

COMMON COUNCIL

September 10, 1996

Mayor Biviano presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 pm on September 10, 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:

Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Robert Mason
Sgt. Joseph Angelino
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Engineer James Suozzo
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
CD Director David Wagoner
Historian Patricia Scott
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Agenda for September 17, 1996 -- The following agenda was developed for the September 17, 1996 Common Council meeting:

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes of August 20, 1996, special meetings of August 27, 1996 and September 5, 1996 and the work session of September 10, 1996.
- Public hearing - Proposed local law to amend the Charter as it relates to the Fire Department

Mayor Biviano noted the Blue Ribbon Committee will be making a recommendation relative to the local law before final action is taken on the matter.

- Open forum
- Bids
- Correspondence
 - Request from City Historian relative to National Archives Week

Historian Scott explained that October 13 - 19, 1996 has been designated National Archives Week and she is requesting permission to display certain records pertaining to the year 1914, the year Norwich became a City. The records would be displayed in the lobby of the NBT Bank on South Broad Street.

- Request from the YMCA to hold the annual Halloween Parade
- Request from the YMCA to renew the Gus Macker Tournament Contract for 1997 and 1998 to be held on East Main Street on July 12-13, 1997 and July 11-12, 1998.

Ald. Carnrike noted that the contract is a two year contract and there may be a need in 1998 for additional space. It was noted that the matter should be reviewed each year.

- Request from Jean Hayes of the B.I.D. to close Route 12 from Front Street to Mechanic Street on October 11 and 12, 1996 to hold a Sidewalk Sales/New Car Promotion as part of "Oktoberbest".

Jean Hayes explained the street closure would be from 10 am to 8 pm on Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. The Council requested a written pro-

posal for the event be presented for the Council meeting. Police Chief Mason stated the location is not feasible and suggested an alternative location be found in the downtown. Ald. McNeil noted this is a short amount of time to put the event together. Mayor Biviano said he would work with Mrs. Hayes on a proposal.

- Department, Board and Commission reports
 - Police Department monthly report for July 1996
 - Parks Commission minutes of August 5, 1996
- Ward and Committee reports
 - Public Works Committee of August 22, 1996
 - Public Safety Committee of August 27, 1996
 - Personnel Committee of August 6, 1996
 - Finance Committee of September 4, 1996
- Old Business
 - Resolution #80-1996
 - Tabled Resolution #82-1996
 - Tabled Resolution #83-1996
 - Tabled Resolution #87-1996
- New Business
 - Designate Halloween Trick or Treat

Ald. Carnrike noted that last year "trick or treat" was held on Halloween evening from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

- Appointments of Fire Chief as recommended by the City Attorney, pre-approved by telephone poll on August 28 and 29, 1996, and duly adopted, 5-1 (Ald. Thall) as follows: Fire Chief - Stanley Brightman, First Assistant Fire Chief - Graydon Titus, Second Assistant Fire Chief - Leroy Burlingame.

Mayor Biviano noted that the telephone poll taken for the appointments of Fire Chief was for a consensus and an official vote would take place during the Council meeting with each position being voted on separately.

- Appointments -
 - Fire Department-Mark Forrest, Norwich, to the Emergency Squad
- Motion-Authorizing Purchase of Police Vehicle
- Res-Adopt Local Law No. 3 of 1996
- Res-Noting Appreciation to Sgt. Gardner Miles
- Res-Auth Transfer for Fire Truck Repair
- Res-Approving Salary Adjustments for Non-Unit Employees
- Res-Reallocating Grade of Youth Bureau Director
- Res-Establishing Position of Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer
- Res-Appoint Sergeant in the Police Department
- Res-Appoint Police Officers
- Payment of Bills
- Adjournment

Ward and Department Reports

-- Ald. Carnrike reported there is a possible traffic hazard on Eaton Avenue with vehicles parking on the south side of the street near the entrances to NBT. The matter was referred to the Traffic Commission.

-- Asa Allison gave an update on the Depot renovations and reported the project is progressing. He said the framing is up and breezeway has been enclosed.

Mr. Allison reported the Freight Depot roof is being replaced with the help of the Camp Georgetown inmates.

Ald. Thall asked if the City has discussed the heating/cooling system for the buildings with NYSEG. Mr. Allison said the Depot project is already underway, however, options for the Freight Depot can be looked into.

-- DPW Supt. Ivarson reported that street work is scheduled for Rexford and State Streets on September 23, 1996. He indicated that street work on North Broad Street at the intersections of Mitchell and Rexford Streets will also be scheduled. Mr. Ivarson noted that Cortland Street at its intersection with Court Street will be reground next year. Ald. McNeil asked if the railroad crossings will be grated or blacktopped. Mr. Ivarson said they would be blacktopped.

-- Jean Hayes reported for the B.I.D. that the B.I.D. Parking Committee will be going before the Traffic Commission with the proposed Parking Plan. She indicated there is some opposition from Morrisville students relative to walking to the Virginia Lane parking lot. The Mayor noted the B.I.D. is looking into additional lighting for Virginia Lane.

-- Community Development Director David Wagoner reported the proposed B.I.D. contract is being reviewed by the City Attorney. He noted there are a few changes to the document. B.I.D. Administrator Jean Hayes proposed the contract be accepted.

Adjournment -- Ald. Carnrike moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.