

COMMON COUNCIL

April 24, 2008

Mayor Joseph Maiurano presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 AM on April 24, 2008, in the EOC Office at the Police Station.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Robert Carey
Ald. Terry Bresina
Ald. John Deierlein
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn

Also:

Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo
EMO A. Jones
Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer

Absent

Ald. Paul Laughlin
Ald. Robert Jeffrey
Supervisor Linda Natoli
Supervisor James McNeil

Call to Order

This special meeting of the Common Council was called to order by Mayor Maiurano at 7:19 p.m.

Assessment Board of Review Appointment

Ald. Schermerhorn **moved** to approve the appointment of Edward D. Morano, Norwich, NY, to the Assessment Board of Review to fill a vacant position for the remainder of a five-year term expiring September 30, 2011. Seconded by Ald. Bresina, duly approved ayes all.

Memorandum of Understanding

Ald. Carey **moved** to approve a Memorandum of Understanding from the Mayor expressing the Council's support to George Banta, Sr., regarding the proposed purchase of the Howard Johnson Hotel property, and to John Zajac acknowledging permission for the submission of a site plan application by Sphere Development Corporation in connection with a proposed retail development project. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly approved 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution

**RESOLUTION #47-2008. AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION OF 49 FRONT STREET,
BUDGET TRANSFER, AND PAYMENT OF FUNDS**

Ald. Bresina introduced the following and **moved** its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to acquire real property located at 49 Front Street for the purposes of blight removal and neighborhood revitalization, in similar manner and purpose as under its current Restore New York grant program activities; and

WHEREAS, the present absentee owner has expressed a willingness to transfer such property to the City in exchange for the remission by the City of currently outstanding property taxes in the amount of \$1,748.53; and

WHEREAS, Community Development funds are available for such purpose; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize the acceptance of a quitclaim deed from Valdir S. Martins through Power of Attorney vested in Kimberlie A. Densmore, his daughter, for the transfer to the City of the real property located at 49 Front Street in the City of Norwich, tax map number 136.57-1-39; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration of and in exchange for said transfer the total outstanding taxes due the City on said property in the amount of \$1,748.53 be forgiven; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized under the direction of the City Attorney to execute any documents that may be required to accomplish such transfer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make a 2008 budget transfer in the Community Development Fund, and a corresponding payment to the General Fund in the amount of said outstanding taxes as follows:

Community Development Fund Budget Transfer:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CD62-9950.1	DHCR Home Rehabilitation Programs	\$ 1,748.53

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CD56-5031	Neighborhood Revitalization	\$ 1,748.53

Payment to General Fund:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CD56-8660.4	Neighborhood Revitalization Property Acquisition	\$ 1,748.53

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1001	Eaton Ave Utilities Rehab Capital Project	\$ 1,748.53
	General Fund - Real Property Taxes	

Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly approved, 4-0 on a roll call vote:

Adjournment

Ald. Carey **moved** to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly approved ayes all.