



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Regular Meeting – September 11, 2012

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Gene Sharkey. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country that resulted in so many lives lost and to honor the heroic sacrifices by all that day.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1- present
Robert Duffus, D1 - absent
Charles Stowe, R2 - present
Philip Tripp, R2 - present
Joseph Jeanette, D3- present
Kevin Mott, D3 - present
Anthony DeLucia, D4 - present

Jerome Fainer, D4 - present
Howard Madigosky, D5 - present
Joan Radin, R5 - present
Scott Nihill, D6 - present
David Knapp, D7- present
John Marini, R7 - present
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 13 present, 1 absent.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

1. Regular Meeting of August 14, 2012
2. Special Meeting of August 28, 2012
3. Joint Committees Special Meeting of September 6, 2012

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept the minutes; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Public Session

Eileen Krugel, City of Ansonia Grant Writer

I would like to briefly address the resolutions I have before you tonight. The first Resolution addresses the adoption of the City Center Plan, the Downtown

Parking Study and the Plan of Conservation and Development. All these plans had previously been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, but adoption of this Resolution by the City's legislative body is crucial to moving forward with the Main Street Initiative Fund Grant that we are currently pursuing.

The second Resolution is the Resolution for Ansonia Youth Service Bureau. This is a routine resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and file the appropriate paperwork for the funds.

Lastly there is a late Resolution - from the Department of Economic and Community Development with regard to funding of \$50,000 that we recently had approved by the State Bond Commission. It will be utilized for much-needed first responder communications generator and this resolution, again, allows the Mayor to execute and file the application and other documents as needed.

If you have any questions, I'll be here.

President Sharkey thanked Ms. Krugel.

Jeff Devine, resident of the 6th Ward

I would like to see the Board minutes on the website. I know there is a disclaimer that you can come and see them in the Town Clerk's Office. The Aldermen are good, they're on there a lot. The Police Commission is on there. I'm talking about stuff like Recreation, Public Works, and that type of stuff - it hasn't been on there for like, over a year. We have a full-time assistant in the Mayor's Office and so forth, so I was hoping, for people at work that can't get down to City Hall, that could be improved.

The other thing is a Public Works comment. I see we have this water improvement piping all over town. I am hoping that before winter sets in, a kind of pet peeve of mine, that the City Engineer or Public Works who always do a great job with that, make sure it doesn't get into the territory of all of a sudden the asphalt plants are closed and they can't fix all these patches, and sewer cuts across the road. That's kind of annoying.

Thank you.

President Sharkey stated, all of that work is being done by the Regional Water Authority. They have contracted it all out. They will be responsible for repaving all the sections that have been torn up. That will all be inspected by our City Engineer and approved by Public Works.

Mr. Devine stated, I understand that any time you have street construction, 99 percent of the time it's subcontractors that are doing it. Just as long as the City

Engineer follows up before winter sets in. Like I said, I work in Bridgeport - compared to that Ansonia does a great job. Winter is coming up and I don't want to see it slip. Thanks.

Jack Kichar, Day Street

I talked to you last month about the appraiser that came around and more or less forced his way into my house. I went down and talked to the Assessor, a very nice lady, I think her name was Flo. She had an office in the back. I told her what happened. She apologized for the man; she was very nice about that - he never should have done that. I told her what you said and the Chief of Police, that for anybody to come into the house, like the Police, you would need a court order or whatever. She said, "I don't think so." She said, "If he went into your house, we'll put on your tax assessment something that you're going to deny, and it more like forcing their way into your house." She said, "that's how it stands. If we want into your house, we have ways to get in without a court order." You know, I want those [inaudible]. I thought in America we don't have to be threatened by our town officials, tax office. It was like a bully. You know, I'm 69. I can't believe I'm letting myself into these situations. Younger, I would have stood up and... but I'm trying to be polite to people when you get older. I think the Mayor should look into it. You can't do that to people. If I want to get into this man's house, I'm with the tax collector, I'd say, "oh, you have hardwood floors, all these fancy things." Now you'd have to let me in so I can disprove it. That's the word; disprove it. I don't think that should be done. He was in my house; he saw the house. I have nothing to hide. I was talking to somebody and they said I should bring it to the Board again. I have it on record that this is the second time I had a problem, in case somebody else in town has a problem with the Tax Assessor. Like I told her, you need a search warrant. She says, "not the tax people."

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I know Vision has sent out letters to all the residents stating that they want to set up appointments to visit the homes. I haven't been able to talk to the Assessor about this, but we haven't gotten that many complaints.

Mr. Kichar stated, well this kid came around about two months ago and he says, "either you're going to let me in or I'll go down and get a..."

Mayor Della Volpe stated, well they shouldn't...

Mr. Kichar stated, that's where this whole thing is coming from. To me it's more like a communist...

Mayor Della Volpe stated, they shouldn't give you an ultimatum like that.

Mr. Kichar stated, she was nice when she apologized but then her statement. I just want it on record that I had two problems. Last time I was here you said you want to hear from the townspeople. Now you're having a meeting tonight.

Once this session is closed, we can't talk to you about anything that you're talking about tonight and you vote it in.

President Sharkey stated, that's Robert's Rules of Order; that's the way meetings are run. That's the rules that we adopt and that's the way things go.

Alderman Marini stated, obviously there's no way for you to talk or present views during the meeting, but right after the meeting, in between this meeting and the next meeting, you are free to call one of us, all of us, and let us know exactly what's on your mind.

Mr. Kichar stated, but if you vote yes on it; it's a done deal.

Alderman Marini stated, true, if something is resolved at a meeting you can't go back and change the vote.

Mr. Kichar stated, like I said, the person at the Tax Collecting Office where you pay your taxes, you can't deal with your relatives, somebody else should. You said "relatives." I thought you should have "friends" put on there too. I could send my friend down to pay my taxes and I'm related to the Tax person. So if you're friends with, or family...

