

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on Aug. 1, 2016. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <http://vimeo.com/channels/40154>.

Council Members Present:

Lee Kyriacou, At Large
George Mansfield, At Large
Peggy Ross, Ward One
Omar Harper, Ward Two
Pamela Wetherbee, Ward Three
Ali Muhammad, Ward Four
Randy Casale, Mayor

Council Members Absent:**Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
Nick Ward Willis, City Attorney

A moment of silence was observed for past and present service men and women.

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter other than those which are the topic of a public hearing tonight.

Speakers:

1. **Dennis Pavelock:** Gave an update and the history of National Night Out which will be held on Aug. 2 in Memorial Park.

Presentations: Police Youth Academy

2. Christine Galbo presented a power point of highlights from the Police Youth Academy.
3. Certificates of Accomplishment presented to participants.
4. Police Chief Solomon spoke about the positive impact of the program
5. Mayor Casale thanked the organizers of the program

Public Hearings:

6. **Local Law Regarding Solar Collectors and Installation:**
 - a. No Public Comments
 - b. Motion to adjourn until Aug. 15 when they will review Dutchess County Planning Department comments.
Motion by Council Member Wetherbee, second by Council Member Ross
7-0

7. Local Law Regarding Affordable Workforce Housing:

- a. Mayor Casale asked that this be adjourned to August 15 in order to receive comments from the County and the City Planning Board. The County provided its comments from their 2009 of the proposed law. (#1) Full comments can be found at the end of these minutes.
- b. Ozzie Albra, Town of Fishkill: Thanked everyone for the Police Youth Academy program. Also wanted to let Beacon know that the Town of Fishkill tried to implement a workforce housing initiative and it did not work. He explained the scenario.
- c. Theresa Kraft: Objects to developers increasing density in order to create workforce-housing units.
- d. Taylor Palmer, Cuddy and Feder: (#2) Full comments can be found at the end of these minutes.
- e. Rodney Weber, Beacon Developer: Is concerned about the impact this change will have on those developers who have received project approvals from the planning board and have based their financing on those approvals. Believes those developers should be grandfathered in. He would like to better define workforce housing and suggests that the law should be given more thought. HE gave a few suggestions for working with developers who are at a particular stage in their projects who will be greatly affected.
- f. Motion to adjourn until Aug. 15 Council Member Mansfield, second Council Member Harper
7-0

8. Special Use Permit Related to Property at 867 Wolcott

- a. No public comments
- b. Motion to close Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Harper
7-0

Council Member Reports:

9. **Ali Muhammad:** Good evening. Volunteered last year with the Youth Police Academy. Thanked the DPW for always doing such a great job in keeping the city clean and removing debris after bad storms. Has been receiving complains about the noise from Newburgh. Residents have asked him if the City of Beacon could sue the Newburgh waterfront owners for noise pollution. Anthony Ruggiero added that he has reached out to Newburgh and to the Congressman's office regarding the matter. He will keep council apprised of the developments.
10. **Omar Harper:** Thinks that the Police Youth Academy is a great representation of relations here in Beacon. Thanked Anthony and Zep for taking care of something for constituents.
11. **Lee Kyriacou:** Thank everyone for coming.
12. **George Mansfield:** Nothing to add.
13. **Pam Wetherbee:** Gave details about National Night out. Would like an update on the highway garage. Anthony advised that he will give that update on Aug. 22. Was happy to be able to put out her weekly

recycling this week. A constituent on Delevan who wanted to know if we could add a speed bump to slow people down on the hill. Also concerned about the traffic when the Highland Hospital Project is complete. There will be a blood drive on Monday, Aug. 8 at Beacon Hebrew Alliance. Would like to know more about the afterschool programs. With regard to the noise from Newburgh, has anyone reached out to the Liquor Commission? Reminded that the IRS scam is still occurring. People should not give out any information to them.

- 14. Peggy Ross:** Has heard from a constituent that the Newburgh noise is intermittent.
- 15.** A discussion with all members regarding the noise coming from the Newburgh waterfront took place. Councilman Kyriacou advised that the conditions of the River affect how the noise is carried. The Mayor recommended creating a record of instances where the noise is a nuisance. He thinks we need to have our police measure the level of noise. The mayor advised that he has been trying to communicate this problem to Newburgh for 4 years. Nick Ward Willis advised that residents should call the police when they deem the noise too loud.
- 16. Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator:** Gave an update on the water levels. The Fire Department has been responding to residents' calls to have their basement pumped.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

- 17. Resolution to Approve a Local Law Amending Chapter 211 of the Code as it Relates to Affordable Workforce Housing**
- Adjourned
- 18. Resolution Adopting the Regulations for the Administration of the Affordable Workforce Housing Program**
- Adjourned
- 19. Resolution Authorizing a Special Use Permit Related to Property Located at 867 Wolcott Avenue.**
- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Harper
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- 20. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Consolidated Funding Application to New York State**
- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Wetherbee
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- 21. Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing for August 15, 2016 to Receive Comments on a Proposed Local Law Changing the Zoning of Properties in the Linkage District to Other Zoning Districts and the Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.**
- Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Harper
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- 22. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with NYS DOT for the Pedestrian Signal Improvements Project.**

- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Mansfield
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23. Resolution Adopting the “Think Differently” Initiative to Assist Individual with Special Needs and Their Families

- Motion by Council Member Wetherbee, second by Council Member Mansfield
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24. Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with Modjeski and Masters, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Design of the South Avenue Bridge Over the Fishkill Creek

- Motion by Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Harper
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25. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with HVEA Engineers for the Main Street Pedestrian Improvements Project

- Motion Council Member Muhammad, second by Council Member Mansfield
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26. Resolution Appointing Nate Smith as Provisional Assistant Recreation Director

- Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Harper
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Second Opportunity for Public Comments: Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any subject matter on which the Council can take action.

Speakers:

- 27. Tommy DiCastro, Sr.:** Pedestrian signals are a waste of money because no one looks at the signals. Would be nice if the police could give citations for those crossing against the light.

Executive Session:

28. Motion to Enter Executive Session for matters pertaining to real estate

- Motion by Council Member Kyriacou, second by Council Member Muhammad
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Next Workshop: Aug. 8, 2016

Next Council Meeting: August 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Evans, Assistant to the Mayor