

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at www.cityofbeacon.org.

Council Members Present:

Lee Kyriacou, At Large
George Mansfield, At Large
Terry Nelson, Ward One
John Rembert, Ward Two
Jodi McCredo, Ward Three
Amber Grant, Ward Four
Randy Casale, Mayor

Council Members Absent/Excused:**Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
City Attorney
County Legislator, Nick Page

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.

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the United States military and for all those affected by the shooting in Florida.

Speakers:

Paul Yeaple
Samantha Britton
Dennis Pavelock
Arthur Camins
Dan Searles

Community Segment

- **Beacon Nutrition Advisory Committee**
- **Jimmy Malcolm - Sisters in the Brotherhood Pre-Apprenticeship Program**

Public Hearings:

- **Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 223 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning the Fishkill Creek Development District (FCDD)**
Speakers:
Theresa Kraft
 - > **Motion to close Public Hearing by Councilperson Nelson, second by Councilperson Rembert**
 - **All in favor, motion passed**
- **Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 223 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning Public Notice Signs**
Speakers:

None

- > **Motion to close Public Hearing by Councilperson McCredo, second by Councilperson Grant**
 - o **All in favor, motion passed**

Council Member Reports:

Amber Grant: Reported on Green St Park vandalization. Thanked Anthony, Mark and Nate for discussion on Green St Park vandalization. Some work has been done, more to come when weather allows.

John Rembert: No report. Recognized Dylan Stackhouse who is a student working on a project for school and wanted to come to the Council meeting.

Lee Kyriacou: Looking forward to zoning discussions.

George Mansfield: Discussed division occurring in the country online and reflected on a local gathering of community to support a family in time of need. Encouraged community to focus on the things that unite us and importance of compromise.

Jodi McCredo: Addressed issues facing current Council, disputed assertion of a leak on Council. Reminded public of her commitment to listening to everyone. Assured public of extensive discussion and research on issues during workshops and on own time – votes are not “rubber stamped”. Recognized Noah Corey for his establishment of 5K fundraiser for families dealing with cancer. “Let it Shine, the American Civil Rights Movement” Thursday night at the Beacon High School at 6:30 and the following evening at 7 the Harlem Wizards vs Beacon staff and teachers.

Terry Nelson: Congratulated Rick Rogers who was named President of Beacon Arts.

Nick Page: Reflected on the Florida gun shooting and laws being considered to combat gun violence. Dutchess County jail named one of the most problematic in NYS. Overcrowding is an issue. Medical care has also been an issue, County will be issuing RFP for replacement for private medical care company. Local law coming before legislature proposing to raise legal age for nicotine use from 18 to 21.

Mayor Randy Casale: Reminded everyone about the “No Knock” list. Advised people interested to call the City Clerk to get on the list and to always ask anyone who knocks if they have a permit. Should there be any difficulties, alert the Beacon Police Department. Thanked the first responders for their work on the fire at 98 Rombout Avenue. Wished the victims well and shared that there is a Go Fund Me on Facebook for the families affected.

Anthony Ruggiero: Read an update from the Water Department – all three reservoirs are above drought limit. SCADA system update is almost complete. Gave update on Verizon FiOS – Verizon is not building out the system any longer. It is not the City preventing them from coming to Beacon.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

1. **Resolution to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 223, Section 41.14, Subsection A of the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Bulk Regulations in the Fishkill Creek Development District (FCDD)**
 - Motion by Councilmember Mansfield, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - 7-0, motion carried
2. **Resolution to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 223, Section 61.3 to the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Public Notice Signs**
 - Motion by Councilmember McCredo, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - 7-0, motion carried
3. **Resolution to schedule a public hearing for March 5, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 106 of the Code of the City of Beacon to amend the Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the City of Beacon**
 - Motion by Councilperson McCredo, second by Councilperson Nelson
 - All in favor, motion carried

4. **Resolution to schedule a public hearing for March 5, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to add Chapter 202 to the Code of the City of Beacon and amend Chapter 204 of the Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Tree Preservation and Tree Removal**
 - Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - All in favor, motion carried
5. **Resolution to schedule a public hearing for March 19, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 134 and Chapter 223, Section 24.7 of the Code of the City of Beacon Historic Preservation**
 - Motion by Councilperson Grant, second by Councilperson Nelson
 - All in favor, motion carried
6. **Resolution to schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to create section 223-26.4 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning Short-term Rentals**
 - Motion by Councilperson McCredo, second by Councilperson Mansfield
 - All in favor, motion carried
7. **Resolution authorizing settlement of Iannarrelli tax certiorari, 2 Williams Street**
 - Motion by Councilperson Nelson, second by Councilperson Rembert
 - 7-0, motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 5, 2018

- Motion to table due to errors in the minutes by Councilperson McCredo, second by Councilperson Rembert
 - All in favor, motion carried

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:

Tina Bernstein
Theresa Kraft
April Farley

Adjournment:

- Motion by Councilperson McCredo, second by Councilperson Mansfield
 - All in favor, motion carried

Next Workshop: February 26, 2018

Next Meeting: March 5, 2018