

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**August 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Councilman-at-large Rosas followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Michalski, Rivera, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Rosas.

Also present: Mayor Dolce, City Attorney Szot, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Public Works Director Gugino, Building Inspector Zurawski, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczo, Personnel Administrator Heyden, CDBG Administrator Gawronski, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Absent: Director of Development Neratko

Councilwoman Szukala requested a moment of silence for former City Engineer David Manzella who passed away on Sunday, August 9th.

Certification of Monday August 03, 2015 meeting was read by City Clerk Joiner.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the minutes of Monday, August 03, 2015 be dispensed with.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Dolce advised that in regards to the Land bank Program the property at 142 Maple was demolished today, the Lake Shore Drive property is scheduled for tomorrow, and that he as well as Police Chief Ortolano attended a press conference and round table discussion with Attorney General Schneiderman regarding neighborhood issues.

Mayor Dolce advised that last week he welcomed Secretary of State Cesar Morales to the SUNY Incubator for a discussion on local government efficiencies and that some funding options will become available in the fall that the City will try and secure.

Mayor Dolce reminded everyone of the active weekend on the Lakefront and thanked Police Chief Ortolano, Public Works Director Gugino and Recreation Program Coordinator Gornikiewicz for help in working out the logistics of everything.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Request from Jennifer Diaz on behalf of Iglesia Pentecostal to host a Church Service on Saturday, September 5th in Washington Park.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to the time of this event as it is not listed on the request.

Police Chief Ortolano advised that the loudspeaker request associated with this is for 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

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

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Michalski.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Melissa Thompson to close Park Avenue from 7th Avenue to Lucas Avenue from 4:30 PM until 11:30 PM to host a block party on Saturday, September 5th (rain date September 12th).

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Public Works Director Gugino as to why he was not signed off on the loudspeaker application associated with this request.

Public Works Director Gugino advised that he had no issues with this and he did not sign off as he was out of the office last week.

Councilman Michalski made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Rivera.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from “Variety” the Children’s Charity for 4-6 police personnel on September 26th at the Fairgrounds from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

Request from Michael Sarratori, Athletic Director for Dunkirk City School District, for Police supervision from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on September 4th, September 25th, October 9th and October 16th for High School home football games.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Police Chief Ortolano as to how these two events would be paid.

Chief Ortolano advised that both events will be paid directly through the PBA.

Councilman Rivera made a motion to refer to the PBA. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council for Memorial Day Parade funding in the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

Received and filed.

Request from Raul Rosado to use the Wright Park Basketball Court for a Basketball Tournament on Sunday, August 30th.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that after speaking to the Clerk’s Office she would be comfortable to go ahead as long as the donated funds received are placed in the proper budget line and that insurance for the event is received no later than 10:00 AM Friday August 28th.

Public Works Director Gugino inquired if a request has been made for picnic tables or trash barrels.

City Clerk Joiner advised they have not made any requests for those items but did inquire to Recreational Program Coordinator Gornikiewicz for the use of bleachers.

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

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Iglesia Pentecostal for microphones, amplifiers, drums and speakers on Saturday, September 5th from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Washington Park.

Loudspeaker application from Melissa Thompson for speakers, mixer and screen on Saturday, September 5th from 8:00 PM until 12:00 AM on the 700 Block of Park Avenue for their Block Party.

Councilman Rivera made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Michalski.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Martha Blackstock for alleged damages to her vehicle from a broken tree branch while parked in the City Hall rear parking lot.

Councilman Rivera made a motion to refer to Law Department. Seconded by Councilwoman Szukala.

Carried, all voting aye.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Michalski inquired to Mayor Dolce for an update from a recent Finance Meeting in regards to the shortfall from the emergency seawall repairs behind the Water Filtration Plant.

Mayor Dolce advised that while other sources were explored at the State and Federal level, the only funding that the City has received was from Chautauqua County Emergency Bed Tax in the amount of \$100,000.

Councilman Rivera thanked everyone who has worked to get the Land bank properties demolished and inquired to Building Inspector Zurawski for the total number of houses that should be down by the end of the year.

Building Inspector Zurawski advised that a total of 13 houses should be demolished by the end of 2015 and that this number has never been done in one years' time.

Councilman Rivera advised that tonight's meeting is currently live on Cable Access 12, was thrilled to see a live shot of Central Avenue and inquired to Cable Access Director Riewaldt and Mayor Dolce for a timeline on Committee Meetings also being broadcast live.

Cable Access Director Riewaldt advised that they are currently waiting for equipment that is already on order and is hoping to be live in the Mayor's Conference Room in a month to a month and a half's time.

Councilman Rivera congratulated everyone involved at the event held at the Dunkirk Lighthouse the previous weekend.

Councilman Gonzalez thanked everyone involved in getting 142 Maple Avenue demolished and inquired to CDBG Administrator Gawronski for an update on any lighting and more animal waste stations for Washington Park to correlate with the benches and trash receptacles already installed.

