn asked for evidence of the immediate need for this project. He asked that the projects be spaced out.

Sandra Mayer, 1 Ralston Street, said that she did not know about this project at all. She felt it would be helpful for everyone if communication was strengthened. She stated that Ralston Street was very narrow and Con Ed had said that they would be trenching through the street and then to each homes. She also said that Con Edison had represented that they would be responsible for repairing any damage/ repaving. She was that one area of concern was the use of Cazenove place, which is currently shut down due to the dangerous nature of that roadway as it feeds onto Boston Post Road. She asked that Con Edison not elect to use that area at all.

Catherine White, 47 Grace Church Street, stated her concern for disruption to everyday life.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein: recommended having a communications liaison between Con Edison, the City, and the residents.

Councilman Stacks asked why there was not a service level agreement, or written communication policy for resident benefit.

Councilman Mecca confirmed with Con Ed that they would reimburse the City for use of the Police Department personnel for traffic control.

Jimmy Roberts, 1 Ralston Street, said that he was happy to see this project. He said that his biggest concern was that with all of these projects happening, he wanted to make sure that they followed through to completion of each stage. Mr. Vengome responded that they were committed to work to the end of each project.

Jennifer Palermo, 39 Loder Street, said she was not notified of this project. She was concerned about a possible accident due to the volume of vehicles during the project. She asked

that Con Ed put in writing exactly what they are going to repave. She was also concerned about the possibility of hitting a water main/ sewer and about negative impacts on the elderly residents. She also expressed concern for oil in the soil. She expressed that water was a big concern on Greenleaf. She also expressed concern over conflicts with trash pickup or landscapers and the blocking of the street.

Mr. Vengome said that they planned to continue working with the people on the private streets to work through a resolution that helped everyone.

Councilwoman Souza asked if Con Edison was planning on using Cazenove Place. Mr. Vengome responded that they were intending on it for emergencies only.

10. Bid Award for 2018 Rye Recreation Summer Camp Bus Services (Contract #2018-02).

City Manager Serrano reported that the City had received one bid in response to Contract 2018-02.

Councilwoman Souza asked about the \$5000 increase from the bid from two years ago. City Manager Serrano explained that there had been changes in the camp program.

The item was adjourned to the next City Council meeting.

11. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend 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 announced that there were proposed changes from the original contract, which provided for a CPI increase each year of the contract, but the increases would now be escalated. The other amendment would protect the City from maintaining the roads, which belong to the County.

Mayor Cohn reminded everyone that Midland Avenue, Theodore Fremd, Playland Parkway, and North Street were all County roads. The Council was hopeful to getting the County to be focused on their roads. There was a discussion about the

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca, to adopt the following agreement, as amended:

Agreement No. 15-958, 1st Amendment

THIS AMENDMENT made this day of _____, 2018 by and between

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having an office and place of business in the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 (hereinafter referred to as the “County”); and

THE CITY OF RYE, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having offices at 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York 10580 (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality")

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement with the Municipality (the "Agreement") pursuant to which the Municipality agreed to provide removal of snow and ice from designated County roads within the Municipality to provide for reasonable passage and movement of vehicles over such roads (the "Services") for the period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020 at specified rates as set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that clarification concerning the scope of Services is necessary, that an increase in the rates paid to the Municipality for the Services is appropriate, and that termination for convenience should be mutual; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to amend the Agreement for the limited purpose of 1) clarifying the scope of Services; 2) increasing the rates payable to the Municipality for Services rendered; and 3) making termination for convenience mutual.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties desire to amend the Agreement in order to clarify the scope of Services to be rendered. Accordingly, the following subparagraph shall be inserted after the first subparagraph of Paragraph "SECOND" of the Agreement:

"The Municipality shall not be required to provide the following services: filling pot holes, removal of trash, removal of dead animals, grass and weed cutting, maintenance and repair of guide rails, or graffiti removal upon County roads as identified in Schedule 'D', unless damage to County property is caused by the Municipality, its employees, agents or contractors."

2. The parties desire to further amend the Agreement in order to increase the rates payable to the Municipality for Services rendered. Accordingly, subparagraph (iv) of Paragraph "THIRD" of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety. In addition, Schedules "A" and

“B” attached to the Agreement shall be replaced with Schedules “A” and “B” attached to this Amendment.

3. The parties desire to further amend the Agreement in order make termination for convenience mutual. Accordingly, the first full paragraph of Paragraph “SEVENTH” of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in its place:

“Either party, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other, may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when deemed to be in its best interest. Subject to the availability of funds, the Municipality shall be compensated for services rendered under this Agreement prior to the effective date of such termination.”

4. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect upon the parties.

5. This Amendment shall not be enforceable until signed by both Parties and approved by the Office of the County Attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have agreed and caused this Amendment to be executed.

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

By: _____
Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

**THE CITY
OF RYE**

By: _____
Name
Title:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tagger-Epstein,
Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

12. One appointment to the Rye Boat Basin Commission, by the Council, to fill a term expiring on January 1, 2020.

Upon the Boat Basin Commission's recommendation, Mayor Cohn appointed Mr. Matthew Pymm to fill an unexpired term on the Boat Basin Commission, expiring January 1, 2020.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza and unanimously carried, to approve the appointment by the Mayor.

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

Mayor Cohn reappointed Alan Weil and Maureen Powers to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with terms expiring January 1, 2021.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein and unanimously carried, to approve the appointments made by the Mayor.

14. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports.

Mayor Cohn announced there is a New York State Assembly-formed committee to study Con Edison's performance in the last storms. He reported that received an invitation to join the committee, which he will accept.

Councilwoman Hurd reminded the community that Boat Basin slips were still available, with slips open for kayakers as well. City Manager Serrano added that the test results for the dredging would be available in the coming week. There would then be a timeline for the dredging to move forward.

Councilman Mecca reported that with regard to the Planning Commission, applicants have recently been heard for outdoor dining permits. Further, he announced that the Church of the Resurrection would be reconfiguring their parking and traffic flow. Councilman Mecca said that the Commission had wonderful input from the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee. He also reported that he would be representing Rye at the upcoming Sustainable Westchester event at the Westchester County Center. He also said that he had recently attended a regional planning conference on traffic, specifically transit-oriented development. Councilman Mecca also invited the community to learn about Fire Department volunteer opportunities at the Recruit New York open house event at Locust Avenue Fire House on April 29, 2018 from 10:00 to 2:00.

Councilwoman Goddard announced that the Rye Derby is Sunday, April 29, 2018. Councilman Stacks added that it was also the day of the Opening Scramble at Rye Golf Club. Councilwoman Goddard reported that with regard to the repair of the WWI memorial, the City Manager has come up with creative solutions.

City Manager Serrano stated that he hoped that the flag would be able to fly on the damaged flagpole, but in the alternative, the Fire Department could fly a flag on its truck for the ceremony.

Mayor Cohn congratulated City Engineer Coyne on the birth of his son.

15. Old Business.

Councilwoman Hurd asked for traffic enforcement at Milton School, as the area was a cause for safety concern.

16. New Business.

Councilman Mecca asked for clarification on how to dispose of the lawn signs around town, especially as there were many with the recent special election. City Manager Serrano responded that he would check with DPW on this item.

17. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks, to adjourn the meeting into executive session at 10:55 P.M. to discuss litigation, labor and personnel matters. The Council did not plan to reconvene in the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D'Andrea
City Clerk