President Sharkey stated, we would have no way of knowing who the Tax Collector has as all their friends. Then we'd be eliminating neighbors, then it would... no. The other thing is, town meetings people have a voice on everything that goes on and in fact a vote on everything that goes on, but this is not a town meeting; this is a city meeting. We are under totally different rules of order and how to conduct it. That is the way our meetings have to be run.

Mr. Kichar asked, are you going to open up suggestions for the Charter Revision? Are you going to publish that so we can send in?

President Sharkey replied, yes. Once a Charter Revision Commission is put together, their meeting dates will be made public, they will hold public hearings. They will be looking for suggestions on possible changes to the Charter. They will listen to every person that comes in.

Alderman Fainer stated, before our meetings are held, our agenda is published at City Hall. Pick up a copy of the agenda and look at it. If you have questions on something call one of us. There are 14 of us. Call us all, call us one. Voice your opinion if there's something you feel strong about. After the meeting, like John says, call us up.

Alderman Marini stated, if you feel that Charter Revision is something you've thought about yourself and is something you'd like to get involved in it also wouldn't hurt to send your name along to the Mayor with maybe a little note that says you're particularly interested in it, maybe points of your background.

So when the Mayor appoints that committee, there's not set group of people he has to appoint, it will be open to anybody in the City who is willing and able to serve.

President Sharkey asked three times if any other member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Public Official Session

City Engineer Fred D'Amico

President Sharkey stated, Mr. D'Amico has some information that we asked to be brought forward on the property ownership off of Beaver Street, who owned the property that all the trees are falling off. Fred did quite a bit of extensive work there.

Mr. D'Amico reviewed a map of the property with the Board members, which showed the approximate boundaries, as well as a fairly accurate depiction of the contours of the properties.

He described to the Aldermen the steep slope that was in question, Beaver Street, between Williams Street and Beaver Street, and Central Street. On a number of the properties along Beaver Street, the actual slope is in the middle of the property or at least 30 percent of the property. A lot of those on Beaver Street that were concerned about trees falling down and debris, in actuality a number of the lots, they'd be responsible for 30 percent to 40 percent of their own property. Each lot will be different. He noted that the building at One Williams Street is questionable as to whether or not it should be torn down. It was assessed as structurally inadequate, and the people have moved out. There are retaining walls along the top of the slope that are in disrepair and falling down. In some areas, in order to fix the slopes, the large trees that are falling down would have to be removed and cut up, the extensive debris on the slope would have to be removed, some of the underbrush would have to be cut out because there is a lot of underbrush with topsoil that's not really able to plant low lying shrubs or grass to improve the stabilization. If that was removed, and then replanted, that could be done. It is private property and would have to be done by the owners. In order for them to know exactly which portion is theirs they would probably have to get an A2 survey on each individual lot to find out exactly where the boundaries are. The slope instability should be taken care of because eventually it will cause a problem in the future.

President Sharkey asked, what is the City of Ansonia's responsibility in this area? We own nothing except the property where the Ansonia Housing Authority is.

Mr. D'Amico replied, that one property, the slope is off the property. So the entire slope is not on the Ansonia Housing Authority's property. Any property that is owned by the City of Ansonia does not contain the slope. The only thing

the City could do is, maybe through the Blight Enforcement, try to get people to clean up the debris. I don't know how you'd get them to actually cut the trees and actually re-grade some of the soil and plant more shrubs to improve it. That would be stretching the blight enforcement.

Alderman Knapp asked, who is the owner of One Williams Street?

Mr. D'Amico replied, One Williams Street is owned by a private owner. They are in the process of trying to take the house down and rebuild it.

Alderman Knapp stated, in order to cut some trees and stabilize those banks, the cost is probably prohibitive.

Mr. D'Amico replied, it's fairly expensive because it's a steep slope, it's going to be hard to get in there. But if you thinned it out and just cut some of the underbrush, that can be done, it wouldn't be as expensive, you could do that and try to clean it up, then it would help let the grass grow underneath it. The larger trees would be a little more expensive to take down. Some of them near the bottom should be coming down because some of them are not in the best of shape. You'd have to get an arborist out there or the Tree Warden to assess it. Most of the trees, and we checked out two or three trees that did fall, actually one fell on a car. I believe those trees, one was very close to the border, so unless an accurate survey was done, it would be hard to tell if in fact it was on the upper property or the lower property, but it did appear that it was on the lower property. The other large tree, that tree definitely was low enough where it fell into the property. That was a 36-inch oak - a large tree.

Alderman Stowe asked, if the building remains standing, is it possible that the City would have any liability?

Mr. D'Amico stated, if we allowed the people to stay there we would have had liability. So at the time we went in and made the decision that the people should move out. We didn't allow them to live there because if it did collapse we would have been liable. I don't believe the house is in imminent danger of collapse - and even if it did, I don't believe it will cause a landslide or anything like that. It looks like it will stand for a while; it doesn't look like it's going to collapse tomorrow. Within a year it's possible that it could come down on its own. I think the people will be removing it shortly.

President Sharkey stated, that day it was recommended to the owners to take the house down, but the owners rejected the decision and are trying to figure out how they could rehabilitate the house or tear it down and rebuild another in its place.

Alderman Stowe stated his concern that the person on Williams Street has no property insurance, so if something happened, what would the people at the bottom of the incline end up with.

Alderman Stowe recommended that Mr. D'Amico and Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake draft a letter to all of the property owners involved explaining Mr. D'Amico's findings and this Board's recommendations.

President Sharkey stated, this motion can be taken up later in the meeting, under New Business.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, regarding the ownership, the person who owned it has passed away; property is in probate right now. I have requested a hearing in the Probate Court in order to give the family an understanding as to what their obligations are, and find out what they're doing. I spoke with Mr. Behun and Mr. D'Amico to start drafting a letter. If the property is ready to fall down, we have to have a hearing with the City's Building Appeals in order to give them notice of what action we are taking.

