

COMMON COUNCIL

January 22, 1991

Common Council President Roland Guinn presided at a regular meeting of the Common Council held at 7 p.m. on January 22, 1991, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Ald. Roland Guinn
Ald. Hartley Ackley
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Herbert Horovitz
Ald. Kenneth Titus
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

Clerk Jody Zakrevsky
Chamberlain Harold Hutton
Attorney James Cushman
Fire Chief Mark Rice
Asst. Police Chief Richard Whiting
Police Sgt. Robert Mason
Highway Supt. Joseph Loscavio
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Lackos

Ald. McNeil moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 7, 1991 and January 8, 1991. Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all.

OPEN FORUM:

No one wished to be heard.

BIDS:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported that no bids were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Zakrevsky reported the following correspondence was received:

-- A request from the March of Dimes to hold the annual WalkAmerica on May 18, 1991.

-- Traffic Commission recommendation regarding stop signs.

-- A request from W. Howard Sullivan for an overhang at 1 South Broad Street for the installation of a clock.

Ald. Angelino moved to approve the parade request under the direction of the Police Chief and to receive and file the correspondence from the Traffic Commission. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Titus moved to receive and refer the overhang request to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. McNeil noted the clock is from the former Chapman Turner building and the Streetscape Committee had recommended the replacement of the clock.

DEPARTMENT, BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

-- Ald. Horovitz moved to receive and file the following reports:

- Police Department monthly report for December 1990
- Codes Enforcement monthly report for November 1990

- Planning Commission minutes of December 10, 1990
- Traffic Commission minutes of November 14, December 12, 1990
- Civil Service Commission minutes of January 10, 1991
- Electrical Board minutes of December 20, 1990
- Plumbing Board minutes of December 19, 1990
- Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of December 19, 1990
- Parks Commission minutes of January 14, 1991

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

WARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Ald. Horovitz moved to receive and file the following reports:
 - Personnel Committee meeting of December 20, 1990
 - Public Safety Committee meeting of January 15, 1991
 - Public Works Committee meeting of January 10, 1991

Ald. Guinn reported that there are some large potholes on Gold Street. Highway Supt. Loscavio said NYSEG is responsible for the potholes and the matter has been referred to them.

Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ald. Titus moved the Mayoral appointment of Mary Marshall, 26 Newton Avenue, to the Parking Committee, a one-year term expiring November 30, 1991. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Titus moved to approve the following appointments to the Norwich Fire Department:

John C. Quattrocchi, 43 Birdsall Street, to the Alert Hose Company
 Terry L. Tarbell, 24 Jones Avenue, to the Emergency Squad
 William Law, 104 Mitchell Street, to the Emergency Squad
 Francis Shapley, Jr., 63A Canasawacta Street, to the Emergency Squad

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #12 - 1991. AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO HIRE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS ON AS NEEDED BASIS

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the previous City Engineer had indicated to the Common Council that he would not be a candidate for reappointment; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer's appointment has expired and the City is currently without the services of a city engineer; and

WHEREAS, the City has advertized for a new City Engineer but such recruitment may take an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the City is in need of engineering and design services for various city projects of short duration; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to use engineering consultant services on an as needed basis until a full-time engineer is appointed; and further be it

RESOLVED, that requests for engineering services by City departments may be initiated by the department heads or supervisors of those departments and forwarded to the Mayor for approval and action as required.

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION #13 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR STREET LIGHTING

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to cover expenses from 1990 street lighting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1990 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 695.75
A9010.8	Retirement	3,000.15

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A5182.4	Street Lighting	\$ 3,695.90

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Chamberlain Hutton noted the cost of street lighting has been running over budget for the past several years. * amended 2-12-91

RESOLUTION #14 - 1991. AMENDING VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE NO PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE OF ACADEMY STREET

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 90-4 of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich, the Common Council has been granted the authority to make, promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing and designating parking, parking spaces, safety and loading zones, one-way streets and streets for through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission has made certain recommendations concerning no parking any time on the south side of Academy Street; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 90-63, No Parking, of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich be and hereby is amended as follows:

ACADEMY STREET, south side.

