

## AGENDA

### Meeting Notes

PERSONEL, JUDICIAL & GENERAL WELFARE, RECREATION, LIBRARY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

### COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2012

Chair: William J. Rivera

Board Members: Stephanie Kiyak and Michael Michalski

Attendees : Stephanie Kiyak, Mayor A.J. Dolce, Stacey Szukala, Chief Ortolano, Chief Ahlstrom, Steve Neratko, Al Zurawski and Samantha from the Evening Observer. Not in attendance Michael Michalski.

Meeting called to order: 10:03

Approval of Previous meeting minutes: could not be approved. All committee members not in attendance. Meeting minutes for April 17, 2003 and December 12, 2012 Will be approved at January 15, 2013 meeting.

Chair Rivera thanked everyone for coming and apologized for not having as many meetings as he would have initially hoped in 2012. Again Chair Rivera thanked all department heads and the Council as well as commended everyone for getting the budget for 2013 done as timely as it was done last year. He went on to explain that what he would like to do with this meeting is hear what each department head feel are their accomplishments for 2012 and what goals are going to be set for 2013. Chair Rivera Went on to explain some of the goals that he has set for 2013. First, the Property Management work that has been on going work in progress. Chair Rivera explains that he feels that 2013 is the year we decide whether to continue to move forward with the work done to this point or do we just refer to what we already have in place referring to the city code. He goes on to explain the conversation that he had with Mayor Dolce on where we are at this point and that Mayor Dolce was very optimistic seeming in conversation about finding some starter funds in the budget to get this work going. Second, Chair Rivera expresses his concern for the school 4 school zone noting that the speeding issue specifically during school hours. Chair continues to explain that we have to work together some how to get the situation under control. He goes on to say that he has some ideas that he has discussed with other members of council and will continue discussions until he is comfortable with the situation. Third Chair Rivera expresses his concern for and expresses his excitement for the very likely chance that this is the year we get the 500 block of Plover Street reconstructed. Again explaining the deplorable state of the street and sidewalks in that area are and that it is a huge concern primarily because of the people who use it the most, the Kids walking to and from school. Fourth, Chair Rivera concludes with stating that this is also the year that he would like convene a code review of our City Charter.

Council at Large Stephanie Kiyak expresses concern about the lack of meeting minutes from the previous meetings present for approval at this meeting referring to a conversation she has had with Ron Szot about the importance of following an agenda referred to in City Charter. Council at Large Kiyak also expresses her concern for the situation in the City school zones. She also goes on to add that she has nothing else to add.

4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Woman Stacy Szukala starts with reminding everyone of the list of concerns that she has submitting referring to the property management work that has been ongoing and does not feel that it is close to being ready. Wanting answers to all her what if questions previously submitted. Stacy referred to Al Zurawski and he eluded that the work does not seem to refer to City Code and that the main idea of it should be referred to City code. Chair Rivera explains to everyone that all paper work that he has on the matter to this point is now with City Lawyer Ron Szot and that he hopes to meet to discuss the work further. Stacy also expressed concern in referring to the school 4 school zone reminding that police presence in the area is important. Chief Ortolano explained how school zones are handled with the man power we have. Stacy also explained its not just school 4 its all school zones. She also did comment on the work that the city is planning infrastructure repair in the City and she did note that Plover Street in a main priority. She also agreed that a code review of the city charter is something she has been calling on for some time. Suggesting the calling on of the CAC for its assistance. Mayor Dolce also explains that he has been in touch with Nick Penque on the matter. Stacy explains that she has been doing a bit of charter review on her own over time.

Development Director Steve Neratko notes a success he sees is our working relationship with the College State University of Fredonia noting we need to continue to work with them. Hopeful outcomes for 2013 was continued work through the Brownfield program. Steve notes that work on Lucas Avenue and the old al tech site will be a major focus. Steve also notes that they are looking to put together a comprehensive plan for 2013 that will include a code review. Steve goes on to state that the City owns numerous developable sites that are going to require cleanup and pose major environmental concerns . Council Woman Szukala asked Steve about a possible developer on the Roberts road site. Steve acknowledges that there is interest that has been expressed and that we have a very large grant that has been set aside for that site as well that is valid through 2014. Steve also expresses that we have a large portion of funds that are going to be spent on infrastructure and a plan for that infrastructure must be noted in the 5 year plan which is due at the end of January. Chair Rivera reminds Steve that he would like to include Howard Avenue in the plans as well that is a road that is major disrepair.

Zoning Officer Al Zurawski agrees with the code review. Suggests a new format to the actual code that would include referral tabs in the book itself. Al expresses a wish for continued clean up through brownfield. Al also reminds and suggests a review of fees that are badly outdated. Antique as he called it. Chair Rivera commends Al for the Demolition work that has been undertaken on Park Avenue. Steve Neratko adds that the county land bank and the landfill are going to be working together to alleviate the post demolition costs for the City and that his department is working on more grant money that is available for more demolition.

Chief Ortolano reminds everyone that it has been very busy year in his department. Chief also gives us the news that we have applied for and have been accepted into the selective traffic program that will allow us up to four thousand dollars to help alleviate overtime so we can dedicate a patrol car to the school zones. The town contract also comes up tonight for renewal which is going very well for us. Chief continues to explain one of the new things this year, as he thanks Mayor Dolce for his help, is that we now have a tactical response team in the department that works with our narcotics arrest team. Councilwoman Szukala asks about the radio situation. Chief explains our radios have been ordered and that we will be in compliance. Chief thanks Council for support.

Chief Ahlstrom starts by reminding us that his department works with the zoning department to do many fire inspections. He also explains that the county legislature has a resolution set for tomorrow night that will allow a waiving for tipping fees on demolition. The City will be allotted two waivers. The program also allows other municipalities to defer their waivers to other municipalities if they may go unused. He goes on to explain that the waivers are for residential demolition only. Chief explains program in depth. Chief goes on to expressed in his department there are some areas for continued revenue growth that he explained to Stephanie. Stacy asked if he means taking level of service from basic to advanced and the chief acknowledges. Chief again reminds us of our buildings and suggests that we need to have a plan put in place to address the state of our buildings. Our ladder truck is also going to need to be replaced sooner than later. He also reminds us that their contract runs through the end of 2013. Also states that he has some ideas on how we are going to work things out to keep the level of services and would maintain the Citys flexibility. He goes on to state that overtime has been an issue in his department dealing with injuries and military service and unfortunately those are things you cant budget for. Al Zurawski notes that cooperation through all departments has been very good and that he is very glad to hear about the cooperation with the county on demolition issues.

Chair Rivera asks if Mayor Dolce has anything that he would like to add. The Mayor declined. Chair Rivera sets time and date for next meeting as January 15, 2013 at 10am and calls the meeting to adjournment at 10:57am.