

COMMON COUNCIL

January 27, 1998

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a special meeting of the Common Council held at 6:30 PM on January 27, 1998, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. George Carnrike
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. James Dennis
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Director of Finance/Clerk William Roberts
Fire Chief Ed Schuurman
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

-- Casey Jones, 4 Maydole Street, questioned the purpose of the executive session stating feels the issue is a matter of public information.

Executive Session – Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 6:32 PM to discuss the personnel history of a particular corporation. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Ald. Rabinowitz and duly adopted, ayes all.

RESOLUTION # 05 - 1998. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR
CONTRACTED BILLING SERVICES FOR AMBULANCE
REVENUE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich on August 19, 1997, adopted Local Law No. 3 of 1997, allowing the City of Norwich to charge fees for ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has made certain recommendations relative to contracting the billing for such service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, under the direction of the City Attorney and the Finance Committee, be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement with MultiMed Billing Service, Inc. of Baldwinsville, NY, for contracted billing services relative to the Ambulance Revenue Recovery Program.

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

-- Casey Jones, 4 Maydole Street, stated this should go through the bidding process. Director of Finance Roberts explained that when dealing with specialized professional services, it is not required to go through the bidding process.

RESOLUTION # 06 - 1998. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THOMA DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Ald. McNeil introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prepare an application for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Director has made certain recommendations relative to the preparation of such application; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, under the direction of the City Attorney, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Thoma Development Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$3,800, for professional services relative to the preparation of an application for 1997/1998 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.

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

-- Prior to the vote, Casey Jones stated that this process is backwards and the purpose of public participation is to get the input before the application is prepared. Mayor Raphael said two public hearings are scheduled for February and the public input from those meetings will be used in the preparation of the application.

Committee Review – It was the consensus of the Council that all issues brought before the Common Council shall go through the proper committee or committees for review prior to any action.

Adjournment –Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.