

COMMON COUNCIL

April 1, 1996

Mayor Biviano presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 7 pm on April 1, 1996, at the Higley Building.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. Mat Thall
Ald. Charles Angelino

Also:

City Attorney Aaron Dean
Director of Finance/Clerk Brian Haak
Fire Chief Mark Rice
CD Director David Wagoner
CD Assistant Katy Schwan
Housing Rehab Specialist E. Schuurman
City Supervisor Linda Natoli
Judy W Wade, Norwich Housing Authority
Historian Patricia Scott
B.I.D. Administrator Jean Hayes
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

1996 Small Cities Grant Application -- Mayor Biviano stated the City will be submitting a Small Cities comprehensive grant application and asked those involved to explain the application. The Mayor encouraged public participation relative to the grant application.

David Wagoner, Community Development Director, explained the Market Square Project is a three year program that encompasses an area of the City that has been identified as below standard and meets all the criteria. He stated that the amount requested in the grant application is \$4.8 million, \$1,985,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$2,869,000 for a regional market.

Katy Schwan, Community Development Assistant, explained that the project includes the acquisition of the Norwich Shoe Company's manufacturing facility on State Street which will be incorporated into an agricultural and regional market. The below standard housing on State Street will be demolished and new houses constructed. She noted there is a relocation plan in place for the people in need of relocation. Ms. Schwan said the project also includes infrastructure. Ald. Carnrike asked if a housing study was done in the area. Ms. Schwan said the area housing was studied. She indicated there are 11 units in the area currently with seven of them occupied. She noted 12 new units will be constructed. Mayor Biviano said that he and Ms. Schwan walked through the entire area up to Lee Avenue. Ms. Schwan noted that Lee Avenue did not meet the criteria to be included in the application.

Judy Wingate Wade of the Norwich Housing Authority explained the Housing Authority's part in the project. The Housing Authority would be working with the City on the relocation of the tenants and noted they would be given priority in the new units. She indicated that six units would be for home ownership and the other replacement housing would be six rental units which would be handicapped accessible.

Kathy O'Hara, Evening Sun, asked when an answer is expected on the application. Ms. Schwan said notification should come within 75 days.

Linda Natoli, City Supervisor for Wards Four, Five and Six, asked what if someone in the targeted area does not want to move. Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Ed Schuurman said that it is the City's hope and intention that they will want to move to better housing. He indicated that he has talked to all the occupants of the row houses and no one voiced any gross objections. Mr. Schuurman noted that this is a tremendously competitive grant.

Mayor Biviano asked what kind of housing would be constructed. Mr. Schuurman explained that each would be part of a duplex with six units for

handicapped and six units for first time home buyers. He noted the units would be for low income persons.

Mary Coe, 5A Waite Street, asked what steps will be taken to insure that the neighborhood does not fall back to a blighted state. Ms. Wade explained that Opportunities for Chenango will follow the first time home buyers through the first year with counselling.

Mr. Dunne, a resident of the area, said he is in support of the project.

Mr. Wagoner noted the City has received many letters of support for the project.

RESOLUTION #31 - 1996. AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 1996 SMALL CITIES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Ald. Angelino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Common Council have established that development of safe, sanitary and decent housing for low and moderate income families is a goal of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City also believes there exists deficiencies in public facilities located in the State Street area; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage the development of a regional market; and

WHEREAS, the City has designated the State Street area in the City as being a target area for actions in support of such goals; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to submit a comprehensive grant application in the amount of \$5,000,000 to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for funds to aid in accomplishment of its goal in the target area; and

WHEREAS, the City has met the citizen participation requirements for the filing of such application; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to file an application for a comprehensive Small Cities application with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and to take all such actions on behalf of the City as may be necessary in support of such application.

Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

RESOLUTION #32 - 1996. AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
DEPOT BUILDING AND CITY HALL OF THE CITY OF
NORWICH, CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM
COST OF \$400,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
NOT EXCEEDING \$400,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO
PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption with the reading suspended:

Be it RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Norwich, Chenango County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of improvements to the city-owned Depot Building and City Hall of the City of Norwich, Chenango County, New York, whether or not including original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus or the replacement of such equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purposes for which such buildings are to be used, is hereby authorized at a maximum cost of \$400,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of not exceeding \$400,000 serial bonds of said City, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law, provided, however, that the amount of serial bond authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced, dollar for dollar, to the extent of any moneys received as Federal or State grants-in-aid therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(2) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said City of Norwich, Chenango County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Director of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining debt service, shall be determined by the Director of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of such City. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Director of Finance shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in The Evening Sun, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of said City for such purpose, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Ald. Thall and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Executive Session -- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session to discuss negotiations with the B.I.D. and the personnel history of particular individuals at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Ald. Carnrike moved to go out of executive session at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Request for EMT3 Training -- Ald. Carnrike moved to deny a request from the Norwich Firefighters for EMT3 training. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment -- Ald. Angelino moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.