

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
PUBLIC HEARING
December 1, 2015**

The public hearing was called to order at 5:17 PM by Councilman-at-large Rosas.

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

Also present: Mayor Dolce, City Attorney Szot, Public Works Director Gugino, City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczeko, CDBG Administrator Gawronski and Police Chief Ortolano.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by Councilman-at-large Rosas.

The public hearing was held for the purpose of giving interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Mayor Dolce's proposed 2016 City Budget with recommendations by the Common Council.

Councilman-at-large Rosas advised the proposed 2016 budget with recommendations by the Common Council is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM 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. Councilman-at-large Rosas further advised there were no written questions concerning the budget submitted to the city clerk's office prior to this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke.

City Attorney Szot advised there are three resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding the 2016 Budget with Common Council changes and suggested that council take the opportunity to discuss these resolutions during this Public Hearing.

Councilman Gonzalez advised council has made several changes to the proposed budget and is satisfied with these changes.

Councilwoman Szukala advised council made minimal changes to this budget; the budget is structured with three funds and these funds need to be self-sufficient. Councilwoman Szukala stated the budget that was presented to them was workable, most of the changes were made in Fund I and were made to budget lines such as Fishing Tournament, Waterline and Overtime.

Public Hearing closed at 5:20 PM

Nicole Joiner, City Clerk



December 1, 2015

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

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

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

Absent: Building/Zoning Officer Zurawski.

Certification of November 17, 2015 meeting was read by City Clerk Joiner.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the minutes of Tuesday, November 17, 2015 be dispensed with.

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

Carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:

Mayor Dolce's Budget Message and Proposed Budget for 2016.

Received and filed.

Communication from Mayor Dolce appointing/reappointing Nathan Dolce to the Dunkirk Local Development Corporation (DLDC) expiring February 21, 2016; Brian Seibert, Michael Przybycien (replaces Frank Przybycien) to the Electrical Board expiring December 31, 2016 and Phil Binkowitz (replaces Ed Urbanik), Lon Robinson to the Electrical Board expiring December 31, 2016; Eugene Pauszek to the Greater Dunkirk Area Harbor Commission expiring August 31, 2018; Richard Goodman (replaces Dorothy Godina) to the Housing Authority expiring July 11, 2018, Stephen Rees to the Property Maintenance Board expiring December 12, 2018; Denise Zentz (replaces Marty Bamonto), Stephen Helwig (replaces Ryan Corbett) expiring February 5, 2017, and Scott Herdzik (replaces Nicole Joiner) expiring February 5, 2018 to the Youth Board; Stephen Helwig to the Zoning Board of Appeals expiring December 9, 2020. All terms effective December 2, 2015.

Received and filed.

Mayor Dolce thanked City Treasurer Woods, Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas and the Common Council for their input and review of the 2016 budget and is pleased that it will be presented several weeks before the deadline.

Mayor Dolce announced the Annual City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held December 4th beginning at 4:30 PM with Santa's Workshop in the Mayor's Conference Room and invited the public to attend.

Mayor Dolce announced the Chautauqua Hurricane is an ABA basketball team that recently relocated to our area and will play all their home games at Fredonia State; their season begins this Sunday at 6:00 PM and encouraged the public to support this team.

Mayor Dolce announced the AI Tech Area Step 2 BOA Steering Committee will meet Friday, December 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room and the State Consolidated Funding Application will be announced on December 10, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:

Prior Notice from Mario Falcao advising of a dangerous tree at 436 Dove Street.

Received and filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Michalski asked what the city is specifically applying for regarding the Consolidated Funding Application.

Mayor Dolce advised the main grant the city applied for was for the New York Main Street Grant which was used for the Coburn Block Building; the current application is for \$500,000.00 and eight downtown businesses submitted their applications with the city which should strengthen the city's application. The second grant the city applied for is to fund half of a study for a year round Recreation Facility in the city; if the grant is successful, half of the funds would be provided by the State and the other half would be provided by the city through CDBG funds.

Councilman Rivera asked Mayor Dolce to elaborate on a grant submitted by the Dunkirk Historical Society.

