

## COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

June 14, 2005

Common Council President Joseph Biviano presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on June 14, 2005, at One Court Plaza.

### Present:

Ald. A. Anthony Abraham

Ald. Suzanne Williams

Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

Ald. Joseph Biviano

### Also:

Clerk / Director of Finance William Roberts

Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest

Fire Chief John Tighe

Police Chief Joseph Angelino

DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson

Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

### Absent:

Mayor Robert Raphael

Ald. James Cushman

Ald. Joseph Maiurano

### Discussion:

- ◆ Dr. Thomas Holmes regarding the Hosbach Trail – Dr. Thomas Holmes updated the Council on the Chenango River Walk Organizing Committee's plans to make a pedestrian trail in conjunction with the Hosbach Trail. He stated that the committee has developed a comprehensive plan and is currently working on details regarding easements, liability insurance, trail composition and maintenance as well as financing. Dr. Holmes noted that the organization has received some grant funding and is working with under The Place's the non-profit status. He said the trail is being designed to encourage volunteers and noted there will be a community wide meeting held on July 20. Dr. Holmes said the organization would like to work with the City in a cooperative effort for a greenway trail and funding with little use of taxpayer dollars. The organization is requesting from the City: assistance with obtaining liability insurance; legal advice on obtaining easements; a cooperative management plan for maintaining the trail by utilizing the Public Works Department; the development of a buffer zone at the Jamba Farm. Ald. Biviano stated that the greenway trail has been attempted in the past and suggested the organization present a detailed written plan. The matter was referred to the Mayor to arrange for Bill Tomkins to meet with the group.
- ◆ Lee Wilhelm of Norwich City Band regarding 2005 Budget – Lee Wilhelm, Business Manager for the Norwich City Band explained that there was a shortfall for this concert season. He explained that with six concerts and rehearsals, he is requesting a budget of \$4,000. The Council concurred that a resolution would be presented at the June 21 meeting to transfer the funds.
- ◆ Communications Systems and Information Technology Policy – Ald. Williams stated with regard to the proposed communications systems and information technology policy, that because it deals with terms and conditions of employment, it must be forwarded to the labor attorney for approval before it can be adopted. She noted the attorney would also be reviewing the cellular phone policy.

### Open Forum

**Ed Morano**, 21 Miller Street, stated that on May 23, 2003 he began communicating to the Common Council and Committees regarding multi-family dwelling concerns. He stated that he presented written recommendations that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and Public Safety Committee. Mr. Morano's concern was that the recommendations were to be forwarded to the Common Council this month and he did not see any mention of it on the agenda. It was noted that the recommendations were written into draft ordinance form. The Council concurred that the ordinances be added to the agenda.

### Development of Agenda for June 21, 2005

- 1) *Call To Order*
- 2) *Pledge of Allegiance*
- 3) *Invocation*
- 4) *Approval of minutes of: May 17, 23 and 25, 2005*
- 5) *Public Hearing*
  - ◆
- 6) *Open Forum*
- 7) *Bids*
- 8) *Correspondence*
  - ◆ *Norwich Merchants/B.I.D. annual Street Festival and Sidewalk Sales on July 7, 8 and 9, 2005*
  - ◆ *Chenango County Fair Firemen's Parade on August 9, 2005 at 7 PM*
- 9) *Department, Board and Commission Reports*
  - ◆ *Historian monthly report for May, 2005*
  - ◆ *Records Management monthly report for May, 2005*
  - ◆ *Youth Bureau monthly report for May, 2005*
  - ◆ *Parks Commission minutes of May 9, 2005*
  - ◆ *Traffic Commission minutes of May 11, 2005*
  - ◆ *Water Commission minutes of May 18, 2005*
  - ◆ *Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of May 23, 2005*
- 10) *Ward and Committee Reports*
  - ◆ *Public Safety Committee meeting of May 19, 2005*
  - ◆ *Public Works Committee meeting of May 26, 2005*
- 11) *Old Business*
  - ◆ *Tabled Resolution Relative to Non Unit Compensation Schedule*
- 12) *New Business*
  - Motions
    - ◆ *Authorize refilling of pending vacancy in Police Department*
  - Resolutions
    - ◆ *Res – Auth Transfer for Norwich City Band*
    - ◆ *Res – Auth Transfer Water System Professional Legal Services*
    - ◆ *Res –Auth Implementation and Funding of Rte 12 DOT Project*
    - ◆ *Res – Auth Acceptance of Property Transfer relative to Brown Avenue Project*
    - ◆ *Res – Auth UDAG funds for Remediation relative to Brown Avenue Project*
- 13) *Payment of Bills*
- 14) *Executive Session – Interviews for Code Enforcement Officer*
- 15) *Adjournment*

Additions to Agenda – Chief Angelino stated that projections for the overtime are showing a budget shortfall and requested approval to secure the station and put the desk sergeant on the street at his discretion. He noted that answering non-emergency calls would be coordinated through the Sheriff's office. The Chief said that there were some things needed in order to do this including upgrading security at the station, obtaining a ring down phone from the PD lobby to the 9-1-1 center, call forwarding existing phone lines, forwarding of teletype messages to the 9-1-1 center. He noted that there would be times when the station could not be left un-manned such as a prisoner in lock up.

Committee Reports – Ald. Biviano stated that the Council would forego the Committee reports.

### New Business

East Main Street School Property -- Ald. Abraham moved to approve the recommendation to dispose of EMS School Property by Sealed Bid. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Thornton stated that he was against disposing of the property by sealed bid and recommended that open competitive auction, however, in the interest of moving forward he would vote in favor of the motion.

Executive Session – Ald. Biviano moved to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss current and proposed litigation and employment history of a particular corporation. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Thornton moved to go out of executive session at 10 PM. Seconded by Ald. Abraham and duly adopted, ayes all.

Authorize Appraisal Services – Ald. Abraham moved to authorize the Director of Finance, under the direction of the City Attorney, to procure the professional services of Susan D. Baldwin, Inc. of Syracuse, NY to prepare a court-ready appraisal of Chenango Lake for an amount not to exceed \$5,500; and, to be conducted only if required pending the outcome of the city Attorney's efforts to secure an extension of the court-required deadline and possible settlement out of court. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. Abraham moved to adjourn at 10:02 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.