

APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on July 26, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
SARA GODDARD
EMILY HURD
RICHARD MECCA
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

JULIE SOUZA
BEJAMIN STACKS
Councilmembers

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

At 7:31 P.M., Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd, to adjourn the executive session. The regular meeting of the City Council began at 7:31 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.

2a. Approval of a new volunteer firefighter.

Councilman Mecca explained that the Council was tasked with approving volunteer firefighters. Mayor Cohn said it was wonderful to have a new volunteer and that the City really needs volunteers for the Fire Department.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to approve **Sam Carvallo** to the Rye Fire Department as a volunteer member.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a statement correcting a recent statement in the Rye Record that volunteers were leaving in droves. She stated that two members of the volunteer

department were hired as paid members, and one person moved out of Rye.

3. Public Hearing to establish the 2019 budgeted fees and charges.

Mayor Cohn said that it was important to give the Finance Committee an opportunity to comment on the staff's proposed recommendations and analysis of the 2019 budgeted fees and charges.

There was discussion on the possible timeline regarding fees to give residents ample time to comment in a public hearing. Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked that a time certain be reached to let residents know when they would be able to review and comment on proposed fees.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein, to open the public hearing. The public hearing was then adjourned and kept open through the August and September 2018 meetings.

4. Public hearing to amend Rye City Code Chapter 167 "Streets and Sidewalks" regarding repaving requirements after road openings and required deposits.

Ryan Coyne, City Engineer and DPW Superintendent, addressed the Council. He explained that the proposed amended law would address street openings and the requirements to restore the roads to their original condition. He explained the proposed changes in detail, in that each contractor would be required to repair the roadway in more strict ways than are currently required, putting the City in a better position.

Councilman Mecca confirmed that this amendment deals with City roads only, and not County or State roads. Mr. Coyne said that the proposed amendments would put the City streets in a better position than the County streets' requirements. There was discussion about utilities and contractors with street openings. Those working on 50 feet of mains would be required to repair "curb to curb."

Councilwoman Goddard asked about deposits with regard to street opening permits.

Mayor Cohn asked how the City compared with its neighbors. Mr. Coyne responded that this law is modeled after Scarsdale's new law, which is one of the more stringent approaches to restoration. He also mentioned Beacon as well.

Councilwoman Hurd commented that she was so glad we are doing this. She asked about monetary penalties on time limits expiring. There was discussion about possibly imposing penalties. The issue was raised of utilities, such as Con Ed, needing additional time.

Councilman Mecca asked about the requirement for extending the trench 5 feet each way. He asked if the proposal was to require repair back to the concrete sub-base level. Mr. Coyne responded that they were not proposing to change that section of the code that deals with repairing roads with the same materials. There was then discussion on street cuts.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked about enforcement with the proposed law to hold those requiring street openings accountable for repair. Mr. Coyne responded that appropriate DPW staff were needed to ensure that inspections were completed.

Councilwoman Goddard asked that Scenario F of the chart/ diagram referred to in the law be amended to read “36 months” instead of previous three years to avoid any confusion.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to open the public hearing on Chapter 167.

There were no statements made during the public hearing.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to close the public hearing on Chapter 167.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein, to amend Chapter 167 of the Rye City Code as follows:

**CITY OF RYE
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 2018**

A local law to amend Chapter 167-12 “Resurfacing” of the Code of the City of Rye by amending Section 167-12C, as follows:

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

Section 1: Chapter 167 Streets and Sidewalks

§ 167-12. Resurfacing.

C. Asphalt/composite pavement.

(1) Asphalt concrete surface on existing concrete base.

(a) Prior to the replacement of the asphalt concrete surface, the subgrade shall be properly prepared and a reinforced concrete foundation of required thickness and proportions shall be placed thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of concrete pavements outlined before.

(b) The existing asphalt concrete pavement shall then be restored in accordance with subsection 2 Asphalt Concrete Pavement, below.

(2) Asphalt concrete pavement. All final pavement restoration limits shall follow the guidelines depicted in the minimum pavement restoration limits diagram as adopted by the City Council, and amended from time to time. The minimum pavement restoration limits diagram shall be

maintained by the City Engineer. The edges of all trenches shall receive a liberal application of asphaltic emulsion to seal edges.

D. All asphalt patches shall be sealed using hot-joint sealer on all joints formed between old pavement and new work.

E. Other surfaces. Any other surfaces disturbed by reason of the work performed under the permit shall be restored by the permittee as directed by the City Engineer.

