

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on March 19, 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

Council Members Absent/Excused:

Randy Casale, Mayor

Also Present:

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney
Nick Page, County Legislator

A moment of silence was observed for all those who are fighting for freedom and justice around the world.

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:

John Gilvey
Arthur Camins
Samantha Britton
Elaine Ciaccio
Theresa Kraft

Public Hearings:

- **Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 204 of Code of the City of Beacon, concerning Tree Preservation and Tree Removal**

Speakers:

Theresa Kraft
Stosh Jankowski

- Councilmember Kyriacou motioned to adjourn Public Hearing until April 16, Councilmember Grant seconded
 - All in favor, motion passed

- **Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 106, Article I of Code of the City of Beacon to amend the Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the City of Beacon**
 - Councilmember Kyriacou motioned to adjourn Public Hearing until April 2, Councilmember Nelson seconded
 - All in favor, motion passed

Council Member Reports:

Amber Grant: see attached

John Rembert: No report

Lee Kyriacou: Would like to extend building moratorium until the two zoning laws are done

George Mansfield: Announced that on 3/26 Sunlight Beacon will give a presentation about the solar field. Thanked organizers of the Lip Sync Battle and all who supported it.

Jodi McCredo: “Music in Our Schools” event was phenomenal – congratulated all who put it together. Grateful for correspondence from constituents and reminded public that they need to also contact state representatives as many issues are out of the City Council’s control. Supports extension of moratorium. Looking for information on how much water we can process and how is the WWTP handling it all.

Terry Nelson: Thanked participants in the Lip Sync Battle. Supports moratorium extension. Renters rights – would like to look out for renters moving forward and protect their rights. Walkout at Rombout School – thanked school staff and Beacon Police Dept for support and management of event.

Mayor Randy Casale: excused

Anthony Ruggiero: Reservoirs Cargill and Melzingah are full. Mt Beacon is down 4 feet. SCADA system is in place at water plant and allows personnel to monitor remote locations and capture water data and trends.

Nick Page: Environmental report – a resolution was submitted to the County pledging it to become a Climate Smart Community. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) was approved on Friday by the Public Service Commission. Poughkeepsie also approved CCA. Community solar information.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

1. **Resolution to appoint Manuel Galarza as Groundskeeper/Cleaner in the City of Beacon Highway Department**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McCredo
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
2. **Resolution to adopt a local law to amend Chapter 134 and Chapter 223, Section 24.7 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning Historic Preservation.**
 - * Adjourned

- 3. Resolution to authorizing the Beacon City Council to enter into an agreement with the Energy Improvement Corporation in connection with the City of Beacon's participation in the Energize NY Benefit Finance Program**
 - * Motion by Councilmember McCredo, second by Councilmember Grant
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 4. Resolution to authorize renewal of Farmers Market contract**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Kyriacou, second by Councilmember Grant
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 5. Resolution to authorize renewal of Flea Market**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McCredo
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
 - * Motion by Councilmember McCredo to adopt amended local law concerning Tree Preservation and Removal, second by Councilmember Rembert
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 6. Resolution authorizing easement agreements regarding West End Lofts Project on Wolcott Avenue**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Grant
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 7. Resolution authorizing a temporary easement with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation at 52 Pumphouse Road**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember McCredo
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 8. Resolution authorizing sale of 23-28 Creek Drive in the City of Beacon**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Grant, second by Councilmember Nelson
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 9. Resolution to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2018 to receive public comment on a Special Use Permit application for 307 multi-family dwelling units for the Edgewater Project**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Rembert, second by Councilmember McCredo
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried
- 10. Resolution to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law for the Calculation of Lot Area per Dwelling**
 - * Motion by Councilmember Nelson, second by Councilmember Kyriacou
 - * 6-0, (Mayor Casale excused) motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 5, 2018

- * Motion by Councilmember Kyriacou, second by Councilmember Grant
 - * 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: Dan Aymar-Blair
Stosh Jankowski

Executive Session

- * Motion by Councilmember Kyriacou to enter executive session, second by Councilmember McCredo
 - * All in favor, motion carried
- * Motion by Councilmember McCredo to come out of executive session, second by Councilmember Kyriacou
 - * All in favor, motion carried
- * Motion by Councilmember Kyriacou to add item to the agenda- Resolution to appoint Cory Dubetsky as Firefighter in the City of Beacon Fire Department effective April 1, 2018, second Councilmember McCredo
 - * All in favor, motion carried
- * Motion by Councilmember McCredo to approve the appointment of Cory Dubetsky as Firefighter in the City of Beacon Fire Department effective April 1, 2018
 - * All in favor, motion carried

Adjournment:

- * Motion by Councilmember Grant, second by Councilmember Nelson
 - * All in favor, motion carried

Next Meeting: April 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM