

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session
December 14, 2004

Mayor Robert presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on December 14, 2004, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. A. Anthony Abraham
Ald. James Cushman (7:50 PM)
Ald. Suzanne Williams
Ald. Joseph Maiurano
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Clerk / Director of Finance William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Deputy Clerk Donna Philippone

Absent:

Ald. Jeffrey Thornton

Open Forum

No one wished to be heard.

Discussion

Municipal Cooperation Agreement – Mayor Raphael distributed a copy of the current Municipal Cooperation agreement with the proposed changes included and a copy of the draft Empire Zone Administration Addendum. He presented Town of North Norwich Supervisor Richard Decker and Empire Zone Coordinator Tammy Carnrike to answer questions of the Council relative to the agreements and noted that the changes are a result of months of review by the Committee. Ms. Carnrike said the new document allows the municipalities a greater range of flexibility and addendums would be created for contracts such as the Empire Zone and the Fire District. Supervisor Decker said the Municipal Cooperation Agreement basically states that the municipalities agree to cooperate.

Ald. Biviano stated that the four changes he recommended were not in the document. He suggested that the matter be deferred until the full Council is present for discussion and the City Attorney has reviewed the four changes. Ms. Carnrike noted that as the other Towns have approved the agreement, if the Council chooses to make changes at this point the process would have to start all over. Ald. Biviano asked if there were any City of Norwich vacancies on the Committee. Ms. Carnrike said that all City representative slots are filled. Ald. Biviano requested a list of members and asked if there was any correspondence distributed by the Committee. Ms. Carnrike said she would see that Council gets a list of members and as a member himself; he should be receiving both notifications of meetings and correspondence.

Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Map – Mayor Raphael reported that Planning Commission has offered two options with regard to its recommendation relative to amending the Zoning Ordinance Map to extend the B-1 Zone easterly on the north side of East Main Street. Although the Planning Commission does recommend the initial proposed amendment, it would also recommend that the zone be extended the same distance on the south side of East Main Street. Discussion ensued.

Ald. Maiurano moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to extend the B-1 Zone on the north side of East Main Street to Park Street. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

New Business

RESOLUTION # 78 - 2004.

APPOINTMENT OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR POSITION IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Public Works Committees have made certain recommendations relative to the appointment of an employee to the position of Water System Operator to in the Public Works Department; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, effective December 20, 2004, Robert Hoffman of Sherburne, NY, be and hereby is provisionally appointed to the position of Water System Operator; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that such appointment is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the required physical examination.

Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 5-0.

Development of Agenda The following agenda was developed for the December 21, 2004 Common Council meeting:

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2004, the special meeting of December 7, 2004 and the work session of December 14, 2004
- 5) Public Hearing
 - ◆ Proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 2004 Relative to Amending Zoning Ordinance Map
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for November 2004
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for November 2004
 - ◆ Public Works/Water System monthly report for November 2004
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for November 2004
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for November 2004
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of November 8, 2004
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of November 15, 2004
 - ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of November 22, 2004
- 10) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Finance Committee meeting of December 8, 2004
 - ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of November 9, 2004
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of November 18, 2004
- 11) Old Business
- 12) New Business
 - Motions
 - ◆ Amend Policy Relative to Dasher Board Revenue
 - ◆ Auth Contact Persons Relative to Labor Attorney Services
 - Resolutions
 - ◆ Res – Approve Ordinance No. 4 of 2004
 - ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Buildings Capital Reserves
 - ◆ Res – Auth Transfer for Land Acquisition
 - ◆ Res – City / County Tax Levy
- 13) Payment of Bills
- 14) Adjournment

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Ald. Biviano reported the Finance Committee: revised the dasher board policy at the Skate Rink; discussed the Fire House project and requested a detailed report; authorized various transfers; discussed the tax sale certificate matter.
- Personnel Committee – Ald. Maiurano reported the Personnel Committee: discussed who would be the contact person with the Labor Attorney; made recommendations relative to the appointment of the Water System Operator; discussed the hiring to two police officers; reviewed and discussed a three percent wage increase for non-unit employees and request for a salary schedule survey; discussed firefighter negotiations. Ald. Maiurano indicated relative to the firefighter negotiations, that a list of items has been made and any aldermen wishing to add items should see the HR Director.
- Public Safety Committee – Ald. Cushman reported the Public Safety Committee held in November meeting with the landlords relative to multi-family dwellings last month was productive. He noted that Chief Tighe prepared an excellent power point presentation.
- Public Works Committee – Ald. Abraham reported that there was no Public Works Committee meeting in November.

Addition to Agenda – The Personnel Committee recommended that a resolution be added to the agenda establishing compensation schedule for non-unit employees, which would include a 3% increase from the 2004 schedule.

Executive Session – Ald. Cushman moved to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss the proposed sale of property where the price may be affected. Seconded by Ald. Williams and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Abraham moved to go out of executive session at 8:55 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. Abraham moved to adjourn at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Ald. Maiurano and duly adopted, ayes all.