COMMON COUNCIL
Work Session
July 9, 2002

Mayor Marylou Stewart presided at a work session of the Common Council held at 7 PM on July 9, 2002, at One Court Plaza.

Present:	Also:
Mayor Marylou Stewart	Director of Finance William Roberts
Ald. Gary Clark	Human Resources Director Deborah DeForest
Ald. Patrick McNeil	Fire Chief John Tighe
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz	DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Ald. Jeffrey Thornton	Wesley Pettee, CD Assistant
Ald. Sharon Jeffer	Deputy Clerk Donna Russell
Ald. Joseph Biviano	

Streetscape Update: B.I.D. Administrator Pegi LoPresti updated the Council on the Streetscape Project and noted the timeframe would be contingent upon NYSEG's availability. She said the B.I.D. plans to hold public forums and have weekly updates in the newspaper. Ms. LoPresti noted that she would like the parks to be tied in with the Streetscape. She asked for the Common Council to accept the concept of the plan, noting that there would be changes made throughout the project. The project was summarized as follows:

- There are 14 street signs at intersections planned.
- Two kiosks are planned: one at Howard Johnson's and one at First Union.
- One poster case is planned at the Sullivan & Smith Building.
- There are 52 flag pole holders planned.
- There are 40 trees currently in the area; 31 are being considered for removal and relocation to other areas of the City.
- The 37 existing tall streetlights will be removed, refinished and reinstalled in new locations. 38 tall streetlights are currently planned with NYSEG making up the difference.
- On West Main Street -- two existing trees at the church are currently planned to remain and of the three existing cobra heads, one will be removed, refinished and relocated and the other two are scheduled to remain.
- Approximately 47,600 square feet of new sidewalk is planned on Broad Street and 5,000 square feet on West Main Street.
- There are 32 short light fixtures proposed with outlets and double planter arms.
- Revise existing lights to be metal halide.
- Provide for Gateways at north and south ends of Streetscape.
- New sidewalks will incorporate local Norwich bluestone.
- YMCA screening will be coordinated to complement the Streetscape features.
- Construction period -- Fall 2002 through Summer 2003.

Open Forum

Ed Morano, 21 Miller Street, said he would like it estimated what it costs the City to provide services to each non-profit agency. The costs should then be presented to those agencies with a request to contribute. He also stated relative to police staffing that the problem is not the need for additional officers, it is that schools and parents need to be strong.

Appoint Labor Attorney -- Ald. Jeffer moved to appoint the firm of Harris Beach to conduct labor negotiations at a cost of $160 per hour. Seconded by Ald. Thornton and duly adopted, 5-1, with Ald. Biviano voting nay. Ald. Clark requested that the firm's resume be distributed to Council members.

RESOLUTION # 50 - 2002. AWARDING BID FOR TYPE III AMBULANCE AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ald. Biviano introduced the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, bids have been received for the purchase of a new, unused Type III Ambulance;

WHEREAS, funds are available for such purchase in the Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund; and

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

RESOLVED, that the bid for the new unused Type III ambulance be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, PL Custom Emergency Vehicles of Manasquan, NJ, in the amount of $108,613; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized to make the following transfers in the 2002 Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund budget:

From:

Account Number	Name	Amount
HR22-980	Ambulance Equipment Reserve	$108,613.00

To:

Account Number	Name	Amount
A3625.2100	Emergency Squad Fund - Equipment	$108,613.00

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

Development of Agenda for July 16, 2002

1) Call To Order
2) Pledge of Allegiance
3) Invocation
4) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2002, the special meeting of June 25, 2002 and the work session of July 9, 2002
5) Presentations
   - ♦ BOCES New Vision Students/Riparian Buffer
   - ♦ BID / Streetscape Project
6) Open Forum
7) Bids
8) Correspondence
   - ♦ Request from Sharon Jeffer for permission to install an awning at 6 West Park Place
9) Department, Board and Commission Reports
   - ♦ Historian monthly report for June, 2002
   - ♦ Records Management monthly report for June, 2002
   - ♦ Youth Bureau monthly report for June, 2002
   - ♦ Civil Service Commission minutes of May 23, 2002
   - ♦ Electrical Board minutes of June 18, 2002
   - ♦ Parks Commission minutes of June 10, 2002
   - ♦ Plumbing Board minutes of June 20, 2002
   - ♦ Water Commission minutes of June 19, 2002
   - ♦ Youth Board minutes of June 18, 2002
   - ♦ Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of May 20, 2002
10) Ward and Committee Reports
    - ♦ Personnel Committee meeting of May 30, 2002
    - ♦ Public Works Committee meeting of June 17, 2001
11) Old Business
12) New Business

    Award of Bids

- ♦ 2002 Street Program

    Motions

- ♦ Receive Proposed Ordinance No. 5 of 2002 (as amended by the Planning Commission on June 14) to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to the Museum District and set public hearing for August 20, 2002
- ♦ Receive Proposed Ordinance No. 6 of 2002 to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map and set public hearing for August 20, 2002

    Resolutions

- ♦ Res - Adopt Deferred Compensation Program
- ♦ Res - Adopt B.I.D. Streetscape Plan
- ♦ Res - Auth NBT Bank Funds Transfer

13) Payment of Bills
14) Adjournment

-- There was discussion regarding the proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance relative to the Museum District and inconsistency with the direction given by the Common Council.

Committee Chair Reports

- ➢ Finance Committee -- Ald. Clark reported the Finance Committee discussed and made recommendations relative to ambulance replacement, labor attorney, a deferred compensation plan and investment opportunities.
- ➢ Personnel Committee -- Ald. Thornton reported that the Personnel Committee discussed several matters including new hires, the compensation schedule, early retirement and disability/FMLA.
- ➢ Public Safety Committee -- Ald. Jeffer reported the Public Safety Committee reviewed ambulance bids, police staffing and September 11 reimbursement.
- ➢ Public Works Committee -- Ald. Biviano reported the Public Works Committee discussed the street schedule and water project.

Executive Session -- Ald Thornton moved to go into executive session at 7:55 PM to discuss the possible sale of property where the price may be affected. 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. McNeil and duly adopted, ayes all.

Adjournment – Ald. McNeil moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Ald. Biviano and duly adopted, ayes all.