Alderman Tripp and Mr. D'Amico discussed the exact locations of the trees that did fall already. It was noted that one of the trees seemed to be on the lower property but without a proper survey nobody can be sure.

President Sharkey stated, maybe we should consider two separate letters - one letter to the owners that are downhill talking about trees on their own property falling onto their own property or vehicles down there. And a second letter for the ownership of #1 and #3, talking about trees on your property falling down onto somebody else's property. We need to notify them of their responsibilities two different ways.

In answer to a question by Alderman Jeanette, Corporation Counsel Blake explained, if you have a tree that falls down and damages someone else's property, you're liable. If you don't have insurance, then they just attach your house and take any assets you have.

President Sharkey asked three times if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Mayor James Della Volpe

To update the Board, Stan Gorzelany, the former Tax Collector from Fairfield, has started as our temporary Acting Tax Collector. He will be at the Finance Committee meeting on September 20th to answer question. I think his expertise will be helpful in guiding us to getting a new Tax Collector. Also, there were three lists generated - Assistant Comptroller Rich Bshara is working on these. He is starting to go back five years to look at what's happened with delinquent taxes during that period. Also, our internal auditor, Bob Jaskilka, has generated a list as of August 31st.

Alderman Radin stated, my daughter sent the WPCA bill with the checks. She sent them a self-addressed stamped envelope. All they sent her back was a little slip of paper saying it was paid. I had to go down there yesterday and ask

them for a copy of it because I do own a business and they do audit us and we do need it. I don't know who did the bills but I wasn't happy with that.

I was at a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting last night and we still aren't getting quorums. I really would like to have people from the Board or you or me or somebody sit down and let's go over these lists of commissions. People are not showing up. There were two people there; the secretary and her mother, who has oxygen. If she can manage to get there, I don't understand why no one else can. There were people there waiting for some kind of a decision on their program or their problem, and I don't think it's fair to make them wait another month and have to come back. This is like the second or third time.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, I'm open to any recommendations, if you want to sit down. I've asked for volunteers from the Board previously and I haven't received any.

Alderman Radin stated, you've got one.

Alderman Knapp stated, the water project going on here on Main Street. Is there any kind of timeline? I'm a little concerned about the project being finished in time for our Harvest Festival in October.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, they assured us that they would be finished in time for the Harvest Festival. They have to repair and replace all the water mains that are being put in throughout Main Street, and they're going as quickly as possible.

Alderman Tripp asked, have you filled the Superintendent of Graves position for the City?

Mayor Della Volpe replied no, I haven't. I know you had somebody interested. We filled it on a temporary basis.

Alderman Tripp stated, they're still interested in it.

Alderman Marini stated, I understand that hearings are going to take place this week of all the investigation into the Tax issue. I don't want to comment too much as obviously part of that is a confidential process. But I would recommend that no matter how the investigations turn out, that we do obtain, as a City, a signed statement or affidavit from the individuals being investigated to basically lock in place, in writing, what their view of the events were so we could have a record documented for future.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, there will be a recorded document for that. They held the hearings today. There was a conflict with the union. The union asked to change the schedule. We changed it today. We had the hearings. We'll make sure we have it documented.

Alderman Marini stated, also, we mentioned the lists, which is wonderful, and obviously I want, for the record, to make sure the central list that we want to hone in on to the extent possible is the list of people that received invalidly those tax clearance forms. It definitely helps to have the other lists and to see the delinquent taxes in general, but sort of cutting to the heart of the matter here is the impropriety of people that had these forms that shouldn't have. That is one of the lists that we're putting together?

Mayor Della Volpe replied, yes, it is. It's very time-consuming. I was with Rich today for almost an hour and we were just trying to go back one or two years to see where we're at, cross-referencing all the license plates and who got a release. It's very difficult but we're trying to do that at the local level so that we don't spend any extra money. We also have the Chief State's Attorney's Office investigating and like I said, he'll be there, Stan Gorzelany will be there on the 20th for the Finance Committee. We are trying to focus in on that list. I get hit with several lists - this is the list you want. The ones that were given out, that were invalid - because there is no list available. We are trying to go through the records to try to get that list.

Alderman Marini stated, we understand and the public understands it's not as simple as finding this list; it doesn't exist. You have to cross-reference different sets of data to come up with it. It's a work-intensive process.

Mayor Della Volpe stated, it certainly is. To get to this point it's been very time-consuming.

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

In terms of when I was there with Alderman Radin yesterday, the Mayor is going to be presenting two committees to get members to, one is going to be the Charter Revision Commission five to 15 members, and the other is going to be a Ward boundary that is required in October so the name, we'll get that going and report back to the Board of Aldermen by March of next year. If you have people that want to volunteer, it does help. It's time consuming but it's good to give back to the City.

On the case of Vallardes, regarding that easement that we did, the judge ruled - we offered \$8,000 and the judge went with our appraisal. That case is closed.

The case of Tkacz - the property on Hodio Drive that's into the Nature Center, into the wetlands - I was in court last week and they have until December 15th to completely finish the project.

To let you know, in the case of the development project off of Shortell Drive, the Appellate Court reversed the decision in favor of the applicants for the subdivision. That matter is being appealed to the Supreme Court.

In the case of Michael Eheman, the attorney was unavailable due to a family emergency. That will be tabled to next month.

Lieutenant Andrew Cota, Ansonia Police Department

We have a recruit graduating in October from the Milford Academy. We have two more in the Meriden Police Academy - they're not due back until just before Christmas or just after. We are in the process of screening another candidate, we have one more spot open so we're in that process right now. Hopefully the one coming out in October we'll have out on the road around March by the time he's done with Field Training, and the other two will be a little bit later, in June or July. We are still in the process, this is in anticipation of quite a few retirements that we have the potential to have early next year, people are planning on leaving so we will continue to fill those spots.