Mayor Dolce advised the Dunkirk Historical Society applied for a grant which would be used to hire a part-time curator, to extend the Museum hours and to bring awareness to the public of the benefits of having an active Historical Society within their city. If the grant is successful, the Historical Society requested an additional \$5000.00 match from the city to make this part-time curator position feasible. Mayor Dolce advised the grant application will be announced on December 10, 2015.

Councilman Gonzalez apologized for the cancellation of today's Personnel Committee Meeting and stated it was cancelled due to a lack of an agenda.

Councilman Gonzalez asked for an update on lighting for the Seawall and for a budget update on the Seawall Project.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised lighting was not included in this round of work; it should be discussed in Phase II of the project, would like to see lighting for the wall and is hoping the funding for the lighting would be included in the Parks Amenities Grant.

Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas advised the city met with Nussbaumer and Clarke, Inc. last week and stated there are a couple of change orders in the process by Nussbaumer and Clark and St. George Enterprises; these change orders were not known to the city until last week and he does not have an exact dollar amount of these change orders at this time. Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas advised there was approximately \$100,000.00 set aside for contingencies for this project which has been used; the city had to go into long term financing since the projected was not completed within the original time frame and this project will exceed the original budgeted amount.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised there should be sufficient funds available for this project as the city was awarded a Bike Path/Seawall Project grant of \$250,000.00 approximately seven years ago, which has yet to be received, through Senator Cathy Young's Office and there should be additional money available through the Economic Development Zone Grant which could be used for the Seawall Project. Department of Public Works Director Gugino explained how much money was initially bonded by the city and contingency money set aside for this project and any change order requests by Nussbaumer and Clarke, Inc. must be presented to the council and city prior any payment.

Councilman Gonzalez asked for an update on the Wright Park Amenities Grant.

Mayor Dolce advised this grant is still in the works and has been a challenge.

Councilwoman asked for an update on the Coburn Block Building as it still appears to be unsafe and for an update on the Benton Street Water Tank.

CDBG Administrator Gawronski advised the Coburn Block Building is privately owned, the owners are waiting on Structural Engineers and they have been cited by the Building/Zoning Officer Zurawski.

Councilwoman Szukala asked is there anything the city council can do and can the city be more aggressive regarding this matter.

Mayor Dolce advised he will speak with Building/Zoning Officer Zurawski regarding this matter.

Councilwoman Szukala asked for an update on the staffing issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and will any of these positions be filled by the end of this calendar year.

Department of Public Works Director advised aggressive steps are being taken to fill these positions and is hopeful some positions will be filled by the end this calendar year and it most likely was a subcontractor at the Benton Street Water Tank completing their tasks.

Councilwoman Szukala asked for an update on the Recycling Program.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised the city and county no longer wish to store recyclables at the Roberts Road Warehouse, stated Mr. Spanos from the county advised the city could continue to use that building with limited presence and stated he would like the city

to pursue a grant for a new Recycling Center once the AI Tech site is closed. DPW Director Gugino advised recyclables damaged by the recent fire will be taken to the landfill.

Councilwoman Szukala asked Fire Chief Edwards will his crew be allowed to enter that building should another fire occur.

Fire Chief Edwards advised the building has been deemed unsafe and has notified the appropriate personnel that his men would not enter that building should another fire occur there; they will fight the fire from the outside. Fire Chief Edwards advised the owner of the building has been cited by the Building Inspector.

Councilman-at-large Rosas advised it was brought to his attention that several city employees were allowed to work a double shift last Monday so they could have the following Friday off (after Thanksgiving) and one of the employees suffered an on-duty injury while working that second shift and asked who authorized this.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino stated the 16 hour work shift was authorized by the Supervisor of that Division.

Councilman-at-large Rosas asked how many individuals worked a double shift.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised he was only aware of the individuals who work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (due to staffing shortages) and was made aware of that individual yesterday.

Mayor Dolce advised he will look into this.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised the Parks Department has been doing this for four years now to hang decorations, this has saved the city a considerable amount of money in overtime, and has been negotiated in the union contract, but this is a separate issue from the issue at hand. Department of Public Works Director Gugino recommended he speak with the Divisional Supervisor regarding this.

Councilman-at-large Rosas requested a list of all employees who worked a double shift that Monday.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised that should be available through the Payroll Department.

