

**PUBLIC HEARING  
December 03, 2013**

The public hearing was called to order at 5:15 PM by Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak.

Present: Councilmen Michalski, Rivera, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala, Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak.

Also present: Mayor Dolce, City Attorney Szot, City Treasurer Woods, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczo.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak.

The public hearing was held for the purpose of giving interested persons an opportunity to comment on adopted 2014 City Budget.

Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak advised the adopted 2014 budget is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 9:00 AM until 4:45 PM and is available on the City's website and anyone with questions regarding the budget should submit them in writing to the attention of the City Clerk and they will receive a timely response.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No one spoke.

**Public Hearing closed at 5:18 PM**

**Nicole Joiner, City Clerk**

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**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 03, 2013**

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

Present: Councilmen Michalski, Rivera, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak.

Also present: Mayor Dolce, City Attorney Szot, Public Works Director Gugino, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczo, Director of Development Neratko, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Fire Chief Ahlstrom and Police Chief Ortolano.

Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak excused Building Inspector Zurawski from tonight's meeting.

Certification of November 19, 2013 meeting was read by City Clerk Joiner.

**RESOLVED:** That the reading of the minutes of Tuesday, November 19, 2013 be dispensed with.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rosamond Gillespie Burns, 769 Washington Avenue, Dunkirk, New York spoke in regards to the winter alternate parking regulations and urged Council and Police Chief Ortolano to consider making it an earlier time to accommodate the elderly citizens.

Walter Rutland, 184 W. Second Street, Dunkirk, New York spoke in regards to the waterfront property development he would like to see happen such as skyscrapers and an amusement park, concern in regards to lack of employment for educated adults, and also thanked the men and women of the Police force as well as the Fire Chief for doing a good job.

Glenn and Chloe Hurrell, Dunkirk, New York spoke in regards to the need for a changing table in the men's restroom at the Boardwalk.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:**

Mayor Dolce advised that the annual holiday events start at 4:30 PM Friday and will conclude at 6:00 PM with the City Hall tree lighting.

Mayor Dolce advised that the NRG rally is scheduled for 11:00 AM Saturday at the Boardwalk with hopes of a decision within the next couple months and that he, along with a staff member of Senator Young, will be at the Senior Center tomorrow at 9:30 AM to hand out petition cards to support the cause.

Mayor Dolce announced the Army Corps of Engineers Brigadier General will visit the city harbor on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at the Clarion at 12:55 PM then moving to the pier and urged anyone interested to attend.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:**

Notice of Petition/Verified Petition regarding Pusch, Tofil & Cobb versus City of Dunkirk Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak advised a motion was needed to refer to City Attorney.

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to refer to City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Councilman Michalski advised the next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Councilman Rivera advised that tonight's Common Council Meeting is being recorded and will air on 12:30 PM Thursday.

Councilman Gonzalez had nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Szukala advised Mr. Rutland that his concerns are being heard with Council hard at work making the best decisions they can for the City, and that she will be unable to attend the tree lighting & NRG rally as she has previous out-of-town commitments.

Councilwoman Szukala inquired to Mayor Dolce about the six new-hires for the recreation program.

Mayor Dolce advised that six part-time employees at approximately 20 hours per week, all within the 2014 recreation budget lines, will be hired to help run the various revenue earning programs with hopes to expand from 3 to 4 months if all goes well.

Councilwoman Szukala advised that while she believed the City could benefit from youth programs, these funds could have better served staffing in other areas within the Public Works Department to help address overtime concerns.

Public Works Director Gugino advised that the staffing concerns within the Wastewater and Water Filtration Plants have been addressed with operator trainees and that it could take between 1-4 years before certification tests can be taken. He also advised that the overtime line in the treatment plants are not in bad shape with plus scenarios in all 3 funds.

Councilwoman-at-large Kiyak had nothing to report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request from Dunkirk Joints Veterans Council for use of Memorial Park at 11:00 AM on December 7th for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Event.

Received and filed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilwoman Szukala moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

Carried, all voting aye.

**Adjourned at 5:53 PM**

**Nicole Joiner, City Clerk**

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