

COMMON COUNCIL

Organizational Meeting January 3, 2006

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at an organizational meeting of the Common Council held at 7:00 PM on January 3, 2006, in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. Terry Bresina
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Walter Schermerhorn
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Robert Jeffery
Supervisor James McNeil

Also:

Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts
H.R. Director Deborah DeForest
Fire Chief John Tighe
Acting Police Chief Murray Roach
Code Enforcement Officer Jason Lawrence
Youth Bureau Director Bob Mason
Media Representative Jeff Genung
Deputy Clerk Darlene Colaso

Prior to Start of Meeting: Swearing-In of Newly Elected Officials

The following elected officials were sworn in by William Roberts Director of Finance/City Clerk:

- ◆ Mayor of city of Norwich, Robert C. Raphael
- ◆ Alderman of Ward 2, Terry J. Bresina
- ◆ Alderman of Ward 4, Walter P. Schermerhorn
- ◆ Alderman of Ward 6, Robert M. Jeffery

Mayor's Comments

Prior to appointments, the Mayor wanted to thank all the Norwich citizens who displayed Christmas lights and decorations, beautifying the City of Norwich for the holiday season.

Appointments to Council Committees

After reviewing the Committee structure and looking at reducing duplication of meetings, the Mayor has decided to combine the Public Works and Public Safety Committees into one. There will now be two Council Committees and the Mayor made the following appointments:

- ◆ **Finance / Personnel** – Ald. Joseph Mauriano was named as the Chair, and Ald. Walter Schermerhorn and Ald. Robert Jeffery were named as committee members.
- ◆ **Public Works/Safety** – Ald. Abraham was named as the Chair, and Ald. Williams and Ald. Bresina were named as committee members.

The Mayor stated that all Advisory members shall be consulting members of all committees, being notified of all committee sessions and being able to participate in discussion. He added that all committee members, including Advisory members, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Meetings of the committees may be called by the chairman, the Mayor or any two members of the committee.

The Committee meetings shall be held as follows (contingent upon changes due to tentative conflict in scheduling):

Finance / Personnel – First Wednesday of each month – 6 PM – One Court Plaza
Public Works/Safety – Fourth Thursday of each month – 6 PM – DPW, Hale Street

Nomination of President of the Council to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2006

The Mayor opened the nominations for President of the Common Council for a one year term expiring December 31, 2006. Ald. Jeffery **moved** to nominate Ald. Joseph Mauriano to President of the Common Council for 2006. The motion for Ald. Mauriano's nomination was seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn. The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, the Mayor then declared the nominations closed. The nomination of Ald. Maiurano was duly adopted, ayes all.

Nomination of Acting Mayor to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2006

The Mayor opened the nominations for Acting Mayor for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2006. Ald. Mauriano **moved** to nominate Ald. Abraham as acting Mayor for 2006. The nomination of Ald. Abraham was duly adopted, ayes all. The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, the Mayor then declared the nominations closed. The motion for Ald. Abraham's nomination was seconded by Ald. Williams.

Appointments by Common Council:

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the following appointments by the Common Council:

Assessment Board of Review

- ◆ Richard Natoli, 12 Clinton Street, re-appointment to a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Traffic Commission

- ◆ Bernard Merritt, 10 Hayward Avenue, re-appointment as Chair to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.
- ◆ George Cleveland, 17 Columbia Street, re-appointment to three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Robert Burdick, 29 Beebe Avenue, re-appointment to three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Ald. Williams **moved** to approve the appointments. Ald. Mauriano seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions by the Mayor

The Mayor reported the following Mayoral appointments:

Electrical Board

- ◆ Tom Jensen, 12-14 Park Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Planning Commission

- ◆ Richard Mirabito, 19 Cole Drive, re-appointment as Chair for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.
- ◆ Sharon Pelosi, 141 No. Broad Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Diane DiStefano, Newton Avenue, appointment to a three-year-term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Alternate – Joseph Esposito, 20 Adelaide, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Plumbing Board

- ◆ Gary Brightman, Randall Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Adam Francis, Journeyman, 7 Griffin Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Youth Board

- ◆ Julian Drelich, Jr., 17 Beebe Avenue, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Ruth Mason, 44 Waite Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Megan Eddy, 30 Midland Drive, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Mary Frances Dean, 24 Hayes Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Lisa Groeschel, 30 Birdsall Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Zoning Board

- ◆ Judy Wright, 40 Borden Avenue, re-appointment as Chair, to the remainder of a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.
- ◆ Ed Morano, 21 Miller Street, re-appointment to a three year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Kathy Campbell, So. Broad Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- ◆ Alternate Jeff Ulig, Waite Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008

The Mayor then asked for a motion to approve the following Mayoral appointments with approval of the Common Council:

Parks Commission

- ◆ *Gilbert Harrington, 45 Cortland Street, appointment as Chair to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.*
- ◆ *Robert Almeter, 62 Pleasant Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*
- ◆ *Daniel Wagner, 15 Canasawacta Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*

Street Tree Committee

- ◆ *Rebecca Hargrave, 25 Conkey Avenue, appointment as Chair to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.*
- ◆ *Daniel Wagner, 15 Canasawacta Street, re-appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*

Water Board

- ◆ *Julian Drelich, Jr., 17 Beebe Avenue, appointment as Chair, to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007.*
- ◆ *Ken Winans, 66 Canasawacta, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*
- ◆ *Sharon Pelosi, 141 No. Broad Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*
- ◆ *James Wysor, 10 Locust Street, appointment to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.*

Ald. Mauriano **moved** to approve the appointments. Ald. Williams seconded the motion, duly adopted, ayes all.

Designation of Official Newspaper and Depositories

The Mayor asked to have a motion to designate the Official Newspaper.

Ald. Mauriano **moved** to designate the Evening Sun as the Official Newspaper for the City of Norwich and the motion was seconded by Ald. Williams, duly adopted, ayes all.

The Mayor asked to have a motion to designate the Official Depositories of City Funds:

Ald. Mauriano **moved** to designate NBT Bank, Partners Trust Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank and Wilbur National Bank as the Official Depositories of City of Norwich Funds and the motion was seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly adopted, ayes all.

Prior to requesting a motion to go into executive session, the Mayor wanted to remind all new Council members that they have mailboxes (located at City Hall), and that those boxes should be checked regularly for pertinent information related to upcoming Common Council and committee meetings, along with important NYCOM training information.

Executive Session: Labor Contract Negotiations

Ald. Mauriano **moved** to adjourn to executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations, seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn, duly adopted, ayes all. Common Council adjourned to enter executive session at 7:16 p.m., duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Williams **moved** to adjourn from executive session at 8:48 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Abraham, duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment

Ald. Williams **moved** to adjourn from Common Council organizational meeting at 8:50 p.m., which was seconded by Ald. Abraham, duly adopted, ayes all.