

COMMON COUNCIL

May 25, 2005

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 5 PM on May 25, 2005, at One Court Plaza.

Present:
Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:
Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
HR Director Deborah DeForest
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Executive Session – Ald. Williams moved to go into executive session at 5:02 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals. Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Williams moved to go out of executive session at 5:18 PM. Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION # 49 - 2005. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ald. Williams introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City is in need of professional services relative to a particular legal issue; and

WHEREAS, funds are required to cover the cost of such services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, under the direction of and in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Vincent Accardi of Binghamton, NY, for professional legal services to investigate a certain incident; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that such services shall be compensated at a rate of \$140 per hour, for a total amount not to exceed \$ 5,000; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make up to the following transfer in the 2005 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 5,000

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1430.4020	Human Resources – Contracted Services	\$ 5,000

Seconded by Ald. Cushman and duly adopted, 5-1 (Ald. Maiurano) on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Cushman indicated that all disbursements would be included in the \$140 per hour amount.

Ald. Maiurano stated that the City already has capable people on staff for advisement and those individuals should do the investigation without spending taxpayers dollars needlessly.

Adjournment –Ald. Thornton moved to adjourn at 5:24 PM. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, ayes all.