

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session
February 10, 2004

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on February 10, 2004, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Clerk / Director of Finance Brian Molinaro
Fire Chief John Tighe
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
EMO A. Jones
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Absent

Ald. James Cushman
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

Open Forum

Downtown Concerns -- Bob Arnell, said he would like the garbage dumped once a week in the downtown. He also suggested that the revenue from parking tickets should go to the Police Department.

New Business

RESOLUTION # 03 - 2004.

OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE CAMP PHARSALIA
MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON FACILITY

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Camp Pharsalia was the first minimum-security prison built in New York State; and

WHEREAS, based on the success of Camp Pharsalia, it became the prototype for other such facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing employment to a number of Chenango County residents, Camp Pharsalia has helped to create jobs in our area and enhance the economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, Camp Pharsalia maintains two objectives with regard to its contribution to the community - character development and conservation, and

WHEREAS, Camp Pharsalia, through such objectives, provides community services to non-profits, community organizations, municipalities, NYS facilities and parks as well as instill responsibility and enhance respect for life to the camp inmates; and

WHEREAS, with Chenango County having the largest area of DEC State lands in the nine county area of the DEC's Region 7, forestry work remains the backbone of the Camp Program with contributions of more than 40,000 hours solely dedicated to conservation work by inmates during 2002 and 2003, including the Timber Stand Improvement Program for forest thinning, maintaining fishing access points, dikes, conduits and snowmobile, ski and horse trails; and

WHEREAS, Camp Pharsalia's contribution to the economy includes employment of 105 persons, 30 of which live in the City of Norwich, as well as procurement funds effecting 40 local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Camp Pharsalia prison plays a vital role in this community and its closure would be a terrible loss to the City of Norwich, its residents and all of Chenango County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Norwich vehemently opposes the closure of Camp Pharsalia minimum-security prison; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Governor as well as our State Legislators.

Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted on a roll call vote, 4-0.

Development of Agenda for February 17, 2004

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2004, the special meeting of December 30, 2003, the organizational meeting of January 5, 2004 and the work session meeting of January 13, 2004.
- 5) Public Hearing
 - ◆ None

- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids
 - ◆ Request for Proposals for Community Development Services received to February 13, 2004
- 8) Correspondence
 - ◆ Allegro Run for the Arts on May 2, 2004
 - ◆ College Day on April 6, 2004
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for January, 2004 and 2003 Annual Report
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for January, 2004
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of January 8, 2004
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of January 12, 2004
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of January 26, 2004
 - ◆ Traffic Commission minutes of January 14, 2004
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Finance Committee meeting of January 19, 2004
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of January 22, 2004
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of January 29, 2004
- 11) New Business
 - Appointments
 - ◆ Appointment of Brian Molinaro to the B.I.D.M.A.
 - Award of Bids
 - Motions
 - ◆ Motion to Authorize Acceptance of Payments for 2002 Property Taxes After 1/22/04 and Prior to Tax Auction
 - ◆ Motion to Accept Proposal for Demolition of 96 Silver Street property
 - ◆ Motion to Accept Modified Water Shutoff Policy
 - ◆ Motion to Authorize the City Participate in the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance
 - ◆ Motion to Establish Fee for Fingerprinting Services
 - ◆ Motion to Establish Fee for Impounded Vehicles
 - Resolutions
 - ◆ Res - Auth Salary Increase for Records Management Clerk
 - ◆ Res - Establish Compensation Schedule for Non-Unit Employees and Department Heads
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Police Department Position Relative to Pending Retirement
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Computer Network Server in Police Department
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Storm Drainage Repairs for 51 Hillview Drive
 - ◆ Res - Designate Audit Firm for Year Ended 2003
- 13) Payment of Bills
- 14) Adjournment

RFP Community Development Services -- Mayor Raphael reported that proposals for Community Development Consulting Services will be back by February 13 and a special meeting may be required next week to take action. Ald. Biviano moved to hold interviews on February 18 beginning at 6 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Audit -- Ald. Williams expressed concern about the anticipated start date for performing the audit. The Director of Finance said he would contact the firm to see about moving the start date up.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee -- Ald. Biviano, Finance Committee Chair, reported the Committee discussed a majority of the items on the agenda, particularly the demolition of 96 Silver Street, an electric alliance, fingerprinting and impoundment fees.
- Personnel Committee -- Ald. Maiurano, Chair of the Personnel Committee, referred the Committee report to the HR Director. Ms. DeForest reported that in addition to the related items on the agenda, the Committee discussed contract negotiations, labor attorney relations, a vacancy in the Wastewater Treatment Plant and pending retirements.
- Public Safety Committee -- The Public Safety Committee discussed correspondence received, stop signs, traffic lights and updates from the Police and Fire Chiefs.
- Public Works Committee -- Ald. Abraham, Public Works Committee Chair, reported that in addition to items on the agenda, the Committee discussed a curb cut request for Division Street, the proposed Hotel Project and a dam inspection.

Executive session - Ald. Biviano moved to go into executive session to discuss union contract negotiations at 8:07 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all. Ald. Biviano moved to go out of executive session at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, ayes all.

CSEA Contract -- Ald. Biviano moved to authorize settlement of the CSEA Administrative Unit Contract. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Executive Session -- Ald. Biviano moved to go into executive session at 9:02 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all. Ald. Williams moved to go out of executive session at 9:12 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment -- Ald. Abraham moved to adjourn at 9:12 PM. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, ayes all.