

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Casale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Casale led the Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the United States military

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Councilmembers George Mansfield, At Large (GM); Lee Kyriacou, At Large (LK); Terry Nelson, Ward One (TN); John Rembert, Ward Two (JR); Jodi McCredo, Ward Three (JM); Amber Grant, Ward Four (AG); and Mayor Randy Casale (RC) Total: 7, **quorum present**

Also Present:

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero (AR); City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis (NWW) and John Clark (JC) City Planner

Excused:

N/A

**1<sup>ST</sup> OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers:

- Bryan Guernsey spoke about safety issues at 426 Main Street
- Theresa Kraft spoke about concerns relating to overdevelopment

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****1. Application for a special use permit for 1181 North Avenue**

JC presented an overview of the project.

Speakers: none

- ⇒ A motion was made by JR, seconded by GM to close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**2. Application for a special use permit for 850 Wolcott Avenue**

JC presented an overview of the project. RC read Planning Board's comments.

Speakers:

- Jennifer Velez spoke about concerns relating to subdividing the property and potential long-range plans of the owner's
  - Carolyn Sheeran, a teacher at the school, expressed support for the project
  - Aryeh Siegel explained why subdivision is necessary
  - LK raised a question about nonprofit status and taxes – RC and AR will research
- ⇒ A motion was made by TN, seconded by JM to close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**3. Proposed local law to amend Chapter 191, Article II and Chapter 192, Section 30 of the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Street Opening Permits**

NWW explained the law and the modifications made to it.

Speakers: none

- ⇒ A motion was made by JM, seconded by JR to close the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**4. Proposed local law to create Section 223-26.4 of the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Small Cell Wireless Facilities**

NWW explained the law and read the Planning Board's comments. RC read NYCOM's letter to Senator Charles Schumer.

Speakers:

- Scott Olson, lawyer for Verizon questioned the Planning Board's comments and requested vote be postponed pending clarification of information in Planning Board's comments.
- Theresa Kraft spoke against small cell technology in Beacon
- Stosh Yankowski spoke against 5G technology in Beacon

#### 5. Application for a special use permit for the Edgewater project

JC presented overview of the project

Speakers:

- Anthony Merando, attorney for the developer, provided overview of changes made to the project plan
- Josha Matthews expressed concern about the residents who currently live on the site, asked if the building would be taken down.
- Theresa Kraft opposes the project and disagrees with the negative declaration made by the Planning Board
- Stosh Yankowski questioned the figures showing less kids in the school district and water consumption
- Rodney Webber, developer of Edgewater explained that current residents on the project site would be relocated; explained how change in number of apartments would affect rental rates and numbers of potential students
- Josha Matthews spoke about notification of project and when she was made aware
- Anthony Merando, attorney for developer, stated proper notices were sent

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

- AG – requested Council workshop the Noise Ordinance; announced Spirit of Beacon Day fundraiser BBQ July 21<sup>st</sup> 12-4 at the Elks Lodge
- JR – received phone call from a senior citizen at Forrestal Heights complaining broken air conditioning and locked community room
- LK – appreciates the input from the public hearings; was notified on the same issue at Forrestal Heights
- GM – spoke about the fundraiser for Spirit of Beacon BBQ
- JM – thanked those who spoke at the public hearings and sent emails; shared address of the Elks Lodge – 900 Wolcott Ave
- TN – shared Spirit of Beacon Day's website address: [www.spiritofbeaconday.org](http://www.spiritofbeaconday.org) ; received emails about West Church, Mackin Ave and Ralph St – cars speeding, concerned that residents may not put their faith in the traffic studies being done
- RC thanked all who came out for the public hearings; reminded public of Council's limitations and need to work within the law; congratulated Mike Tancredi on his retirement from the Highway Department; read letter from VFW about 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the first Beaconite in WW I
- AR spoke about the Youth Employment Program – eligible kids 14-19 years old, still taking applications, provided director Tina McKinney's phone number for questions - (845) 616-1059

#### LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

##### 1. Resolution to appoint Kavita Shenoy as Clerk/Typist

⇒ A **motion was made** by JR, seconded by TN **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.

##### 2. Resolution to refer a local law concerning driveway permits to the City of Beacon Planning Board and Dutchess County Planning Board

⇒ A **motion was made** by GM, seconded by JM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Resolution ratifying award of contract with Tam Enterprises, Inc. for Main Street sewer main repair**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by JR **to adopt**, seconded by JM. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
4. **A Resolution ratifying award of contract with Chemung Supply Corporation for Mountain Street Bridge repair**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by JM **to adopt**, seconded by AG. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.
5. **Resolution granting a special use permit for 1181 North Avenue**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by JM **to adopt**, seconded by AG. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
6. **Resolution granting a special use permit for 850 Wolcott Avenue**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by TN, seconded by GM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
7. **Resolution to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 191, Article II and Chapter 192, Section 30 concerning Street and Sidewalk Opening Permits**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by LK, seconded by AG **to table until 8/30**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
8. **Resolution to adopt a local law to create section 223-26.4 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning small cell wireless telecommunication facilities**  
⇒ A **motion was made** by JR, seconded by JM **to table until 8/30**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by JM, seconded by AG **to approve** the minutes from July 2, 2018. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### Speakers

- Lou Amoroso expressed concerns about pulling out of Rector Street onto Wolcott with a decreased line of sight and recommended Planning Board look at this
- Stosh Yankowski urged council to watch the last Planning Board video

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by JR, seconded by JM to adjourn. **Motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote. **Meeting was adjourned.**

Next Council Meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Next Council Workshop is July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

A video recording of this meeting in its entirety can be found here -<http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Government/videos.htm>

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