

COMMON COUNCIL

Work Session

May 14, 2002

Mayor Marylou Stewart presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on May 14, 2002, at One Court Plaza.

Present:

Mayor Marylou Stewart
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
Fire Chief John Tighe
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Deputy Clerk Donna Russell

Open Forum

-- **Ed Morano**, 21 Miller Street, said he attended the special Common Council budget work session meeting and was very discouraged to see that it appears the Council is still looking at the short term rather than the long term in planning. He said many suggestions for reducing costs have been offered to the Council. Mr. Morano reiterated that consolidation of services should be investigated and suggested the Public Works Department be one of the first departments to be looked at. He also noted that he attended the County Board meeting regarding the proposed jail and was discouraged with the public participation allowed at that meeting.

-- **Jay Joyce**, 11 Newton Avenue, raised concerns about the proposed County jail move and requested the Common Council take a stand against an employer in the City taking jobs out of the City.

New Business

Cruise-In -- Ald. McNeil moved to approve a request from the B.I.D. to hold a Cruise-In on Friday, May 24, 2002 from 6PM to 9PM under the direction of the Police Chief. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

-- Prior to the vote, Mayor Stewart explained that the lateness of the request was due to the last minute decision by the B.I.D. to sponsor the event.

Proposed Ordinance No. 6 of 2002 -- Ald. Biviano moved receive proposed Ordinance No. 6 of 2002, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Norwich relative to the Museum District Overlay, and set a public hearing for May 21, 2002. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

ORDINANCE NO. (6)
OF 2002

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 described areas as a Museum District (MD) overlay within existing zoning districts as follows:

Starting from the southwest corner of 20 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-1) and proceeding in an easterly direction and running along the southern most property line to the southeastern corner of 15 Merrill Street (136.49-1-3) crossing Merrill Street and continuing along the southern property line of 26 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-9), proceeding in an easterly direction and running along the southern most property lines of 28 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-10) and 30.5 South Mitchell Street (136.49-1-12), crossing South Mitchell Street and continuing along the southern property line of 32 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-13), proceeding in an easterly direction and running along the southern most property lines of 34 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-14), 36-38 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-23), 40 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-24), 42 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-25) and 33 Silver Street (136.49-1-28) crossing Silver Street and continuing along the southern property line of 36-38 Silver Street (136.41-5-2) proceeding in an easterly direction and running along the southern most property line of 52 Mitchell Street (136.41-5-3) to the southeast corner of 54 Mitchell Street (136.41-5-4).

Proceeding in a northerly direction following the eastern property line of 54 Mitchell Street, crossing Mitchell Street and continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern most property line of 53 Mitchell Street (136.41-4-24), 42 Silver Street (136.41-4-27), 44 Silver Street (136.41-4-28), 46 Silver Street (136.41-4-29), 48 Silver Street (136.41-4-30), and 8-10 Gold Street (136.41-4-5), crossing Gold Street and continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern most property line of 9 Gold Street (136.41-3-20), 60 Silver Street (136.41-2-22), 62 Silver Street (136.41-3-23) and 54 Rexford Street (136.41-3-3), crossing Rexford Street and continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern most property line of 51-53 Rexford Street (136.33-2-48) and 82-84 Silver Street (136.33-2-30), crossing Berry Street and continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern most property line of 21 Berry Street (136.33-1-42), 90 Silver Street

(136.33-1-44), 92 Silver Street (136.33-1-45), 94 Silver Street (136.33-1-46), 96 Silver Street (136.33-1-47) to the northeast corner of 30 Waite Street (136.33-1-23).

Proceeding in a westerly direction along the northerly property lines of the properties located on the southside of Waite Street, crossing Lee Avenue and proceeding in westerly direction to the Northwest corner of 2 Waite Street (136.33-2-1), proceeding in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary line of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad to the starting lot, southwest corner of 20 Mitchell Street (136.49-1-1).