F. It shall be the duty of the permittee to guarantee and maintain the site of the excavation work in the same condition as it was prior to the excavation for two years after restoring it to its original condition.

G. Work may be done by City. The City Engineer may, at his discretion, cause any or all of the work contemplated in this article to be done by the City's own forces, or by contract or otherwise, in which case the City shall be reimbursed for any expense incurred thereby in accordance with the provisions of § 167-7D of this article, and the permittee shall have no claim against the City for loss of anticipated profits or for any other losses by reason thereof.

Section 2: Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of any section of this title shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy and in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 3: Effective date.

This local law will take effect immediately on filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Souza and Stacks

5. Update by the Finance Committee.

Greg Usry, Finance Committee Chair, addressed the Council to provide an update of the City of Rye Finance Committee. Mr. Usry said he continues to see that that most important issue is the deferred maintenance of capital infrastructure. He said that over the last six weeks, the Finance Committee studied nonprofit entities that the City supports, including the Rye Arts Center, Rye Nature Center, and Library. He said that the Arts Center lease was renewed two years ago, so negotiate or change much at this point. However, the Rye Nature Center has been

operating on an outstanding agreement, so this may be an opportunity to review. He said that the past operating agreement was extraordinarily ambiguous as to sharing of responsibility. With the Library, the aid that the City provides is within the annual budget.

Turning to revenues, Mr. Usry said that the Committee had been working with City Manager Serrano and Deputy Comptroller Fazzino for the last six or eight weeks. The first step was the rain parking permits, proposed by the City Clerk. Mr. Usry said that the Committee fully supported the recommendation. He continued and stated that he received a 31 page report regarding the other fees and charges across the City, including rationales for raising fees, when each was last raised, and potential revenue increases. The Committee has begun to review and comment on these proposed fees, and Mr. Usry said they would have a complete review by the September Council meeting.

Mr. Usry said that the two most complicated revenue sources were those gained from downtown parking and from Rye Recreation. Mr. Usry said that with regard to Rye Recreation, the Committee's hope was to raise the self-supporting percentage to 45% over the next two budget cycles.

Mayor Cohn asked what the premise was underlying the desire to increase the Recreation target. For example, looking at the services they provide, if they were they low for their market. Mr. Usry responded that it was hard to come up with a comparable. Some of the fees had not changed in many years. He explained that it was more to challenge/ ask the staff to go through their entire business plan. The Committee asked Recreation to consider the services and programming provided for the City, what is being charged for those services, and considering a comparison to other communities. Mr. Usry said that it would be difficult to make a firm recommendation on Rye Recreation.

Mayor Cohn said that the Council would likely be hearing more from the Finance Committee regarding Rye Recreation. Mr. Usry said that it would be part of the Committee's September presentation.

Mr. Usry said that with downtown parking, there are five or six variables to consider, such as number of spots, parking fines, merchants, shoppers, and residents of the downtown. He felt that the City might think about hiring consultants whose job is to optimize parking under these types of constraints.

In terms of the budget process, Mr. Usry said that he hopes to increase understanding and transparency. He recommended a new format for the citizens' budget report, to be distributed at the same time the budget comes out. Mr. Usry also said that he would be making forthcoming suggestions on the budget presentation.

Mr. Usry asked about the legislation related to Suez Water with regard to releasing information on water usage. Mayor Cohn responded that the bill passed and it is on the Governor's desk. Mr. Usry strongly recommended moving forward with the sewer enterprise fund once the City is able to.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein thanked Mr. Usry. She said as far as Rye Recreation, she asked if the Committee had an opportunity to compare to other municipalities. Mr. Usry responded that they have tried to make it less about operations and more about financial results. Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein said that in reality, the 45% self-supporting goal may not be feasible as recreation is a public service and public offering. She said it needs to be an affordable option that provides to residents. Mr. Usry responded that the impression of Rye Recreation was that they may benefit from more financial discipline. He said that given the financial situation that the City finds itself in, there is room for discussion.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein stressed that the nonprofit entities, such as Rye Nature Center, Rye Arts Center and the Library, have a value that is not monetary.

Councilwoman Hurd discussed deferred infrastructure costs, possible bonding, and the options that the City Council will have to consider moving forward to meet the needs of the City. She asked if the Finance Committee was looking at every opportunity to cut expenses and raise revenues. She felt it was important to look at the City as a whole. She said that between the general fund unreserved balance and the non-recurring revenues, there might be \$3.5 million available for expenditures. She was hopeful to reduce the cost that the City would have to borrow or be applied toward other capital needs.

Mr. Usry said that the Finance Committee, made up of all residents, had to keep bias out of their recommendations to try to best plan for the City's financial future.

6. Resolution to transfer from the Council to the Board of Ethics FOIL appeal officer responsibility with respect to a single appeal of a FOIL determination relating to materials of the City Manager.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Goddard, to transfer from the Council to the Board of Ethics FOIL appeal officer responsibility with respect to a single appeal of a FOIL determination relating to materials of the City Manager.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Souza and Stacks

7. Report of the City's financial position by the Deputy Comptroller.

Deputy Comptroller Fazzino addressed the Council in his annual report regarding the City's financial position. Deputy Comptroller Fazzino presented the following report on the General Fund to the Council:

“We are pleased to present the City of Rye, New York interim financial reports as of and for the six months ending June 30, 2018, with comparative totals for 2015, 2016, and 2017. Along with the attached summary of revenues and expenditures, we will provide an analysis of the components of these items. The analysis will focus on 2018 results against 2017 results.

The report will focus on the General Fund, the City's chief operating fund. The General Fund constitutes the primary operating fund of the City, in that it includes all revenues and expenditures not required by law or policy to be accounted for in other funds.

It should be remembered that unlike our comprehensive annual financial report, interim financial reports are prepared for the use of management as internal documents. These interim financial reports are unaudited and are not prepared in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in that they do not include all funds of the City, do not include all GAAP-required statements and schedules, do not include notes to the financial statements, and are not necessarily formatted in accordance with GAAP. Also the information for these months is not finalized and may require adjustments throughout the year.

The General Fund constitutes the primary operating fund of the city, in that it includes all revenues and expenditures not required by law or policy to be accounted for in other funds.

2018 General Fund revenues are up \$660,016 (2.3%) compared with 2017 revenues. This amount comes from the following items:

- ❖ Property tax revenues, which represents the largest component of the increase, increased \$610,977 (2.6%) which reflects our tax rate increase, offset by refunds to taxpayers due to tax certiorari and small claims assessment review settlements and a decrease in interest and penalties collected on property taxes. In 2016, The City began foreclosure proceedings against properties with delinquent taxes, resulting in the payment of those taxes, resulting in payments of penalties and interest. The City began this process again in July of 2018 and will see a spike in penalties and interest in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Financial Analysis of the City's General Funds – Continued

- ❖ Non-property taxes increased \$35,519 (6.3%) due to increases in sales and use tax of \$16,326 and increased utility taxes of \$17,535.
- ❖ Charges for services increased \$53,638 (5.3%) with increases in parking meter revenues of \$43,302 and recreation activity fees of \$24,212, negated by decreases in planning review fees of 23,651.
- ❖ Intergovernmental revenues increased \$19,847 (52.6%) attributed to a timing difference in billing Westchester County for prisoner transportation (\$11,709 in 2018 vs \$0 in 2017) and increased revenue from other governments for snow removal of \$7,232.
- ❖ Interest and investment income increased \$82,697 as a result of the Federal Reserve increases interest rates three times in 2017 and twice through the first 2 quarters of 2018, with two more expected by the end of 2018.
- ❖ Licenses and permit revenues decreased \$145,386 (6.9%) predominantly as a result of decreased building permit revenues. 2017 was an exceptional year for building permits and although down from 2017, 2018 building permit revenues are on pace to exceed 2018 budgeted amounts.

- ❖ Fines and forfeitures are down slightly \$2,959 (0.8%) primarily due to an increase in City ordinance and code violations of \$14,470 offset by a decrease in parking fines of \$12,197 and vehicle and traffic fines of \$4,673.
- ❖ Miscellaneous revenues increased \$15,640 (17.3%) primarily due to the sale of army surplus equipment in 2018 offset by loss of Medicare Part B subsidies received by the City, as this program ended in 2017.
- ❖ Sales and loss compensation increased \$129,544 led by increases in police overtime reimbursement of \$120,018, due to Con Edison projects in the City.
- ❖ State aid is down \$137,216 (18.1%) as a result of a decrease in 1st half mortgage tax revenues of \$139,040.

