

COMMON COUNCIL
Work Session
November 12, 1997

Mayor Joseph L. Biviano presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on November 12, 1997, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Joseph Biviano
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Barbara Schermerhorn
Ald. James Dennis

Absent

Ald. George Carnrike

Also:

Director of Finance/City Clerk William Roberts
Human Resources Dir. Deborah DeForest
Fire Chief Edward Schuurman
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
CD Director David Wagoner
Attorney Aaron Dean
Historian Patricia Scott
Planning Assistant Katy Schwan
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Public Hearing

Proposed Ordinance No. 12 of 1997 -- Mayor Biviano opened the public hearing at 7PM for proposed Ordinance No. 12 of 1997, an ordinance amending the City of Norwich Zoning Ordinance and Map.

-- Casey Jones, 4 Maydole Street, stated that there has been a lot of work done by Katy Schwan on the zoning ordinance, however, there are some additional questions. Mr. Jones addressed his concerns relative to accessory structure, adult motel, library, office building, professional office, recreational vehicle, religious institutions, stripping of topsoil, screening and landscaping, non-conforming structures, multiple family dwellings, open space requirements for R-2 and R-3 districts and the zoning map change relative to Division Street.

Mayor Biviano stated that the revision of the ordinance has been a two year process, noting the last time a major revision was made was 16 years ago. He praised Katy Schwan for her work on the project.

There being no further comments, Mayor Biviano closed the public hearing at 7:55 PM.

RESOLUTION # 105 - 1997. APPOINTMENT OF WATER-SYSTEM MAINTAINER

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of Water System Maintainer in the City of Norwich;
and

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Public Works Committees have made certain recommendations;
now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Blake Brown, Norwich, NY, be and hereby is provisionally appointed to the position of Water System Maintainer, effective November 10, 1997; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be subject to such action as may be necessary by the Norwich Civil Service Commission.

Seconded by Ald. Dennis and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

RESOLUTION # 106 - 1997. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORWICH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between the City of Norwich and the City of Norwich Firefighters Association relative to the current labor contract; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, under the direction of the City Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to sign such agreement with the City of Norwich Firefighters Association.

Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 4-0.

Development of Agenda for November 18, 1997

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 1997 and the work session of November 12, 1997.

5) Public Hearings

- ◆ An Ordinance to Repeal an Ordinance to Dispose of Certain Real Property
- ◆ An Ordinance to Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance
- ◆ An Ordinance to Amend the Games of Chance Ordinance

6) Open Forum

7) Bids

- ◆ Liquid Chlorine/Sodium Hypochlorite
- ◆ Fuel Card System

8) Correspondence

- ◆ Resignation of Joseph Serafini from the Water Board
- ◆ Request from B.I.D. to hold the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with Horse & Wagon rides at West Park Place on December 2, 1997 at 5:15 PM
- ◆ Request from First Night Committee for events from 6:30 PM to 12:30 AM on 12/31/97
Mayor Biviano noted he received the request from the First Night Committee just prior to this meeting.
- ◆ Request to hold annual World Aids Day walk on December 1, 1997 at 7 PM

9) Department, Board and Commission Reports

- ◆ Community Development/Planning monthly report for October, 1997
- ◆ Historian monthly report for October, 1997
- ◆ Human Resources monthly report for October, 1997
- ◆ Police Department monthly report for October, 1997
- ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for October, 1997
- ◆ Electrical Board minutes of June 19 through October 23, 1997
- ◆ Parks Commission minutes of October 13, 1997
- ◆ Plumbing Board minutes of June 17 through October 21, 1997
- ◆ Traffic Commission minutes of November 12, 1997
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of October 20, 1997

10) Ward and Committee Reports

- ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of October 7, 1997
- ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of October 28, 1997
- ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of October 23, 1997

11) Old Business

- Resolution Relative to Ordinance No. 12 of 1997 Approving Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance and Map
- Resolution No. 97-1997 Determination of Negative Declaration Relative to the Proposed Zoning Ordinance, tabled on September 16, 1997.

12) New Business

- Mayoral Proclamation – World Aids Day
- Appointments – Norwich Fire Department

New Member - Timothy Llewellyn to the George Rider Hook & Ladder Company

Current Members - Jennifer King to the Ontario Hose Company

- Robert Barnes to the Emergency Squad
- Robert Vance to the Emergency Squad
- Joseph Brock to the Emergency Squad
- Timothy Shepard to the Emergency Squad

Explorer Post - Melissa Smith

- Thomas Ferguson
- Chris Miles
- Pat Bousson

Resolutions

- ◆ Recording the Passing of Alderman Charles Angelino
- ◆ Approving Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 5 of 1992 relative to certain real property
- ◆ Approving Ordinance Amending the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance
- ◆ Approving Ordinance Amending the Games of Chance Licensing Ordinance
- ◆ Authorizing Mayor to accept a Grant Award through the Office of Justice Programs
- ◆ Authorizing Professional Services Relative to Water System Improvements Project
- ◆ Establishing Rate Structure for Norwich Fire Department Ambulance Service

13) Payment of Bills

14) Adjournment

Ward Reports

Ward Two -- Ald. McNeil reported he has been receiving calls relative to leaf pickup and asked that it be reported that the City is still picking up leaves.

Ward Three -- Ald. Rabinowitz reported calls relative to leaf pickup.

Ward Four -- Ald. Schermerhorn also reported calls relative to leaf pickup.

Department Head Meeting -- Ald. McNeil will run the November Department Head Meeting on November 25, 1997 at 8 AM.

LDC -- Ald. Rabinowitz questioned the vacancy on the LDC. CD Director Wagoner noted the LDC makes the appointments, however, it would be appropriate for Ald. McNeil as Acting Mayor to sit in for the Council President.

Adjournment -- Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.