Properties included in the MD: 136.33-1-1, 136.33-1-10, 136.33-1-11, 136.33-1-12, 136.33-1-13, 136.33-1-14, 136.33-1-15, 136.33-1-16, 136.33-1-17.1, 136.33-1-17.2, 136.33-1-17.3, 136.33-1-17.4, 136.33-1-18, 136.33-1-19, 136.33-1-2, 136.33-1-20, 136.33-1-21, 136.33-1-22, 136.33-1-23, 136.33-1-3, 136.33-1-4, 136.33-1-42, 136.33-1-43, 136.33-1-44, 136.33-1-45, 136.33-1-46, 136.33-1-47, 136.33-1-5, 136.33-1-6, 136.33-1-7, 136.33-1-8, 136.33-1-9, 136.33-2-1, 136.33-2-10, 136.33-2-11, 136.33-2-12, 136.33-2-13, 136.33-2-14.1, 136.33-2-14.2, 136.33-2-15, 136.33-2-16, 136.33-2-17, 136.33-2-18, 136.33-2-19, 136.33-2-2, 136.33-2-20, 136.33-2-21, 136.33-2-22, 136.33-2-23, 136.33-2-24, 136.33-2-25, 136.33-2-26, 136.33-2-27, 136.33-2-28, 136.33-2-3, 136.33-2-30, 136.33-2-4, 136.33-2-48, 136.33-2-49, 136.33-2-5, 136.33-2-51, 136.33-2-6, 136.33-2-7, 136.33-2-8, 136.33-2-9, 136.41-1-10, 136.41-1-11, 136.41-1-12, 136.41-1-13, 136.41-1-14, 136.41-1-15, 136.41-1-16, 136.41-1-17, 136.41-1-18, 136.41-1-19, 136.41-1-2, 136.41-1-20, 136.41-1-21, 136.41-1-22, 136.41-1-4, 136.41-1-5.1, 136.41-1-6, 136.41-1-7, 136.41-1-8, 136.41-1-9, 136.41-2-1, 136.41-2-10, 136.41-2-11, 136.41-2-12, 136.41-2-13.1, 136.41-2-13.2, 136.41-2-14, 136.41-2-15, 136.41-2-16, 136.41-2-17, 136.41-2-18, 136.41-2-19, 136.41-2-2, 136.41-2-20, 136.41-2-21, 136.41-2-22, 136.41-2-23, 136.41-2-24, 136.41-2-25, 136.41-2-26, 136.41-2-27, 136.41-2-28, 136.41-2-29, 136.41-2-3, 136.41-2-30, 136.41-2-31, 136.41-2-32, 136.41-2-33, 136.41-2-34, 136.41-2-4, 136.41-2-5, 136.41-2-6, 136.41-2-7, 136.41-2-8, 136.41-2-9, 136.41-3-1, 136.41-3-2, 136.41-3-20, 136.41-3-21, 136.41-3-22, 136.41-3-23, 136.41-3-24, 136.41-3-3, 136.41-4-1, 136.41-4-2, 136.41-4-24, 136.41-4-25.2, 136.41-4-26, 136.41-4-27, 136.41-4-28, 136.41-4-29, 136.41-4-3, 136.41-4-30, 136.41-4-31, 136.41-4-4, 136.41-4-5, 136.41-5-2, 136.41-5-3, 136.41-5-4, 136.49-1-1, 136.49-1-10, 136.49-1-11, 136.49-1-12, 136.49-1-13, 136.49-1-14, 136.49-1-2, 136.49-1-23, 136.49-1-24, 136.49-1-25, 136.49-1-26, 136.49-1-27, 136.49-1-28, 136.49-1-3, 136.49-1-9

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION # 37 - 2002. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANT/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ald. Jeffer introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the amended position of Community Development Assistant/Administrative Assistant was approved by the Common Council on February 12, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has made certain recommendations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Wesley A. Pettie of Oneonta, NY, be and hereby is appointed to the permanent position of Community Development Assistant/Administrative Assistant as a lateral transfer, effective May 15, 2002; and, further be it

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

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

Proposed Group Homes -- Ald Biviano questioned a proposal by Upstate Homes for Children and Adults to open a group home in the City of Norwich and his concern about more property being taken off the tax roll. After some discussion, the Council requested that a representative from the Home attend the next meeting to explain the proposal and answer questions.

Water Project -- Director of Finance Roberts noted that a resolution may be added to the agenda relative to permanent financing for the water project.

Police Department Staffing -- Mayor Stewart updated the Council relative to the police department staffing analysis issue. After looking into the matter further, she contacted a company from Massachusetts that was recommended by NYCOM and received a proposal of \$20,000 for conducting a complete study. The Mayor also stated that notification has been received that the Department of Criminal Justice System (DCJS) will have the funding to conduct a staffing study. After extensive discussion, the Council concurred to have the study done by DCJS at no cost to the City.