2018 General Fund expenditures are up \$1,459,407 (9.2%) compared with 2017 expenditures. This is predominantly a result of the timing of payment for the City's workers' compensation premium. The renewal date was January 1, 2018 for the 2018 policy and the renewal date for the 2017 premium was July 1, 2017. The result is an increase in employee benefits of \$1,248,287. On a positive note, the total 2018 General Fund workers' compensation expense should be down about \$30,000 versus 2017.

Other component of General Fund Expenditures are as follows:

- ❖ Overall salaries and wages decreased \$25,556 (0.4%) in 2018 compared to 2017. This is a result of retirements in late 2017 and the beginning of 2018, offsetting any administrative salary and contracted step increases.
- ❖ Equipment purchases decreased \$24,746 (10.3%). The City purchased 10 new parking paystations in 2017, replacing those installed in 2004. The cost of these machines was \$105,838, representing the majority of the decrease in equipment purchases in 2018. There were increased purchases of radio communication equipment of \$50,269, as budgeted, and police patrol equipment of \$30,384.
- ❖ Materials and supplies decreased \$90,475 (9.6%). This can be largely attributed to decreases in electricity costs of \$67,328, as the City reaps the benefits of switching to LED streetlights and tax certiorari payments of \$62,146, based on the timing of payment of settlements in 2017 versus 2018. These decreases were offset by increased salt and deicing costs of \$43,887, due to the extremely harsh winter of 2018.

Financial Analysis of the City's General Fund - Continued

- ❖ Contractual costs were down \$98,719 (2.5%), with increases in contract agency costs (Rye Free Reading Room) of \$27,500 and miscellaneous service contracts of \$120,212, negated by decreases in legal fees of \$148,264, audit fees of \$45,416, due to the timing of payment to the City's auditors, and inter-fund service charges, as budgeted of \$36,311.
- ❖ Employee benefits and taxes increased \$1,462,407 (52.9%) mostly due to the aforementioned payment of the 2018 workers compensation premium in January of 2018. There were also increases in employee hospitalization and medical costs of \$123,439 and retiree health insurance costs of \$163,828.
- ❖ Transfers to other funds were up \$236,496 (13.4%), as planned and budgeted.

If any further information is required regarding the items above, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Finance Department.

Any questions or comments that can enhance the usefulness of this report are greatly appreciated. Going forward, the Finance Department would like to present these reports each year for the 2nd quarter and 3rd quarter. Of course, if there is any item that presents immediate concern, the Finance Department will share this information with City Management as soon as possible.

A very special thanks to Finance Department staff for their assistance in preparing this report. I would also like to thank the City's Finance Committee for their support and input relating to the preparation of this report.”

Councilman Mecca asked about projected revenues, such as charges for services, such as those from the building department. Mr. Fazzino responded that while the building department revenues can be hard to predict, the City has not seen a decline in building department activity. Councilman Mecca also asked about fees collected by the City for the construction at 120 Old Post Road. Mr. Fazzino confirmed that once a certificate of occupancy is issued for 120 Old Post Road, the property will be taxable. There will also be a one-time fee for capital improvements with regard to that property.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein confirmed with Mr. Fazzino that Con Edison was reimbursing the City for the cost of police overtime with several major projects throughout the City.

Mayor Cohn commended Mr. Fazzino for his informative and helpful presentation to the Council.

8. Continuation of discussion by the City Council on proposed capital projects.

City Manager Serrano introduced City Planner Miller to address the Council regarding proposed capital projects. He discussed the proposed police/court improvements. Mr. Miller explained that at one time, the City contemplated purchasing land to create a new facility, but that cost was estimated to be \$30 million. Today, the proposal discusses \$3 million improvements to the current facility. This proposal will expand the court facility by 2000 square feet and provide improvements deemed necessary by the Office of Court Administration (OCA). In 2010 there was a statement of deficiencies provided by the OCA. Originally, this was estimated as a \$1.5 million cost. The addition in cost today is due to a more accurate estimate of current construction and engineering costs to meet the requirements of the OCA. Mr. Miller explained that if the improvements are not complete, the OCA would have the right to withhold state aid should deficiencies remain. Councilman Mecca asked about the amount of aid the City would potentially lose if construction was not completed. City Manager Serrano responded that it could be \$1.8 million.