CDBG Administrator Gawronski advised that trees and bushes were planted in Washington Park today and explained details of what the \$10,000 budget covered.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Public Works Director Gugino for an update on the paving of Hoyt Street.

Public Works Director Gugino advised a survey will circulate for the residents on that block to see if they would like to see the current brick remain or would prefer to see blacktop on the entire street.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Mayor Dolce for an update on the Colburn building work as well as if any progress has been made in Union contract negotiations.

Mayor Dolce advised that the City's portion of work is complete on the Colburn building but the contractors are still working and that he is trading communications with the Unions.

Councilman-at-large Rosas thanked the Management members for attending required Council Meetings and inquired to Mayor Dolce as to where Director of Development Neratko is as he had previously asked all members of management to inform him personally if they would not be able to attend.

Mayor Dolce advised that Director of Development Neratko was out sick today.

Councilman-at-large Rosas inquired to Mayor Dolce, City Attorney Szot and Public Works Director Gugino to explain what is going on with the Town of Portland purchasing water from the City.

Discussion was had between Mayor Dolce, Council, City Attorney Szot and Public Works Director Gugino in regards to the legalities of the 30 day clause, fire protection and water pressure for residents through that area as well as what City owned equipment still needed to be retrieved.

Councilman-at-large Rosas inquired to Mayor Dolce for an update on the North County Water District and if the funding sources mentioned in the Dunkirk Observer article were explored for the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plant work.

Mayor Dolce explained that he spoke to County Executive Horrigan last week and he advised that Dr. Reinelt is still inputting variables and hopes to have something to present to the City within the next few weeks.

Mayor Dolce advised the City is applying for what is felt they are eligible for, it was mentioned at a previous meeting that outside assistance would be sought for help applying for an EFC Grant at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that while he did not read the article mentioned he will research it.

Councilman-at-large Rosas inquired to City Treasurer Woods if the water rates would be increasing in January.

City Treasurer Woods advised we do not currently have a dollar amount of the rate increase but in order to meet the obligations next year for long-term financing the rates need to be adjusted by January 1st.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #63-2015
AUGUST 18, 2015

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH
NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM
(CITY COURT SECURITY SERVICES – CONTRACT NO. C200495)
(APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016)**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunkirk's five-year contract with the New York State Unified Court System (the "Court System") which reimburses the City for security services in City Court was renewed in 2014, for a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, an annual Renewal Agreement between the parties is provided for each period (State fiscal year) which new period commenced on April 1, 2015, and terminates on March 31, 2016, and during which reimbursement has been allocated to not exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$239,500.00); and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Annual Renewal Agreement on behalf of the City of Dunkirk, with the NYS Unified Court System, covering the period (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016) for which reimbursement shall be in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$239,500.00) to compensate the Police Department for City Court security services.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #64 -2015

August 18, 2015

BY THE ENTIRE COUNCIL:

**AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
(August 2015)**

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that some expenses will exceed their entire budgetary essentials, and it is anticipated that some appropriations will have surpluses for Fiscal Year 2015, ending December 31, 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Affairs Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following modifications to the Fiscal Year 2015 budget:

FUND 1

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Change</u>
001.1620.4021	City Hall Building	Repair/Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00
001.1900.1990		Contingencies	\$ (25,000.00)
001.1490.2000	Public Works	Equipment	\$ 450.00
001.1640.1001		Overtime – Garage	\$ (450.00)
001.1620.2005	Building	Equip/Non Capital	\$ 350.00
001.1640.4013		Electric	\$ (350.00)
001.1620.4036	Public Works Admin	Contracted Services	\$ 360.00
001.1640.4013		Electric	\$ (360.00)
001.1640.4002	Public Works Garage	Supplies	\$ 110.00
001.1640.4013		Electric	\$ (110.00)
001.5110.1010	Maintenance Streets	Personnel – Part time	\$ 1,500.00
001.5110.4003		Other Supplies	\$ (1,500.00)
001.7110.4023	Parks	Vehicle Repair	\$ 3,000.00
001.7110.4036		Contracted Services	\$ (3,000.00)
001.1410.4021	Clerk	Repair/Maintenance	\$ 72.89
001.1410.4002		Supplies	\$ (72.89)

FUND 2

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Change</u>
002.8320.4002	Water Purification	Supplies	\$ 110.00
002.8320.4013		Electric	\$ (110.00)
002.8320.4008	Water Purification	Safety Supplies	\$ 600.00
002.8320.4013		Electric	\$ (600.00)
002.8320.4022	Water Purification	Repair to Equipment	\$ 100.00
002.8320.4011		Telephone	\$ (100.00)
002.8330.1001	Water Laboratory	Overtime	\$ 200.00
002.8320.4014		Gas	\$ (200.00)

002.8340.4125	Water Distribution	Water Main/Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
002.1900.1990		Contingencies	\$ (5,000.00)

Carried, all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

Adjourned at 6:07 PM

Nicole Joiner, City Clerk