Next month we'll be coming to you hopefully with all the specs and information on our new police cars that we want to purchase. We brought in two different types, the car and the SUV both by Ford at this point. The officers overwhelmingly selected the SUV - it's a cross between a Ford Edge and a Ford Explorer. All wheel drive - it will help us out in the winters getting up and down the hill. They'll also be marked vs. our detective vehicles that aren't always marked.

We will also be requesting your assistance - we have a speed trailer that's about 11 or 12 years old that no longer functions well, so we'll be requesting permission to dispose of that, probably as well as some trade-in vehicles.

We are in Bulk Pickup now for September, October and November. So if you see it, we get a list every day from Public Works, we'll follow up on it. Usually one house puts it out and then they run down the street and load up the whole street. We do follow up on that; we call Public Works to make sure that people are following the rules. If you do see it out there and it's been sitting there for a while, call us or Public Works and we'll take care of it to get it out of there. Thank you.

Alderman Radin stated, 208 Wakelee Avenue - we've had numerous calls up there. The people across the street are petrified to go out at night on their porch because they're being harassed. They've called the police a dozen times, I'm sure you've gotten the calls. Police come up, they tell them to leave. The Police leave; the people don't leave. I would appreciate it if you could mention to them that when they do go up there and ask them to leave, if they could come back in maybe 20 minutes or a half hour and check and make sure they have left. The people that live there - she is absolutely petrified. She is so afraid of them. There are a lot of drug addicts in that area. There's a lot of traffic moving in and out as I'm sure you are aware. The other thing someone suggested to me was, maybe when one of your officers is sitting in his car writing his report or doing something, maybe he could park on Wakelee Avenue somewhere in one spot one night, another spot another night.

The other thing I have is, I take the dog out at 6 o'clock for a little walk in the neighborhood. I have seen more people go through the red light. Is there some way we can have a camera or something there? I want to take their license plates. They just, in front of my store, the light turns red and they just speed right on through it. It's petrifying because I'm afraid someone's going to come up Jackson Street and get hit.

The other thing is, someone told me Saturday, up in my neighborhood, in the 5th Ward, up around off of Hull Street, up in that area, there are people going around knocking on doors after 7 o'clock at night. One particular woman, they opened her door; she's 87 or 88 years old, her daughter wasn't home yet. She said, he actually opened her door and said he was from the New Haven Register. She is an older woman and she was a little nervous about it. I told her she probably should have called the police. She really didn't want to; she felt bad. They are going around up in that neighborhood at night. I want to make you aware that's what's happening around there.

Lt. Cota stated, they definitely should call. Some vendors are coming and getting their permits as they're supposed to; others not so much. I know the energy company is trying to convert you from UI, and they're walking around. It makes people very nervous at night, and now it's dark even earlier. One, tell them to call if they see anything. It's throughout the entire city.

Alderman Knapp stated, the markings on the street at the corner of Central and Fr. Salemi Drive going toward Central Street - the yellow lines and the stop bars, they see to be skewed, they're not quite right.

Lt. Cota stated, I'll take a look at it. We had a couple of streets that had to be redone.

Alderman Fainer asked, did you guys paint the lines or an outside company? They painted every stop bar around my house but the one across the street from my house. Rufus and Bassett Street. They never stop at the stop sign anyway so maybe we can get that stop bar painted.

Lt. Cota replied, there's a company that comes in. We did have somebody out there, we were checking to make sure they got everyone. They come up in shifts, but apparently they missed that one.

Tara Kolakowski, Acting Personnel Director

You have my report in your files, if you have any questions, I'm here. We have something going to Executive Session, it's a late communication.

Donna Lindgren, Director, Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center

As you probably all know, the Ansonia Nature Center was constructed in 1977, we had an upgrade in 1991 and there hasn't been anything significant to improve it since then. With that in mind, I've prepared a handout tonight and would like to see the City work with me and our Grant Writer to perhaps find funding that is beyond the Nature Center staff and resources to accomplish. If I may pass this out and suggest that if you are interested you can call me, come visit the Ansonia Nature Center and see what I have outlined as potential improvements.

Hopefully you have received the calendar of events in your mailboxes and you'll see the work they're doing there. I recently submitted my annual report for you as well. Thank you very much.

Alderman Stowe asked, Donna, what's going on with the pavilion at the Nature Center?

Mrs. Lindgren replied, I haven't seen anything happening there, and probably your question should go to our Public Works Director.

Mr. Schryver explained, the [inaudible] has arrived, it came in about two and a half weeks ago. We have been short quite a few men for the last month and a half. I've explained this to Donna, that she needs to be patient with that, and as soon as we can free some people up we will get this done for her. It's not a small job, and we'll need four or five guys there for probably a week. There is work we have to do in the course of a day and you never know what's going to come up as far as emergencies, and situations like the end of Kathy Lane - that was brought to our attention at the last meeting - and we designated and spent about three days there filling and putting some additional drainage in, we have all the roadwork coming up. I don't want to promise anything. I'm hoping to get started this month; a finish date will be as quickly as we can - that's all I can promise.

Alderman Stowe stated, I feel for Mr. Schryver and I don't want to sound like I'm picking on him. The Nature Center, like a lot of places here in the City, requests more funds and they don't get it. They would have been able to rent the pavilion out all summer and they would have had money that came in. A lot of people would have enjoyed it. My personal opinion is that's a crown jewel of this City and it needs to be treated as such. There's a lot of kids that go there and enjoy themselves, opportunities at the Red Wing Pond House. I understand that Mike is probably in the position where he'd like to have everything done because he certainly doesn't want to listen to me bothering him. This is why I'm saying about reports. If Mike had been giving reports every month and explaining his problems, which I know he's had, we would be able to be much more understanding and maybe be able to fix his needs so to speak, maybe we could find a way for him to meet his obligations.