City Planner Miller said that in recent public work sessions, he reviewed detailed plans of proposed construction with the Council. He presented an area floor plan of the current

infrastructure and proposed changes.

Councilman Mecca started a brief discussion about fire and emergency access points.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked if the City could get a letter from OCA confirming that they would approve this plan. City Planner Miller responded that in fact, the City had received such a letter.

City Planner Miller said that at this phase, the City and consultant were continuing with a final design. Upon that design, the City will issue bid specifications.

Mayor Cohn asked if \$3 million was a good professional estimate. City Planner Miller responded that it was.

9. Update by the City Engineer/ Superintendent of DPW on certain projects

Superintendent Coyne presented an update to the Council on the following items:

- ***Salt Shed / DPW Improvements***

Superintendent Coyne said that there are three different location options at the DPW site (one where it currently exists and two alternates). He said that the cost estimates came back and are about the same for all three options, assuming that the City would not need to remove any soil from the site. Superintendent Coyne said that he did not think there would be anything of harm within the soil, but likely there could be some pesticides. There was general discussion about being certain of costs for planning purposes.

Superintendent Coyne discussed potential Building 5 improvements at DPW. He said that with respect to cost, there would be a difference based on whether the City would use brick or metal material, as well as other factors. The cost could be \$2.75 million.

There was discussion about building a new structure with the option to build a second story later. Councilwoman Goddard added that the added cost of the second story would come either now or later.

Councilman Mecca asked if moving the salt shed opened up the possibility for regaining that area. Superintendent Coyne agreed that it would open up that possibility.

- ***Street Paving***

Superintendent Coyne announced that the annual paving had begun. So far, portions of Forest Avenue, Apawamis and Central Avenue had been paved.

- ***Fireman's Circle***

Superintendent Coyne said that for this capital project, materials were on order. He

planned for the project to begin in mid-August, 2018.

- ***Electric vehicles***

Superintendent Coyne said that electric vehicles were on order, with delivery imminent. The cars will then be programmed accordingly for the City's needs. He said that he expected all four vehicles to be ready after Labor Day 2018. There will be two charging stations: one at DPW and one at City Hall.

- ***Con Edison Updates and Projects***

Superintendent Coyne said that the Con Edison gas main work was coming along in the Ralston/ Grapal Street area. Mayor Cohn asked if Con Edison was far beyond their time limit for that project. Superintendent Coyne responded that he would check and get back to the Council on that question.

Superintendent Coyne said that other projects to begin were the winter load relief, and main replacement on Oakland Beach Avenue.

- ***Refuse collection***

Superintendent Coyne said that he spoke during the last Council meeting about the different options with regard to refuse collection, trucks and personnel. Mayor Cohn asked if Mr. Coyne had studied other municipalities. He also asked what would happen with excess garbage.

Superintendent Coyne responded that he did study the operations of other municipalities. He reported that Harrison, White Plains New Rochelle did curb side collection. In New Rochelle, one would need a doctor's note for rear yard collection. All of the communities mentioned have refuse collection twice a week. He said that Port Chester has rear yard collection, but also allows drop off with a fee. Scarsdale does not have a transfer station, but they have employee staffing the trash drop off six days a week. There was discussion regarding recycling and composting.

Councilman Mecca said that all other communities seem to offer the collection twice per week. There was discussion about how Rye currently manages refuse collection, including operations with two employees per truck for rear yard pickup. Currently, residents are not required to own a standard of type of can. However, with curbside pickup, the automated trucks would require a standard can.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein said she was not in support of removing the twice a week pickup services. She referenced other municipalities and the maintenance of service levels at twice per week.

Superintendent Coyne said that with respect to cost savings, moving to once week at the curb would eliminate three employee positions, saving between \$240,000 and \$360,000. However, DPW is thin with employees as it is and would have to counter that loss with privatizing certain things, such as snow maintenance. The snow maintenance would cost between

\$100,000 and \$150,000 per year.

Mayor Cohn recapped the changes that would be made should the refuse process change, such as outsourcing now removal, moving toward automatic trucks, and the homeowner's responsibility to purchase a standard can.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein said that for a savings of \$200,000, she felt the City could not justify a huge reduction in services for not only garbage, but for storms.

Councilman Mecca said he was not in favor of the proposal to reduce refuse services. He said if the Council considered moving forward, it should hold a public hearing. He felt that the citizens of Rye may not be for this challenge for the next ten years with the taxes they pay.