Councilman-at-large Rosas asked for an update on the Troy Banks issue.

Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas advised he was notified today that everything is set to go; regarding the audit, the city has been compiling information and sending to the appropriate personnel. Fiscal Affairs Officer Halas advised they are reviewing all of the city's utility and telecommunication bills and are looking for any errors.

Councilman-at-large Rosas asked is this legal?

City Attorney Szot advised the city has to comply with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, legally advertise bids, and proceeded to explain the bidding process.

Councilman-at-large Rosas inquired about the Bed Tax funding for the Seawall Project.

Mayor Dolce advised City Engineer Woodbury has provided the county with the insurance items they requested and received word today that they will make every effort to see that the city receives this money by the end of this calendar year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #88-2015
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT
(SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL)**

WHEREAS, the City is seasonally reimbursed by Chautauqua County for snow removal and ice control on County routes within the City, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement for said services has expired and the County has since requested an extension and payment amendment to the original agreement; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Director of Public Works Gugino, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement amendment on behalf of the City of Dunkirk, with Chautauqua County, for provision of snow removal and ice control services for snow seasons through April 30, 2018 at the following annual reimbursements:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015/2016 Season | \$3,000.00 per centerline mile |
| 2016/2017 Season | \$3,150.00 per centerline mile |
| 2017/2018 Season | \$3,300.00 per centerline mile. |

No action taken by Council. Resolution #88-2015 remains tabled.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #89-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**INTRO NO. 1 TO LOCAL LAW #4-2015
CITY OF DUNKIRK, NEW YORK**

A LOCAL LAW TO ADD TO THE DUNKIRK CITY CODE, CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE III, SECTION 31-19(B) ENTITLED "NORTH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT RATE"

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

Section 1 Intent.

It is the intent of this Local Law to add to the Dunkirk City Code Chapter 31, Article III, Section 31-19(B) "North County Water District Rate."

Section 2 Addition to the City Code.

Dunkirk City Code Chapter 31, Article III, Section 31-19(B) is hereby added as follows:

ARTICLE III

**Water Rate Schedule
[Adopted 6-18-1992 as L.L. #6-1992]**

§ 31-19(B). North County Water District Rate [Added _____ as L.L. #4 (Intro No. 1) 2015]

Notwithstanding any terms or conditions included herein, water services shall be provided to the North County Water District pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in a certain Water Purchase/Supply Agreement, authorized by the Dunkirk Common Council (Resolution #77-2015 on November 17, 2015), as amended.

Section 3 Effective Date.

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

Councilwoman Szukala motioned to table Local Law #4-2015 with a Public Hearing to be held on, Tuesday, December 15th at 5:15 PM. Seconded by Councilman Rivera.

Carried, all voting aye. TABLED.

**RESOLUTION #90-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015**

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
(SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL)**

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| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015/2016 Season | \$4,916.00 per centerline mile |
| 2016/2017 Season | \$5,162.00 per centerline mile |
| 2017/2018 Season | \$5,420.00 per centerline mile. |

Councilman-at-large Rosas asked are these the correct numbers.

Department of Public Works Director Gugino advised these are the correct numbers.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #91-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: ENTIRE COUNCIL

ADOPTION OF FY 2016 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Mayor Dolce submitted the proposed FY 2016 Budget to the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has undertaken a review of the proposed FY 2016 Budget and desires to make amendments to such Budget as herein below detailed; now, be it

RESOLVED, that Mayor Dolce's proposed FY 2016 Budget, be amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Appropriations

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----|---------|
| 001-1490-1001 | Overtime | \$ | (500) |
| 001-1620-1001 | Overtime | \$ | (1,000) |
| 001-1900-1930 | Judgment | \$ | (3,000) |

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|------------|
| 001-5142-1001 | Overtime | \$ (5,000) |
| 001-7140-4162 | Senior Sweep | \$ (900) |
| 001-5010-1001 | Overtime | \$ (2,000) |
| 001-1900-1991 | Contingencies | \$ (400) |
| 001-1640-4012 | Water | \$ 100 |
| 001-5110-4052 | Improved Streets | \$ 5,000 |
| 001-7550-4209 | Fish Tournament | \$ 200 |
| 001-8020-4247 | DLDC | \$ 5,000 |
| 001-8560-1000 | Pers Services | \$ 1,000 |
| 001-8560-4036 | Cont Serv | \$ 1,500 |