Alderman Fainer stated, in Mr. Schryver's defense, and Charlie (Stowe), you sitting in on the budget meetings, they haven't replaced a guy down there in years. They retire and he doesn't get any more manpower. He's got guys out on comp, guys under suspension. He's very short-handed down there. It's bulk season again, he's got to take care of all these fields. Everybody wants him to keep the fields spotless. He's only got so many guys, I don't even know what the total figures are.

Alderman Stowe stated, if he were doing reports, we could see if he had a crisis condition or hard managing position, and we could determine at the next budget meeting when we do a budget again, if he's in a crisis condition, we have to do something about it. You can't just allow things not to get fixed and repaired. That's not right.

President Sharkey stated, I think Mr. Schryver has brought up at every budget hearing how much he has a lack of manpower. I think you sat in for at least two years and listened to him complain about that, so you knew about it. I'd like to summarize this with the fact that everybody stands in line waiting for things to be done. Donna has been very patient. We just solved the insurance problem, we just were able to get the City to fund the rest of the money to do this. I mean, there are other projects out there. I can tell you they started today on a firehouse that's had a hole in the roof for over a year. Nobody brings us up and uses us as a pulpit to get something done.

Alderman Stowe stated, if he was giving reports, if we had reports like the Fire Marshal has a wonderful report every month. There's no denying what goes on there. Library gave a really good report I read. If he had a report it would help him and help us to help him.

Alderman Fainer stated, I think Mr. Schryver gives a very detailed report to the Board of Public Works every month.

Alderman Stowe asked, can you draft it so that I can have it in my mailbox every month?

Mr. Schryver replied, sure.

Alderman Marini stated, we're faced with a situation where we have a scarce amount of resources and obviously the allocation of the resources is all we can do. For the Ansonia Nature Center I especially understand the pavilion, because if its not put up in a couple months there's not going to be a reason, really, to put it up for the next several months because it's not something that functions during the winter, which is why in a situation like this it's possible to allocate the resources so that got done earlier, we could see where more use could have come out of it, more revenue could have been generated for it. If it's done in the next two months it's only going to be operational for two months. I think we all have to work together to figure out how to allocate these resources best.

It's not one person's fault or another. We should probably try to figure out how to prioritize better.

Alderman Knapp stated, in all fairness to Mike, and I agree with Alderman Stowe that the Ansonia Nature Center is a diamond in the rough, but that pavilion, how much revenue has that generated in the last year?

Alderman Stowe asked, how much revenue is generated by a line painted on the road so somebody stops? And we have subcontractors, this is the thing, that are doing that work. If Mike cannot do this, and we can have a subcontractor perhaps working with Emmett O'Brien, because that's how this started - it was supposed to be put up - we could be creative and do something. If Mike has a report and it shows that he just is unable to do all the chores that are given him, then we need to make other decisions to help out. You're other there talking about another subcontractor that's liable to prevent you from having the Harvest Festival. I mean, we do have subcontractors do work in the city here because the Public Works cannot do everything.

President Sharkey stated, I would like to move on from this subject.

Committee Reports

Ordinance Committee - Alderman Jerome Fainer

We had a public hearing tonight and I would like the Board to adopt the two ordinances - one is on the Senior Center parking, we're going to change it to 8 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, parking by permit only for the Senior Center. The Senior Center is going to get placards for their people and if you get caught parking in there it's going to be a \$97 fine. And we have another one - if you owe taxes you can't bid on work when the City puts out the bid. It's a more complicated one, but the bottom line is, if you owe taxes, you're not bidding on City work.

President Sharkey stated, we will take that up under Late Communication #3.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Finance Committee - Alderman Edward Adamowski

1. Authorization to Pay Bills

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0

Alderman Adamowski stated, I'd like to give a brief update on the combined Finance Committee and Personnel and Salaries Committee meeting that was

held last week. There was a lot of good discussion with the auditors, and we discussed some issues with the job. We're going to have to have another meeting that will include a representative from the Connecticut State Tax Assessor's Association.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Scott Nihill - ARMS Committee

ARMS was very busy in the month of August. They were dispatched to 283 responses resulting in 204 people being transported, 95 with advanced medic. They provided 30 mutual aid calls to Derby, one to Seymour and I'd like to commend them for zero first calls passed and four second calls passed and two third calls passed and some of the passed calls were due to equipment fault and not personnel fault.

I'd like to bring to this Board the need for better equipment down there. I know we're looking into going out to bid for a new ambulance. Our second best vehicle down there costs a lot of money to maintain and is currently out of service with another issue. We are looking into the possibility of replacing the chassis on that.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman John Marini - Economic Development Committee

The big order of business for today will be discussion about the Economic Development Consultant, which will come up when the resolution comes up on the agenda later tonight. I'll only say that we're proud to be at this part of the process where we're looking to enter into an agreement with a firm to start providing Economic Development consulting for Ansonia. This is something that the Mayor's office has put a lot of work into as well as the Aldermen and other officials such as Bart Flaherty in Planning and Zoning.

What hasn't been talked about in a bit is another effort from Economic Development which is the Small Business Loan Program that the group had talked about and gotten funding from Apportionment and Taxation several months ago. The Board is starting to look into specifics about that program - how to design it, how to make it work well for the City. This is a proposal that actually with the Mayor's guidance will be able to do a rough sketch of program that would assist businesses in receiving a loan from the City at an interest rate to make needed improvements to their properties and enhance their businesses, with the end game being to improve the business environment in Ansonia, develop more trust and communication between the businesses and City Hall, and also to bring in more revenue for the City. The Commission

hopes within the next two months, by the November meeting, to bring out a more fleshed-out idea of how this program might work.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Tax Refunds

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the refund report and pay the refunds in the amount of \$4,202.03 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Accidents and Claims

9-12-804 Drew Den Baum/Accident at Vine Street & Hodge Avenue
9-12-805 Jacqueline A. Belli

Alderman Nihill MOVED to place on file and forward to Corporation Counsel Blake for review; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Communications

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept all of the communications, including four late communications, place them on file, and take each one up in its order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

President Sharkey requested that Communication #2 is tabled at this time.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to TABLE Communication #2; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

He then opened the public session on the four late communications as follows:

1. Appointment to Fire Police
2. Appointment as incoming Assistant Fire Chief effective January 1st
3. Ordinances from Public Hearing
4. Letter concerning the retirement of Comptroller Miller - Executive Session

Being no speakers, he declared the public session closed.

