

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilman-at-large Woloszyn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmen Williams, Bamonto, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Woloszyn.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Connolly, Public Works Director Bankoski, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczko, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Director of Development Yanus, Building Inspector Zurawski, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Certification of Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 Common Council Meeting was read by City Clerk Divine.

RESOLVED: That the reading of Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 Common Council Meeting be dispensed with.

Motion by Councilman Williams to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amanda Mick, 10 E Pine Street, Dunkirk, member of AmeriCorps serving at the Chautauqua County Land Bank at the SUNY Incubator inquired for suggestions and ideas for community involvement particularly in regards to the vacant and blight homes in the City.

Councilman Gonzalez advised Ms. Mick to speak to Director of Development Yanus after the end of the meeting.

Mike Civileto, 138 Ruggles Street, CAC Chairman, advised that the group has presented a suggestion for a possible local law for regulating rental properties in the City, his group would like to see at least one Council Member or Mayor Rosas attending their monthly meetings and then provided suggestions of what should be done if the City Historian retires.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Rosas advised he believes the City is a prime candidate to submit an award winning application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and provided details of Governor Cuomo's Program.

Mayor Rosas advised that the 3 Kings Day festivities went great, acknowledged the sponsors for the Event and thanked the City Staff and Council that represented the City at the Martin Luther King luncheon held at the Moose Club.

Mayor Rosas advised that, while visiting Puerto Rico, he met with one of the local Mayors and made contacts for possible partnerships, a letter in regards to NRG has been submitted to the PSC and that a meeting on the possibility of a new hotel will be taking place on Monday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Prior Notice from Peter Chodan for a dangerous tree on 324 Lord Street.

Received and filed.

Notice from Dunkirk Hose Co. No. 1 as well as City of Dunkirk Fire Chief Edwards to remove all names associated with Hose Co. No. 1 from the active volunteer firemen's list.

Received and filed.

Request from Scott Mekus on behalf of Dunkirk Senior High School's Class of 1989 to host their annual "Marauder Trotter 5K Run/Walk" along the Lake Erie Waterfront Saturday, July 1st, 2017 beginning at 8:45 AM as well as post-race activities immediately following in Wright Park.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that, prior to this meeting, discussion was held and asked that conversations take place with this event organizer as well as the organizer of the next to inform of possible location changes due to construction unknowns.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Petition from Richard J. Clark on behalf of "Score This" requesting the use of roads and facilities to host a triathlon event on August 27, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the City of Dunkirk called "Tri Dunkirk".

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn reminded of Councilwoman Szukala's previous statement about the construction possibly causing a change in location.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilman Bamonto moved to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Alyssa Lokotnicki for alleged damages to her vehicle caused by a pothole while driving down Central Avenue.

Councilman Williams made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Williams advised that the next Public Works Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 4:00 PM at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Public Works Director Bankoski advised anyone attending to enter through the main entrance, the meeting will take place in the 2nd Floor Conference Room and that a tour of the facility will be given after the meeting.

Councilman Bamonto advised that the next Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at 4:00 PM at the Rec. Center located inside the Fairgrounds.

Councilman Gonzalez advised that there will be a meeting Monday to discuss the possibility of a new Hotel on the City’s Waterfront Property, the Economic Development Meeting was held prior to tonight’s Council Meeting where several of the current Grants that will be implemented this year were discussed and reiterated that residents planning to use the pavilions at Point Gratiot and Wright Park make backup plans should construction projects be delayed.

Councilwoman Szukala advised Public Works Director Bankoski of a raised manhole cover on Doughty & Lincoln and inquired to the leaf pick-up.

Public Works Director Bankoski advised that the crews have been working on various sewer issues throughout the City but should resume and finish leaf and tree collection by the end of this week.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Mayor Rosas for an update on the Hospital.

Mayor Rosas advised that he has made inquiries with various Hospital personnel and that no decision has been made yet as it is taking longer than anticipated.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn had nothing to report at this time.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #3-2017
JANUARY 17, 2017

BY: COUNCILMAN BAMONTO

INTRO NO. 1 TO LOCAL LAW #1-2017
CITY OF DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12.00
OF THE DUNKIRK CITY CHARTER
ENTITLED “Appointment and Qualifications”

BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, New York, as follows:

Section 1 Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to amend Dunkirk City Charter, Article XII, Section 12.00, to modify the required qualifications of the Fiscal Affairs Officer.

Section 2 Amendment of City Charter

Article XII, Section 12.00 of the Dunkirk City Charter, is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE:**§12.00. Appointment and Qualifications.**

The Fiscal Affairs Officer shall be an independent officer of the City who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Common Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Fiscal Affairs Officer shall have a Bachelor's degree in accounting from an accredited college and have three years experience in the field of finance, budgeting and accounting.

AMEND TO:**§12.00. Appointment and Qualifications.**

The Fiscal Affairs Officer shall be an independent officer of the City who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Common Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Fiscal Affairs Officer shall have a Bachelor's degree in accounting, or a related field, from an accredited college and have three years experience in the field of finance, budgeting and accounting.

Section 3 Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Councilwoman Szukala made a motion to Table Resolution #03-2017 for a Public Hearing held on Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 5:20 PM. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye. TABLED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 5:48 PM

Lillian R. Divine, City Clerk