**WATER FUND
Appropriations**

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|
| 002-8330-4022 | Repair/Maint | \$ (1,500) |
| 002-8340-4125 | Water Maint | \$ 1,500 |

**WASTEWATER
FUND**

Appropriations

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| 003-8131-1000 | Pers Serv | \$ 20,833 |
| 003-1900-1990 | Conting | \$ (10,833) |
| 003-1900-1991 | Capital Projects | \$ (10,000) |

and, it is

further

RESOLVED, that Mayor Dolce's proposed FY 2016 Budget, as amended herein, hereby is and shall be adopted as the City of Dunkirk Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, and, it is finally

RESOLVED, that the City of Dunkirk Fiscal Year 2016 Budget requires the raising of taxes in the amount of **\$4,837,477**.

Totals by FUND:

| | <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| General | \$14,903,572 | \$14,903,572 |
| Water Treatment | \$ 3,247,679 | \$ 3,247,679 |
| Waste Water Treatment | <u>\$ 3,882,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,882,000</u> |
| | \$22,033,251 | \$22,033,251 |

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #92-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: ENTIRE COUNCIL

APPROVE FY 2016 APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Common Council of Dunkirk, has, by resolution, adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the specified amounts in the column labeled Adopted Budget in the General Fund, Water Treatment and Wastewater Budgets be approved for expenditure for such items, effective January 1, 2016.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #93-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: ENTIRE COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING WARRANT FOR FY 2016 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the FY 2016 Budget for the City of Dunkirk, New York has been adopted by resolution and funds have been appropriated for expenditure, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the attached warrant be delivered to the City Treasurer and a tax levy of **\$4,837,477.00** be established at a rate of **\$17.247488** per \$1,000 of assessed valuation based upon the total City assessed valuation of **\$280,474,291**.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTON #94-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: COUNCILMAN RIVERA

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT MODIFICATION
(DREDGING CITY BOAT LAUNCH RECREATIONAL CHANNEL)

WHEREAS, a dredging project has been proposed for the Dunkirk Harbor, and with the assistance of Chautauqua County officials and departments, bids were let and the sole bidder, Dean Marine and Excavating, Inc., was awarded such bid and the Mayor was authorized to enter in to a contract pursuant to Resolution No. 54-2015 (July 21,

2015) in the amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$116,500.00); and

WHEREAS, after joint mobilization discussions, an additional amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,980.00) is required; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dunkirk Common Council hereby authorizes a contract modification for such dredging services with Dean Marine & Excavating, 75 Avery Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043, providing for the dredging of the Dunkirk Harbor pursuant to the bid specifications issued, increasing the costs in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,980.00) for services to be rendered in 2015 and/or 2016; and, it is further

RESOLVED, that such funds shall be paid in 2016 from City Fund 009.8020.4036 as established for all revenues and expenses for this dredging project as established by the City's Office of Fiscal Affairs; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 54-2015 shall remain in effect.

Councilwoman Szukala asked for an explanation between this Resolution and Resolutions presented to council in the past.

City Attorney Szot advised this city will incur and additional \$4,000.00 for the dredging to occur; the city has been active with the county and the Town of Hanover in coordinating efforts for this project and this ties everything together.

Councilwoman Szukala asked could this project be completed in 2015.

City Attorney Szot and Department of Public Works Director Gugino both advised this project could conceivably be completed in 2015.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #95-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

**CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 2-14.02 of the City Code provides that the Director of Planning and Development shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Common Council, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-14.02 of the City Code, Mayor Anthony J. Dolce has appointed DUANE BEARD, to the position of Director of Planning and

Development for the City of Dunkirk, subject to the consent of the Common Council, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that **DUANE BEARD**, be confirmed as Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Dunkirk, effective December 7, 2015 at Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) per annum.

Councilwoman Szukala asked for an explanation from Councilman-at-large Rosas on the collaboration between him and Mayor Dolce regarding the hiring of this individual.