Communication #1**From: Chairman Bartholomew Flaherty, Planning and Zoning Commission****Re: Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 Referral**

President Sharkey read the favorable referral aloud. He noted that there is a caveat that Metro PCS Massachusetts appears before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a site plan approval. He stated, if we put a new tower on that building, there already is a Sprint tower on that building and they have notified us that they may decommission it. I don't know if decommission means they'll take the tower off the building or not, but we presently have the Police Department antenna for downtown and we have the Fire Department antenna for our section down here on that tower. So if Sprint takes theirs down, one way or the other we have to make sure our antennas for emergency communication are placed on somebody's tower. When we do approve it, we have to have the caveat that if the other tower comes down, our antennas are moved to the new tower going up.

Corporation Counsel Blake noted that there are still some terms he is negotiating on this before final approval. It's not a full-blown tower like you see at Nolan Field, it's just one of those sticks that you see off of buildings.

Communication #2**From: Attorney Robert Sousa****Re: Michael Eheman Workers Compensation**

TABLED.

Communication #3**From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake****Re: Letter Regarding Economic Development Consultant**

Alderman Marini explained, some months ago we recognized the need for a new take on Economic Development in Ansonia and with the work of members of this Board, Planning and Zoning, and the Mayor's Office the course was charted to take a look at potential firms that would be able to outline a new path for Ansonia. Studies done in the past, suggestions provided by outside parties in the past, and a lot of plans - the City Center Plan was drawn up - but we never really had a comprehensive plan of Economic Development put into place that we would follow step by step to ensure that we'd go from point a to point b rather than just having a bunch of great suggestions to take a look at.

Part 2 is to find a new Economic Development Director who would be responsible of working with the City to effectuate this plan on a day to day basis. We are reaching the selection of the Economic Development Consultant - a firm that will start to put in place this master plan that incorporates

everything we've known and everything looking forward too. Interviews have been conducted by the Mayor's Office, representatives of the Board of Aldermen, and Planning and Zoning. We've vetted the candidates and they're coming to you tonight with the candidate they find qualified to do the job. I know Alderman Stowe has been through the process and Tara Kolakowski has been through the process, I'll hand it over to them - what they saw through the interview process and why this firm, Bartram and Cochran, is the one that they selected.

Ms. Kolakowski explained, we had hours of discussions, interviews, with four firms that were gracious enough to come to the City and define who they are and their plan for the City. After four interviews with four firms, Bartram and Cochran came with the best presentation, a 14-week progressive plan and they can actually at the end of that 14 weeks we can retain them to implement that plan if we choose. Out of the four candidates they seemed to be the best - well-qualified with over 20 years experience. Their experience in the real estate sector is very important and is the nucleus of the entire plan. The connections that they have to bring in businesses and Economic Development to the City is truly an outstanding quality that they possess. Myself, Charlie Stowe, Kevin Blake, Bart Flaherty, we were there for every meeting, every interview. We spent many hours on this. When we ask for your approval in this process, we think they're the best firm to go with.

Alderman Stowe stated, I think they were willing to basically guarantee their work by offering to be a temporary director and that really went a long way in the decision process. When you're able to say, "I have a bill of goods and I'll stand behind them" and they were very reasonably priced. They answered all of our questions about extra costs and they didn't have any traveling time; after they do their consultant report there would always be somebody available. I'm sure the Mayor is going to be one of the directors with them. I'm looking forward to this process. I believe for the first time we won't have dust on top of the report when it's over with. I think we're really going to make some strides here for the City.

President Sharkey stated, I see in here it's costs not to exceed \$25,000 - can I ask if those funds are in place and where they are?

Alderman Marini stated, this is part of the existing Economic Development...

Mayor Della Volpe stated, it's in place.

President Sharkey stated, we can take up Resolution #3 right now if the Board wishes.

Alderman Marini MOVED to take up Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Resolution #3

Alderman Charles Stowe of the Second Ward introduced the following Resolution:

RE: Hiring Economic Development Consultant

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia, in an effort to develop an Economic Development Plan sought Requests for Qualifications from consulting firms which could assist the City of Ansonia in developing goals and strategies for attracting new businesses; and

WHEREAS, a Committee interviewed several consulting firms which responded to the Requests for qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Committee found that the most qualified consultant to assist the City of Ansonia in developing an Economic Development Plan was Bartram & Cochran of Hartford, Connecticut;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen hereby selects Bartram & Cochran to assist the City of Ansonia in developing an Economic Development Plan and that Mayor James Della Volpe be empowered to execute an Agreement with Bartram & Cochran for consulting services pertaining to developing an Economic Development Plan for the City of Ansonia.

