

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session
February 11, 1997

Common Council President Charles Angelino presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on February 11, 1997, at the Higley Building.

Present:

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

Also:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Director of Finance/Clerk Brian Haak
Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Police Chief Joseph Angelino
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Proposed Ordinance No. 2 of 1997 -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to receive a proposed ordinance relative to amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Norwich and set a public hearing for February 25, 1997. Seconded by Ald. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

ORDINANCE NO. 2
OF 1997

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP
OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Norwich, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Norwich Zoning Ordinance Map is hereby amended to reclassify the properties fronting on Birdsall Street on the west side from 111 feet south of East Main Street to 330 feet north on Front Street to B-1, and include the following properties:

Tax Map Nos. 136.57-1-15, 136.57-1-16, 136.57-1-17, 136.57-1-22, 136.57-1-18, 136.57-1-19, 136.57-1-28, 136.57-1-29, 136.57-1-31 and 136.57-1-32.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Appraisal of Victory Markets Property -- Ald. McNeil moved to authorize the City Attorney to hire an appraiser relative to the Victory Markets building on East Main Street at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Surplus Equipment -- DPW Supt. Ivarson distributed a list of items to be declared surplus and requested a resolution be presented at the February 25, 1997 Common Council meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade -- A request from the B.I.D. to hold a St. Patrick's Day Parade has been canceled.

Agenda for February 25, 1997 -- The following agenda has been developed for the February 25, 1997 Common Council meeting.

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of January 14, 1997 work session, February 11, 1997 work session and the regular meeting of January 21, 1997 with the following correction: Page 6, Resolution No. 6 of 1997 second paragraph - the amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,087,963 rather than \$1,987,963.
- 5) Public Hearing
 - ◆ Proposed Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Bids - Lease of Jamba Farm
- 8) Correspondence
 - ◆ Letter from Cheryl VanNort for the American Heart Association, requesting permission to hold "Triple Threat" bike, walk and run fund raiser event on May 4, 1997.
- 9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Youth Board minutes of September 17, October 8 and November 12, 1996, January 14, 1997
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for December, 1996

- ♦ Police Department Annual Report for 1996

10) Ward and Committee Reports

- ♦ Public Works Committee meeting of January 23, 1997
- ♦ Public Safety Committee meeting of January 28, 1997

11) Old Business

12) New Business

Appointments

- ♦ Marilyn DeStefano, 96 South Broad Street, re-appointment to the Street Tree Committee, a three-year term expiring December 31, 1999.
- ♦ Paul Read, Norwich Middle School, mayoral appointment as Advisory Member of the Street Tree Committee.
- ♦ Thomas Coffey, 65 Cortland Street, appointment to the Traffic Commission, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 1997.

Fire Department - Appointment of Edward T. Schuurman, 98 South Broad Street, to the Emergency Squad of the Norwich Fire Department.

Proposed Ordinance No. 2 of 1997 -- Receive Ordinance Relative to Amending the Sewer Use Ordinance and set a public hearing for March 18, 1997.

Resolutions

- ♦ Approve Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Map
- ♦ Authorizing The Mayor to Sign Contract with the SPCA
 - Ald. McNeil asked if the SPCA has provided the City with a complete financial statement and a 1996 income statement. Director of Finance Haak said the information is available for viewing at the SPCA. Chief Angelino reported the SPCA has provided the City with food and a kennel for holding dogs until transport can be made to the SPCA.
- ♦ Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Youth Recreation Contracts with Towns
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer in the 1996 Water Fund Budget
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer for Tax Advertising
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer for Recreation Program Wages
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer for Historian Services for SARA Grant
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer for NYCOM dues
- ♦ Authorizing Transfer for Maintenance Costs
- ♦ Declaring Excess Equipment Surplus and Authorizing Disposal

13) Adjournment

Traffic Concern -- Ms. Laura Wedge, Hayes Street, expressed concern relative to a proposal to change Maple Street to a two-way street. Her concern is there would not be enough room for emergency vehicles to get through due to the narrowness of the street. The Mayor said there would be no on-street parking. The Council referred Ms. Wedge to the Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for the next evening.

Executive Session -- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss possible litigation and a personnel issue. Seconded by Ald. Thall and duly adopted, ayes all. Ald. Carnrike moved to go out of executive session. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment -- Ald. Angelino moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Ald. Schermerhorn and duly adopted, ayes all.