Councilman-at-large Rosas stated "as hard as it has been, the Mayor and I, given circumstances, it's been not easy, but we have been working together for the betterment of the city. Bringing this gentleman in is part of that process, I was planning to bring him in January 1st and I proposed to the Mayor that this gentleman is ready to come on before that, if he wanted to help. Of course we conducted an interview together and we concluded this was what was best for the city, to bring him on now." Councilman-at-large Rosas advised this gentleman has an extensive background; he is an international economic development planning and director that has worked all over the world in major cities as well as small cities and comes highly recommended. Councilman-at-large Rosas commended Mayor Dolce for accepting his proposal and this becomes effective December 7, 2015.

Councilwoman Szukala asked will an Economic and Development Committee Meeting be held before the end of this year.

Councilman-at-large Rosas advised he intends on holding an Economic and Development Committee Meeting in December.

Mayor Dolce advised an RFP will need to be issued for the opening at the Boardwalk.

Carried, all voting aye.

RESOLUTION #96-2015
DECEMBER 1, 2015

BY: THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE DUNKIRK COMMON COUNCIL TO THE IMPORTANCE OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING, RECOGNIZING ITS IMPORTANT ROLE TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAINS ARE MOVING OFF-SHORE, AND URGING OUR FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT POLICIES THAT ENABLE AMERICA'S SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN AND MARINES TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL FIGHTING FORCE IN THE WORLD

WHEREAS, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines demonstrate unparalleled and extraordinary service to our country;

WHEREAS, there are 21.8 million veterans in the United States, including 988,217 in New York State;

WHEREAS, manufacturing provides well-paying jobs to returning veterans, who are more likely to work in manufacturing than non-veterans;

WHEREAS, American manufacturing provides the tools for ready war fighters and played an important role in supplying allied forces in World War II;

WHEREAS, with the off-shoring of America's manufacturing jobs to countries like China, the United States defense industrial base has deteriorated rapidly;

WHEREAS, Pentagon procurement laws to unsure the purchase of American-made goods have been weakened in recent years;

WHEREAS, some in the U.S. Congress are advocating for policies that would allow more tax dollars to be spent on foreign products to be used by our military;

WHEREAS, China makes 75 percent of the world's high-tech magnets, which are needed to manufacture helicopters, jet fighters and bombers, missiles, tanks, submarines, satellite communications equipment and radar amplifiers;

WHEREAS, China produces 90 percent of the world's supply of rare earth elements, such as lanthanum, which is needed to make night-vision devices;

WHEREAS, semiconductors, a vital component of missile guidance systems, satellites, computers and helicopters, are largely manufactured outside the United States;

WHEREAS, the United States relies on Asian suppliers for lithium-ion batteries used in unmanned drones, robots, missiles, jets and helicopters;

WHEREAS, U.S. producers of steel armor plate – used in mine-resistant protected vehicles that have saved thousands of American lives during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan – met the challenge of providing orders on time to meet a demand surge;

WHEREAS, increased reliance on foreign supply chains makes the United States vulnerable to major disruptions in foreign supplies due to poor manufacturing practices, natural disasters, domestic unrest, foreign price

manipulation, or stoppage of sales due to political or military disputes; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dunkirk City Common Council

1. Reaffirms its commitment to America's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have served our nation, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms;
2. Recognizes the importance of American manufacturing and the workers who produce textiles, steel, warships, tanks, aircraft, weapon systems and other essential products that are essential to our national security;
3. Expresses its concern that defense industrial base supply chains are moving offshore, leaving our armed forces vulnerable to disruptions in foreign supplies;
4. Urges our federal elected officials – Hon. Charles Schumer, Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand and Hon. Thomas Reed – to support policies that make America less dependent on foreign nations for the products that enable America's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to be the most powerful fighting force in the world, including:
 - a. In-sourcing of supply chains that have moved to China, Russia and other potentially-hostile trading partners;
 - b. Increasing support for industry sectors at risk being off-shored;
 - c. Developing domestic sources of key natural resources and rare earth elements used by our military;
 - d. Buying American and procuring American-made iron, steel and manufactured products to the fullest extent possible;
 - e. Ensuring strong trade enforcement to uphold a level playing field with foreign competition; and,
 - f. Investing in technological innovation, education and training needed to keep America secure in the future.

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