Alderman Radin MOVED to adopt Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Mott	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	13		

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Late Communication #1

Appointment of Paul Lucuk Jr. to Ansonia Fire Police

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to approve the appointment of Paul Lucuk, Jr. to the Ansonia Fire Police; SECONDED by Alderman Marini.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Mott	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	13		

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Late Communication #2

Appointment of Daniel Mudry as 4th Assistant Fire Chief

Alderman Radin MOVED to approve the appointment of Daniel Mudry as 4th Assistant Chief; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Mott	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		

Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	13		

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Late Communication #3
Proposed Ordinances

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to ADOPT proposed ordinance Sec. 16-17 - Senior Center Parking, and proposed ordinance Sec. 25A-3 - Taxes/WPCA Fees/Bidding; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Mott	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		
Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	13		

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Late Communication #4
Retirement Agreement - Comptroller Joseph Miller

Alderman Nihill MOVED to discuss the Retirement Agreement of Comptroller Joseph Miller in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Resignations

Alderman Knapp MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mary Gibson from the Board of Ethics and to send her a letter of thanks for her

service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Appointments

Alderman Marini MOVED to adopt the appointments by voice; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Historic District Commission

Alderman Nihill MOVED to appoint Randolph Carroll of 40 Fourth Street #10 to fill a vacancy; term to expire 12-13-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Resolutions

Resolution #1 (amended)

Re: Adoption of City Center Plan, Downtown Parking Study, and Plan of Conservation and Development

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CITY CENTER PLAN, DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY AND PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia is entering a crucial phase in its Economic Development and wishes to enhance the community's character through careful planning; and

WHEREAS, these plans and studies:

The City of Ansonia: City Center Plan (2006);

Ansonia: Downtown Parking Study (2007);

Ansonia: Plan of Conservation and Development (2008);

will provide comprehensive guidance to the City during all aspects of its development; and

WHEREAS, these plans and studies have been previously adopted by the City of Ansonia's Planning and Zoning Commission through a lengthy process which included public input and participation and found that the plans and studies represent the community's vision for Ansonia's future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that James Della Volpe, as Mayor of the City of Ansonia, and the Ansonia Board of Aldermen adopt these documents as guidance in the City's future planning and development.

Alderman Madigosky MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1 (amended); SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Resolution #2

Re: City of Ansonia Youth Service Bureau

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

CITY OF ANSONIA YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

WHEREAS, that the State of Connecticut, Department of Education Youth Service Bureau service contract extends financial assistance to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Ansonia make application to the State in such amounts that may be available for undertaking a Youth Service Bureau, and to execute a grant application request to the Department of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Aldermen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Section 32, P.A. 99-1, 10-19m through 10-19p of the Connecticut General Statutes;
2. That it recognizes the responsibility for the provision of local cost sharing grant to the extent that they are necessary and required for said program;
3. That said program will be administered by the City of Ansonia;
4. That filling of an application by the local agency is hereby approved and that the MAYOR is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of State Department of Education, to provide such additional information as the commissioner may request, to execute a Grant Action Request with the State of Connecticut for State Financial Assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the local agency.

Alderman Madigosky MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Resolution #3

Re: Economic Development Consultant

Previously adopted [see Communication #3 above].

Resolution #4

Re: Salary - ARMS Chief/EMS Account Executive

President Sharkey explained, we have already adopted this by vote at our meeting of July 10, 2012. We don't legally need to do it again by Resolution. It does say "Resolution" in the City Charter, but what we did can be considered legal. Unless you wish to go through the process of adopting the Resolution tonight, it's already in effect.

Alderman Tripp asked that the Resolution be taken up in order to err on the side of caution.

Aldermen Joan Radin, Charles Stowe, Edward Adamowski, Eugene Sharkey, Howard Madigosky and David Knapp of the Salary Committee introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved,

THAT, this salary and wage be adopted effective July 10, 2012, the day on which the Salary/Personnel Appeals Committee met and voted to approve an annual salary for Chief/EMS Account Executive:

DEPARTMENT: ANSONIA RESCUE AND MEDICAL SERVICES (ARMS)

TITLE: CHIEF/EMS ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

SALARY: \$65,000

Alderman Stowe MOVED to Adopt Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

Alderman	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Duffus			
Stowe	X		
Tripp	X		
Jeanette	X		
Mott	X		
Fainer	X		
DeLucia	X		
Radin	X		
Madigosky	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini	X		

Knapp	X		
Sharkey	X		
TOTALS	13		

A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Late Resolution #1

Department of Economic and Community Development Certified Resolution

President Sharkey explained that this Resolution is the filing of an application for State Financial Assistance by the City of Ansonia in the amount of \$50,000 for an emergency generator at our Operations Center. This was handled by our Grant Writer. We need to adopt this in order to go forward.

Department of Economic and Community Development
State of Connecticut
(an Equal Opportunity Employer)
Certified Resolution of the Legislative Body

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 4-66c the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for Economic Development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Ansonia make an application to the State for \$50,000 in order to undertake Emergency Generator at Operations Center and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Ansonia Board of Aldermen,

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State Assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statutes 4-66c;
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Ansonia in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 is hereby approved and that James Della Volpe, Mnayor is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered to execute any amendments, decisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Ansonia.

Alderman Knapp MOVED to Adopt Late Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Unfinished Business

President Sharkey stated, I have here a letter from Ansonia Public Schools, from Carol Merlone. This is the answer that Alderman Stowe has been looking for. I requested from her an answer on the Alliance District Grant and the monies, and whether they are reimbursable back to the City coffers or if they do need to stay at the other place. The letter states,

Dear Mr. Sharkey,

I'm writing to you to report on the status of the Ansonia Public Schools application for Alliance Grant funding through the State Department of Education, which we submitted July 15, 2012. Place this communication on the agenda of the upcoming Board of Aldermen meeting to share this information.

Last Wednesday afternoon we were informed that Ansonia's Alliance Grant Application was approved by the State Department of Education. Ansonia was one of only three districts out of 30 eligible for funding whose grant application was approved last week. Our district will be receiving \$539,715 in supplemental education cost sharing funds to raise student performance and close the achievement gap. These words are directly from the grant application.

We have been informed from the State these funds are not included in the MBR but are paid directly to the Ansonia Board of Education. They cannot be used for anything other than what is specific to the grant. If this grant is used to supplant any funds, the Alliance Grant Funding will cease, the district will be penalized and will be directed to return the funding.

