

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

April 10, 2001

Mayor Robert Raphael presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on April 10, 2000, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. Gary Clark
Ald. Patrick McNeil
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton
Ald. Sharon Jeffer
Ald. Joseph Biviano

Also:

Community Development/Clerk Joseph Serbin
Director of Finance William Roberts
Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Asst. Police Chief Murray Roach
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Fire Chief John Tighe
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
EMO A. Jones
Historian Patricia Scott
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Mayoral Proclamation -- Mayor Raphael read a proclamation for Founders Day Week being celebrated from April 16 - 23, 2001. He asked everyone to set aside time to learn about and reflect upon the heritage created through the ventures of faith by our first settlers and those who followed them in creating and shaping our great community.

Development of Agenda for April 17, 2001

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the regular meeting of March 20, 2001 and the work session of April 10, 2001
- 5) Open Forum
- 6) Bids
 - ◆ 2001 Tree Removal
- 7) Correspondence
 - ◆ Request from YMCA for approval to hold the YMCA's Largest Run on June 2, 2001
 - ◆ Notification from Ontario Hotel, Inc. of intention to renew liquor license at 28 Griffin Street
- 8) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Emergency Management Office monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Fire Department/Codes monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for March 2001
 - ◆ Civil Service Commission minutes of February 22, 2001
 - ◆ Parks Commission minutes of March 12, 2001
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of April 6, 2001
 - ◆ Traffic Commission minutes of March 14, 2001
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of March 21, 2001
- 9) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of March 27, 2001
 - ◆ Public Works Committee meeting of March 22, 2001
- 10) Old Business
- 11) New Business
 - Motions
 - ◆ Award of Bid -- Dump Truck with Plow
 - ◆ SPCA Contract Renewal
 - Resolutions
 - ◆ Res - Set Public Hearing Relative to East Main Street Property
 - ◆ Res - Auth Submission of Small Cities Grant Application
 - ◆ Res - Auth Submission of FEMA Grant Application
 - ◆ Res - Auth Agreement for Water Main Lining
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Salt Barn Repairs
 - ◆ Res - Auth Closing of 1994 HOME Program
 - ◆ Res - Appointment of MEO II Position Public Works Department
 - ◆ Res - Appointment Senior Account Clerk in the Finance Office
- 13) Payment of Bills
- 14) Adjournment

-- Ald. Thornton inquired about the resolution authorizing submission of a FEMA Grant Application. Chief Tighe explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been given the authority to carry out an initiative to provide assistance to firefighters and noted there is a \$750,000 limit in Federal funds that may be awarded this year to any applicant. He said the assistance would be awarded directly to local fire departments on a competitive basis and fire departments may apply for funding for not

more than two of six eligible categories. Chief Tighe said that after reviewing all of the categories and the needs of the department, he would like to apply for \$60,000 for protective clothing and \$300,000 for a pumper vehicle. The Chief noted that if awarded, the City would be required to provide a 10 percent match in funds.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee -- Ald. Rabinowitz reported the Finance Committee reviewed various items relative to Public Works, Public Safety and Community Development.
- Personnel Committee -- Ald. McNeil reported the Personnel Committee has not yet reviewed salary increases for the health officer, emergency management officer and historian. The matter would remain tabled until a full committee is present to address it. He said the Committee made recommendations relative to appointments of individuals in the Finance and Public Works Departments.
- Public Safety Committee -- Ald. Jeffer reported the Public Safety Committee held its last meeting at the Fire Department's temporary headquarters on Borden Avenue and received a tour of the facility. She also reported the Committee viewed the new apparatus and the training video program. She noted that Chief Angelino reminded everyone about the parks curfew in East and West Parks.
- Public Works Committee -- Ald. Biviano reported the Public Works Committee reviewed dump truck bids, salt barn repairs, main lining services and tree removal specifications.

Revenue Enhancement Committee -- Ald. Thornton reported that the Revenue Enhancement Committee is looking at several areas including the EMT schedule, surplus city-owned property that could be put back on the tax roll, the community contribution program and gross tax receipts. He said the Committee might be making some recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding ambulance recovery fees. Ald. Thornton indicated the Committee has already implemented an audit of the City's utility billing services. He also noted that educational information has been received from NYCOM that would be distributed to the department heads. Mayor Raphael suggested looking into increases in Medicaid fees with the County.

Internal Analysis Committee -- Ald. McNeil reported the Internal Analysis Committee has met two times and will be making several recommendations to the Finance Committee. The Committee has already recommended that all overtime be eliminated in the Finance Department.

Planning Retreat -- Ald. Jeffer suggested the Common Council hold its annual planning retreat. The Council discussed the agenda and possible formats to use for the meeting. Mayor Raphael said he would look into what other communities do and report back at the next Council meeting.

Executive Session -- Ald. McNeil moved to go into executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. McNeil moved to go out of executive session at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.