Development of Agenda for May 21, 2002

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Invocation
- 4) Presentation of Service Awards
- 5) Presentation of Tree City Award
- 6) Approval of minutes of April 16, 2002, April 25, 2002 and May 14, 2002.
- 7) Public Hearing
 - ◆ Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance relative to Museum District Overlay
 - ◆ Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance Map relative to Museum District Overlay
- 8) Open Forum
- 9) Bids
 - ◆ NOAA Weather Transmitter Station
 - ◆ 2002 Tree Removal

- ◆ Sale of Surplus Property at 16 N. Delaware Square
- 10) Correspondence
 - ◆ Request from Larry Peterson, Vice President of the Chenango County Chapter to hold annual ABATE motorcycle parade on May 25, 2002 from 12 to 1 PM
 - ◆ Request from Norwich City Band to use the gazebo and electricity in East Side Park for six consecutive Friday evenings beginning July 12 through August 16.
 - ◆ Resignation of Michael McCollough from the Planning Commission
- 11) Department, Board and Commission Reports
 - ◆ Historian monthly report for April, 2002
 - ◆ Police Department monthly report for April, 2002
 - ◆ Public Works/Water System monthly report for April, 2002
 - ◆ Records Management monthly report for April, 2002
 - ◆ Youth Bureau monthly report for April, 2002
 - ◆ Planning Commission minutes of April 12, 2002
 - ◆ Traffic Commission minutes of May 8, 2002
 - ◆ Water Commission minutes of April 17, 2002
- 12) Ward and Committee Reports
 - ◆ Personnel Committee meeting of April 1, 2002
 - ◆ Public Safety Committee meeting of April 23, 2002
- 13) Old Business
- 14) New Business
 - Mayoral Appointment
 - ◆ Planning Commission -- Jane Berry, 14 Beebe Avenue, remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2004
 - Award of Bids
 - ◆ NOAA Weather Transmitter Station
 - Motions
 - ◆ Auth the Youth Bureau Director to proceed with the Skateboard Park Project
 - Resolutions
 - ◆ Res - Adopt Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance relative to Museum District Overlay
 - ◆ Res - Adopt Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance Map relative to Museum District Overlay
 - ◆ Res - Amend V&T Ordinance Relative to Bus Stops
 - ◆ Res - Auth Agreement with Delaware Engineering for professional services
 - ◆ Res - Award Bid for Lee Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement and Auth Transfer
 - ◆ Res - Auth NYSEG Easement on City Property located at Chenango Lake
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Police Impound Area
 - ◆ Res - Auth Transfer for Unemployment Insurance
 - ◆ Res - Auth Small Cities Grant application for business expansion project
 - ◆ Res - Auth Façade and Housing Improvement Loan to Victor and Anne Cirello
- 13) Payment of Bills
- 14) Adjournment

Addition to the Agenda

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Committee Chair Reports

- Finance Committee -- Ald. Clark reported the Finance Committee discussed the proposed skateboard park, the sewer replacement project on Lee Avenue, an easement at Chenango Lake, computer modifications, police impound area, salt barn renovations, weather station transmitter and ambulance replacement.
- Personnel Committee -- Ald. Thornton reported the Personnel Committee discussed deferred compensation, police staffing analysis, contract negotiations and NYCOM awards. The Mayor noted that awards would be presented to those with 25 or more years of service at the next Council meeting and prior to the meeting, a reception would be held at City Court at 6:15 PM.
- Public Safety Committee -- Ald. Jeffer reported the Public Safety Committee discussed the Bus Stop location, traffic lights, ambulance replacement and the equipment replacement schedule.
- Public Works Committee -- Ald. Biviano reported the Public Works Committee discussed tree removal, the water system project and the sidewalks on Cortland Street.

Executive Session -- Ald Thornton moved to go into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Jeffer and duly adopted, ayes all.

Ald. Jeffer moved to go out of executive session at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all.

CSEA Admin Contract -- Ald. Biviano moved to ratify the CSEA Administrative Staff Contract. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, ayes all on a roll call vote, 6-0.

Adjournment – There being no further discussion, the Council adjourned at 8:40 PM.