Underlined material is new.

Seconded by Ald. Titus and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Titus asked if the ordinance will be rescinded after the County construction is completed. Asst. Chief Whiting said the ordinance will not be rescinded. He noted the narrowness of the street makes it very difficult for residents to exit their driveways when a vehicle is parked on the street.

RESOLUTION #15 - 1991. AMENDING VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STOP INTERSECTIONS WITH APPROPRIATE STOP SIGNS ERECTED.

Ald. Titus introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 90-4 of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich, the Common Council has been granted the authority to make, promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing and

designating parking, parking spaces, safety and loading zones, one-way streets and streets for through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Commission has made certain recommendations concerning designating stop intersections with appropriate signs erected; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Section 90-72, Streets Designated, of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norwich be and hereby is amended as follows:

GERALD STREET is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Wales Drive.

GERALD STREET is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Hillview Drive.

CHIRLIN DRIVE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Wales Drive.

CHIRLIN DRIVE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Hillview Drive.

COLE DRIVE is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Chirlin Drive.

HOWARD STREET is hereby designated as a STOP STREET at the intersection of Newton Avenue.

Underlined material is new.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #16 - 1991. APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF IN THE NORWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ald. Titus introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Norwich City Police Chief has notified the City of his intention to retire from service effective February 2, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has notified the City that Richard L. Whiting is eligible for permanent appointment to that position; and

WHEREAS, such an appointment would leave a vacancy in the Norwich Assistant Police Chief position; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has notified the City that Robert D. Mason is eligible for permanent appointment to assistant police chief of the City of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Public Safety Committees have made certain recommendations relative to these two positions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, 1. that Assistant Police Chief Richard L. Whiting be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment to the position of police chief in the City of Norwich Police Department at a grade 28;

2. that Sgt. Robert D. Mason be and hereby is granted a permanent appointment to the position of assistant police chief in the City of Norwich Police Department at a grade 25, level 2, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Assistant Chief Whiting; and further be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on February 3, 1991.

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, 4-0 with Ald. Angelino abstaining due to pending litigation.

Ald. Guinn congratulated Mr. Whiting and Mr. Mason on their promotions, which are a result of the fine job they are doing, and wished them many good years.

RESOLUTION #17 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR CITY ATTORNEY ATTORNEY

Ald. Ackley introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to meet payroll for the City Attorney; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1990 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1990	Contingency	\$ 812.06

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1420.1010	City Attorney - Personal Services	\$ 812.06

Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted ayes all on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #18 - 1991. AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING GARAGE

Ald. Horovitz introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to perform work on the overhead doors of the municipal garage for the Emergency Squad; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chamberlain be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfer in the 1991 General Fund Budget:

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H36	Municipal Building Reserve	\$ 2,380.00

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1620.4130	Municipal Building Capital Improvements	\$ 2,380.00

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote.

-- Prior to the vote, Ald. Horovitz noted the funds are for an electric door opener for the Police and Emergency Squad and the funds are in the budget.

-- Chamberlain Hutton reported the new DPW garage was completed \$22,000 under budget, including change orders. He noted change orders of \$33,000, land acquisitions, and engineering services brought costs up on the project.

Ald. Angelino noted the project was completed under budget due to the deletion of the fuel island. He said the Public Works Committee has recommended the use of a Cardtrol program.

Ald. Guinn said an open house for the City of Norwich is being planned for the new facility. Ald. Angelino noted the open house will be open to public and refreshments will be served. It was the consensus of the Council to hold the open house on Saturday, February 23 from 9 am to 12 pm at the new DPW facility on Hale Street.

-- Ald. Titus moved to pay the following bills after proper audit and certification:

	<u>Prepaid</u>	<u>01/22/91</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
General Fund	865,666.93	150,296.17	1,015,963.10
W.W.T.P.	0.00	2,695.00	2,695.00
Capital Projects	27,881.82	39,415.51	67,297.33
TOTALS	\$893,548.75	\$192,406.68	\$1,085,955.43

Seconded by Ald. Ackley and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Ald. Horovitz and duly adopted, ayes all.