Councilwoman Goddard thanked Superintendent Coyne for the great information. She agreed with Councilman Mecca that with the taxes paid, there is a level of service expected. She said she would like to think about it a little bit more.

Councilwoman Hurd said that she agreed with Councilmembers Goddard, Tagger-Epstein and Mecca that this is not worth pursuing, but that she appreciated the deep dive into it. She felt it important to maintain the quality of service and the value of the staff.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein thanked Superintendent Coyne and asked him to express how valued the DPW staff is for the community.

Councilwoman Goddard asked about privatization of sidewalk maintenance in the event of a storm. She said it was favorable having DPW members who can respond to issues as they arise as opposed to a private firm that cannot. She also said that she suspected that the cost savings are even less than presented.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein said that the more storms at the extreme levels seen in the last few years is hard to quantify.

10. Resolution to declare certain City of Rye equipment as surplus.
Roll Call.

City Manager Serrano explained that certain items were being recommended to the Council to formally declare as surplus. The items were as follows:

DPW:

2000 Ford F550 super duty vin # FDAF57F9YED45323, mileage 47,908 (old tk 6)
1998 Mack vin# VG6BA09B7WB701850, mileage 42,524 (old S-10)
2006 International4200 SAB LP vin# IHTMLAFL26H239966, mileage 47,782 (old R-1)
1988 Case Loader Ser# JAKOOI9355, hrs 421
John Deere 6x4 Gator PID# W006X4XO18667

PD:

2011 Ford Crown Vic vin# 2FABP7BVIBX156158, Mileage 88,139 (old car 18)
2009 Ford Crown Vic vin # 2FAHP71V39X142784, Mileage 96,577.5 (old car 31)
2010 Ford Crown Vic vin # 2FABP7BV5AX144383, Mileage 85,717 (old car 10)
2011 Ford Crown Vic vin # 2FABP7BVXBX156157, Mileage 83,130 (old car II)

STAFF:

2005 Honda Accord Hybrid vin # JHMCN36545C011655, Mileage 190,677 (staff)
1997 Chevy S I 0 Pick-up vin # I GCCS1946V8183433, Mileage 36,341 (staff)

MARINA

2001 Chevy pick-up vin # IGCEK14VXIZS88814, Mileage 35,909
1979 Ford Tractor vin # 613851

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with a list of City equipment identified as being obsolete or will become obsolete during 2018, and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended that said equipment from the departments of the Police, Recreation, Fire, general vehicles and Public Works 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: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Tagger-Epstein, Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers Souza and Stacks

11. Ratification of a letter to Senator Schumer regarding small cell surplus.

Mayor Cohn explained that this letter was drafted to request that Senator Schumer oppose legislation removing state and local governments from the process to assert any regulatory authority over small-cell installations within the municipality's right-of-way.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Tagger-Epstein and unanimously carried, to ratify a letter to Senator Schumer regarding S3157, "Streamlining the Rapid Evolution of... Small Cell Deployment Act."

12. One appointment to the Rye Boat Basin Commission, by the Council, to fill a term expiring on January 1, 2021.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to appoint Mary Ellen Pilkington, upon recommendation of the Boat Basin Commission, to fill an unexpired term of the Boat Basin Commission ending January 1, 2021.

13. Resolution to extend the waiver of Chapter 144-8(D) and (G) of the Rye City Code to permit Barley on the Beach to operate a single food truck at the Town of Rye Park Beach North Gate, adjacent to the Rye Town Park Restaurant Site through September 30, 2018.

Councilwoman Hurd asked that if a resolution is passed, that it references the North Gate concession specifically; at this point, there is uncertainty about whether the food truck is set to be in the correct location.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to extend the waiver of Chapter 144-8(D) and (G) of the Rye City Code to permit Barley on the Beach to operate a single food truck at the Town of Rye Park Beach North Gate concession, adjacent to the Rye Town Park Restaurant Site through September 30, 2018.

Councilman Mecca mentioned an old business item, the parking restrictions in front of Playland Market. He asked if the sign that said “except Sundays” was permissive and not a restrictive sign in the summer, as the area as a whole does not allow parking in the summer time.

Corporation Counsel Wilson said that regardless of the outcome of the current pilot study parking program at that location, the language on the parking regulations would be clarified in the future.

14. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Mecca made a motion at 10:37 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein and unanimously carried, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D’Andrea
City Clerk