Please understand there are numerous requirements connected to the supplemental grant dollars. I have attached an addendum to our Alliance District Application which I was required to sign and fax back to the state in order to receive final verbal approval last Wednesday. We are still awaiting the official grant award letter and approval to be drawing down funds in order to begin our work. None of the expenses related to this grant were included in the local education budget, which was submitted to your Board for action last February, 2012. This is a new initiative State Department of Education as a result of Public Act 12-116, Section 6, which establish a process for identifying 30 Alliance Districts which are defined as the districts with the lowest district performance index scores in the state. We know that our areas of highest concern are with literacy, particularly in the pre-K to 3 Grades; with student achievement in general at our high school. As a result, these are the focus areas of the Alliance District Plan.

In order to be transparent as possible, we plan to provide information about the Alliance District Grant through our website, www.Anonia.org. I will work with my staff to establish this new web page as soon as possible, no later than October 1. In addition, I invite any member of the Board of Aldermen, Board of Apportionment and Taxation, or any member of the community to contact me if any additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Carol Merlone, Superintendent of Schools

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the communication; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

President Sharkey opened the public session. Being no speakers from the public, he declared the public session closed.

****New Business***

Bank between Williams Street and Beaver Street - Falling Trees

President Sharkey stated, we need two letters - we need to direct our City Engineer in conjunction with Corporation Counsel Blake to draft a letter to all the homeowners on the downhill side of the slopes, the Beaver Street side, that may own property where trees are falling from - direct them of their legal responsibilities. And a second letter being drafted to the property owners of #1 and #5 William Street about their legal responsibilities for trees that could fall from their property onto property below them.

Then, when the letters are done, to be given out to the property owners that were listed on Mr. D'Amico's map.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to direct the City Engineer in conjunction with Corporation Counsel Blake to draft a letter to all the homeowners on the downhill side of the slopes, the Beaver Street side, that may own property where trees are falling from - and direct them of their legal responsibilities; and further,

draft a second letter to the property owners of #1 and #5 William Street about their legal responsibilities for trees that could fall from their property onto property below them; and further,

when the letters are done, to be given out to the property owners that were listed on Mr. D'Amico's map. SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Marini stated, I think it might be reasonable, we're taking on the burden to describe what their legal rights are, but I think the two salient things

the letter needs to say are 1) we are not taking any responsibility for it, and 2) contact your attorney. We don't want to be giving any legal advice.

SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Deck at Crave Restaurant

Alderman Knapp asked, the outdoor patio deck at Crave - has it been settled? It was my understanding that we were going to have representatives from the Historical Commission or the Historic District Commission here.

President Sharkey stated, the whole district goes from Crave all the way up to the bridge. There have been numerous modifications made to the Housing Authority buildings already.

Alderman Tripp stated, I had a conversation with Mr. Randy Carroll. I think it's more of a procedural thing. If we could just place a letter on record with his statement that he is aware of this, it does not violate any Historical Commission guidelines, it does not change the front façade of the building, and he approves it as Historical Commission chairman. We don't want to lose historical grant money, so as long as we have that letter from him, it saves that and protects us.

Corporation Counsel Blake stated, I did some research, and in 1982 that was designated as a National Historic place which is governed by federal guidelines. However I've looked in the ordinances, and there is nothing that shows that the historic district has any authority over that. Unless there is something else that I'm missing... [several people speaking at once].

Alderman Knapp stated, I feel for Crave and I would love nothing more than for her to have a deck patio out there - I just don't want to jeopardize the City of Ansonia's National Historic District Registry designation up there and any possibilities of future grants coming down. I don't think a letter from Randy Carroll saying it's okay to do it is enough.

Alderman Tripp stated, I think a five-minute conversation between Mr. Randy Carroll and Corporation Counsel Blake will clear the air, between the two of them I'm sure we can come to an agreement as to what will meet all of our legal requirements. All parties will be satisfied and we'll continue to be available for grant monies.

President Sharkey asked, what do we need to do to move forward?

Corporation Counsel Blake replied, in terms of that thing, those are private structures over there. Even if designated, it's private. It's not owned by the public, those buildings. They mostly have to look at the federal guidelines, there is one section, 106 or something, and address any issues there. I don't

think the City, unless the ordinance was revised, does not give Historic District. Unless I'm wrong, and if Randy Carroll has the information, that's fine. There is no amendment that shows Upper Main Street Historic District is under the umbrella of the Ansonia Historic District Commission or Ansonia Historical Commission. I will meet with Mr. Carroll and if he has more information I'll report back here. He thinks that it comes under the umbrella of the Historic District.

Alderman Stowe stated, our consultant has basically been hired tonight and I would ask our consultant before we make a decision how that may affect us with grants.

President Sharkey stated, you are the person who is familiar with our consultant; why don't you ask him?

Alderman Stowe stated, I would be happy to, and inform Corporation Counsel Blake of what he says.

Alderman Nihill MOVED that Corporation Counsel Blake meet with Randy Carroll and possibly the Economic Development Consultant, get the information and report back to this Board in October; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I don't think she should be held up any longer, so if and when they figure this out, they let her know so she can move forward.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Alderman Nihill MOVED to enter executive session to discuss the following item:

- 1. Retirement Agreement - Comptroller Joseph Miller**

Mayor Della Volpe, Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake, and Acting Personnel Director Tara Kolakowski were invited to remain; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Motions from Executive Session

At approximately 8:50 p.m. Alderman Nihill MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

It was noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the Draft Retirement Agreement between the City of Ansonia and Joseph Miller, and have the Acting Personnel Director go from a Draft to a Final Revised form with the suggestions discussed

in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to go back to New Business; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0. [*see New Business, above]

Adjournment

Alderman Fainer MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen