



Ansonia Board of Aldermen

Regular Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Philip Tripp. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by the Boy Scouts.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1– present
Charles Stowe, R1 – present
Philip Tripp, R2 – present
Lorie Vaccaro, R2 – present
Denice Hunt, D3 – present
Joseph Jeanette, D3– present
Anthony DeLucia, D4 – absent

Richard Kaslaitis, III R4 – present
Anthony Cassetti, R5 – present
Joan Radin, R5 – present
Matthew Edo, R6– present
Patrick Henri, R6 – present
David Blackwell, Jr., R7 – absent
Daniel Evans, R7 - present

President Tripp declared a quorum of 12 present, 2 absent.

Add-Ons

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to add the following items to the agenda:

Late Communication #1
From Corporation Counsel John Marini
RE: Contract between City of Ansonia and PMA Management Corporation

Late Communication #2
From Corporation Counsel John Marini
Re: CT Brownfield Land Bank

Late Communication #3
From Corporation Counsel John Marini
Re: Rental Rates for Certain City Properties

Late Resolution #1
Re: Regional Performance Incentive Program

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Henri MOVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Public Session

President Tripp asked if any member of the public wished to speak.

Alderman Radin introduced Kevin Bishop, Jeff Anderson, Sonya Hopnik, and Benjamin Hopnik of the Housatonic Council Boy Scouts.

Mr. Bishop explained that in Ansonia there is Scout Pack 15 from Prendergast School, Pack 16 from Eagle Hose Company, Troop 105 from Hilltop Hose, Venture Crew 77 – a co-ed teenage scouting program from Holy Rosary Church. He noted that three young men from Ansonia earned their Eagle Scout Award last year.

Council President Jeff Anderson explained that the Council Presidents' Award goes to people who volunteer their time to scouting. The day camp has a couple hundred kids every summer and in order to ensure their safety, ARMS volunteers their time and provides the medical services at Camp.

Mr. Anderson presented the Award to Jared Heon, Director of ARMS. Applause rang throughout the forum.

Mr. Heon thanked Mr. Anderson. He noted that he was a member of Pack 7 and Troop 7 from Holy Rosary, and he earned his Eagle Scout Award in the late 1990s. He always appreciated Scouting and spent a lot of time at camp in Goshen. He noted that all of the EMTs that volunteer there request to go back every year. ARMS is happy to participate and looks forward to continuing to do it.

Chairman Daniel King, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

I am here to present the budget to the Board of Aldermen on behalf of the Board of A&T. This is the first time in the City's history that the Board of Aldermen have the say in the budget process. The Board of A&T did a lot of hard work taking on the Mayor's budget proposal, and it is now in the Aldermen's hands. If you have any questions, or need the assistance or input of the Board A&T members, don't hesitate to ask. Thus far I'm happy to say it's just over a 1-mill decrease in our taxes. I hope this Board can hold to that and accomplish everything that our residents need. Thank you.

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

We have a group of men on Fourth Street that park there almost every night. They fight; they drink. I've brought it up at the last Block Watch meeting, at the Mayor's meeting, and I've talked to the Chief about it. Last week I picked up 20 liquor bottles that they threw onto my property. I drove by and there are at least 20 more bottles there now. I talked to my Aldermen. Charlie (Stowe) and Ed (Adamowski), I'd like you to follow me home so I can show you – there are 40 liquor bottles all the time on my property. This has got to stop. It's right next door to TEAM that has a youth program. They hang out at night; they're very loud. Something has to be done about it. Thank you.

Alderman Stowe stated, I've asked you on many occasions to bring that up here and put the pressure on and I'm glad you're doing it. Keep on doing it. You have my support. I've mentioned the problem several times in quiet talk with the Chief, and we know, Ed knows, we know. Keep complaining and hopefully it will go away eventually. It's a tough area over there.

Mr. Carroll stated, they've been asked to move before and they weren't there for months. Now I'm asking them to go back up to where Five Jacks Café used to be, because that's where they went then.

Alderman Adamowski asked Chief Hale, have we stopped the patrol over there, because I know they were very heavily patrolling that area at some point and this all stopped.

Chief Hale replied, no, we haven't stopped patrolling; we will re-evaluate.

Dave Connolly, 53 North Prospect Street Extension

Tonight I'm here representing CARE, which is Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education. There are a lot of changes being made by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and I think some of them will benefit Ansonia.

One of the first major changes is changing the opening day of fishing season from the 3rd Saturday in April to the 2nd Saturday in April. One of the main reasons for them doing that is because of the school vacation – the kids were unable to go fishing because the season wasn't open.

The second major change is that 16 and 17-year-olds license fees have been cut in half, and are now \$14.

DEEP has decided to stock Colony Pond with trout. This is the result of Bill Stokes who has called the DEEP about every month for 3 years. Last summer he got two representatives from DEEP to come and look at the pond. Very fortunately, about a week after Public Works came in and cleaned it all up and it looked very nice. They

will stock the pond in two instances - once prior to opening day and once just after opening day. The dates are not given out in advance because of poaching. We have asked to be notified in advance to arrange to get some help and some publicity for the event. Maybe we could get some Boy Scouts to help or a science class.

The early opening day creates another opportunity. Typically we offer one free fishing class in Ansonia in May. The reason for that is Colony Pond fish are generally considered warm water fish – bass, perch and sunfish. The introduction of cold water species like trout make it possible to have another fishing class just prior to opening day that concentrates on trout. This year we will have two fishing classes in Ansonia. Classes are free and open to all ages.

Christina Knott, 9 Alcott Street

I'm coming to you with my concerns and asking you to help me solve these problems and concerns. I have called the Police Department and complained to my Aldermen. I have gone in person to the Police Department with my concerns and video footage and complained about the people blowing through the Stop signs – both Stop signs – at the intersections of Grove and Meadow Streets and Grove and Murray Streets, which are both children's bus stops, one of which my child attends to wait for the bus. The high rate of speed that people fly through these Stop signs is not only dangerous but is an accident waiting to happen. The Police came out a few times and wrote a few tickets, but they're still not there enough to stop the 17 out of 20 people that just blow right through them. I would like to see a much firmer enforcement on this issue and more tickets written at the intersections on the violation of not stopping for the Stop signs.

Another concern I have is the kids walking to the bus stops. They do not have a safe place to walk or stand because sidewalks are not shoveled. We have an ordinance in Ansonia that states we must remove snow from our sidewalks. Why isn't the ordinance being enforced? These kids walking in the road is another accident waiting to happen.

Also, the last is the parking ban we had – it was not enforced in my area. The majority of the cars were not even ticketed. How is it fair to the people who had abided by these bans if it's not enforced? Thank you.

Jack Kichar, 50 Day Street

No reflection on the people who were up here speaking today, but we get up here and we gripe a lot about the City – we're not doing this and we're not doing that. I've had experience to deal with Water Pollution, the Street Department and the Police Department. The main line in front of my house froze about three weeks ago, and these three departments have fantastic crews that were out there for hours backwashing with hoses and trying to free up the water. You've got fantastic

people working in this City and I appreciate them. It was cold out there. One night they were out there until 8:30. We gripe so much about our City and say "oh, we're paying taxes for what..." but when we need them they're there. The Police Department had cars moved because the truck had to get into position. The Street Department plowed the snow off the manholes. I just wanted to say thank you to everybody and let you know they're doing a good job. If they need something to do their job, get it for them – within reason, don't spend millions – these departments deserve the equipment they get and the money they get, standing out there freezing. Thank you very much.

Tara Kolakowski, 14 Farrel Drive

I know there is a budget being presented to you this evening. I wondered if anyone or the Mayor could tell me, what exactly is the number that will be presented in the budget in the Contingency Fund/Reserve Fund.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, the goal for the Reserve Fund is to be about 10% of the total budget. So, while the final number isn't worked out, we're looking to transition from what the number was previous years - it was at 17% - to 10%. In terms of specifics, we're still working on the process.

Ms. Kolakowski asked, what is in the account right now, today?

Comptroller Bill Nimons replied, 17% of the entire budget.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, the budget last year was approximately \$62 million, so you're saying today in that fund there is 17% of \$62 million?

Mr. Nimons replied, yes.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, you have to take a look when you're talking about the City budget, of course, is not to look at the actual budget – make sure you're basing it on what the real operating budget is.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, I believe when the previous administration left there was a little over \$4.8 million in that fund, which, if the budget is approximately \$62 million, we're not nearly at 17%. So do you have real numbers?

Mr. Nimons stated, Tara, I can get you a copy [inaudible]. The audit is available for the general public also.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, and Mayor, you are comfortable with the numbers as they are?

Mayor Cassetti replied yes, I am. Very comfortable.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, so, we're going to 8 to 10%. Do you know what the timeframe is that it will take, the transition period that John referred to?

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, it really depends on what can be done responsibly. You can't invest in operational funds so you're taking a look at infrastructure projects, pension costs and debt costs. It's something that really depends on what projects are you're looking at to transition.

Ms. Kolakowski asked, how does it affect the City in terms of having 8-10% or 17% in Contingency?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, 17% is irresponsible for the taxpayers – it's essentially a large burden the taxpayers are carrying year to year. You simply could say that the residents would be overtaxed, carrying an unnecessary burden. Six to 10% is essentially what most municipalities go for. You have surrounding municipalities like Seymour that would have had it funded at about 5%, transitioning up in their case. Derby is around 6%. We're looking at going 6-10%, probably closer to 10% to be where we need to be for our community. The 17% is really unprecedented.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, so it's below \$4.8 million.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, we're looking at the percentages compared to the budget.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, no, I'm looking at true – if we go to that line item in the budget, will it say \$4.8 million? It will have a percentage attached to it, but what will be the actual number?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, that is really a question for the Comptroller's Office as we work through the budget. It's in the budget books.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, I don't have it in front of me; you have it in front of you. If one of the Aldermen could look it up and tell me exactly what the number is, that would be great.

Mr. Nimons stated, 10% would be about \$6 million.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, when the past administration left it was at \$4.8 million. So if we go by those numbers, it's not 17%.

Mr. Nimons stated, it's 17% as of the audit date last June, of \$66 million. There are other things in there that you've got to look at. You've got to really look at the audit.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, the general questions are out and we will have more specific questions in the future. We are playing with percentages and numbers that greatly affect our City's bond rating, our insurances, and other factors. It's not just one thing.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, exactly. That's why we're taking a look at a responsible number for the reserve fund.

Ms. Kolakowski asked, do we know what it is today – what that number is today?

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, again, all those records are for the public to see and can be obtained right through Mr. Nimons.

Mr. Nimons stated, right now we're anywhere from 14% to 17%.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, not percentage; actual dollars.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, the City auditor told us that we were 17% in the fund balance, and that number was too high. He recommended a balance between 8 and 10%. They said if it was too high like ours was, it could hurt our bond rating.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, I wasn't asking for percentages; I was simply asking for a dollar figure. Everybody is answering in percentages.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, that number is in the audit.

Ms. Kolakowski stated, thank you very much.

President Tripp asked three times if any other person wished to speak. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Public Official Session

Mayor David Cassetti

Good evening. I don't have to tell anyone in this room that we've seen enough snow to last us until next year. I'm happy to report however that the weather has not gotten in the way of progress here at City Hall. Through snow, ice, and freezing rain, we are charging forward.

First, I would like to thank Chairman Dan King and the Board of Apportionment and Taxation for refining my budget proposal. It is now the Board of Aldermen's opportunity to review and finalize the budget and look forward to achieving tax savings for our residents once again this year.

As I have explained, Ansonia's General Fund has been maintained at an irresponsibly high level for the past several years. With this budget, we can responsibly transition the General Fund to a lower level by investing in infrastructure, pension expenses and debt costs. The net effect will be to lower the tax rate and continue to march the progress in our City.

Speaking of tax relief, I am formally offering a proposal tonight for splitting motor vehicle tax payments into two installments. I want to make it easier for our residents to manage their budget for tax payments. City Hall should always look for ways to make things better for residents. I believe the two-installment system will be a great assistance to our residents and the households.

Economic Development continues to be a top priority of this administration. Just today I traveled to Wallingford to meet with Congressman Rosa DeLauro and Representatives of Senator Chris Murphy's Office. I used this opportunity to discuss our plans to redevelop and revitalize Olson Drive with modern housing and a new security complex. We are now in the process of setting up a meeting with the Federal officials to push this project forward.

I also want to mention that you have before you a proposed agreement with the Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank. The Land Bank is a newly-created public organization created to assist municipalities dealing with the remediation of contaminated properties. I am asking for this Board to authorize the City to enter into a consulting agreement with The Land Bank to work on issues related to the demolition and remediation of Ansonia Copper and Brass. Notably, this would make Ansonia the very first Connecticut City to receive services from The Land Bank. We are truly forging new ground here in Ansonia, and I look forward to what should be a tremendous partnership between our City and The Land Bank.

I don't know if any of you read Alderman Henri's article in the Valley Independent Sentinel this weekend. In it, Alderman Henri suggests that I make a Proclamation denouncing any further snowfall. With any luck, that Proclamation won't be necessary. It appears as though we are finally seeing signs of Spring. We can all agree that this has been a particularly long, cold winter. Many of you are seeing some of our streets buckling and pot holes that were a result of the heavy snow, ice and freezing temperatures. In addition, many of our roads have been neglected over the years. This evening I am announcing that we will continue with an aggressive pavement plan in conjunction with my Public Works Superintendent Doug Novak and the Public Works Department. I will be paving the following 22 streets to kick off the program:

- Smith Street
- Hunters Lane
- Doyle Drive
- Crescent Street (with the walks on the Crooked S Hill)
- Beech Street

- Sobin Drive
- Ford Street
- High Acres Road
- Bartholomew Avenue
- Jewett Street
- Beaver Street (from Moulthrop to Woodbridge Avenue)
- Clifton Avenue
- Woodlawn Avenue Extension
- Root Avenue
- Finney Street
- Greenfield Drive
- Westfield Avenue
- Rutland Street
- Grove Street (from Mary to Division)
- Lester Street

I want to improve the overall look and feel of our roads. It is critical that you see your tax dollars at work. It is also important for everyone who visits Ansonia to know that we care about the community we live in.

I have focused a lot of attention on infrastructure improvements in our City. Very shortly, I will be making an announcement for a major project on the West Side of Ansonia. I would encourage all of the Aldermen to attend this Press Event, especially those in the 5th Ward.

Finally, this Saturday, March 14th at 11:30 we will be raising the Irish flag in front of City Hall. We had a wonderful showing last year and I encourage all of you to join us again this year. The Kathleen Miller School of Irish Dancers as well as Take Four and the Coastal Chordsmen will be appearing. We will also be celebrating with corned beef and sandwiches at Antonio's following the flag raising. This event brings to mind the hard work of Judy Nicolari, our former Chairman of the Cultural Commission. Judy is recovering from an injury she suffered recently. We wish her a speedy recovery and we'll be thinking of her on Saturday. Thank you to Ralph Villers, our new Chairman, and the Cultural Commission for their efforts. I hope to see all of you on Saturday. Thank you very much.

Alderman Adamowski asked Mayor Cassetti, if you can, would you provide this Board with an expenditure list of what has been taken from the reserve fund – actual numbers - from the time you took office until today. Not percentages, and I would like it exactly what was taken out, and what was transferred into the General Fund, because I understand that's how it's done, and then exactly what it was spent on. Is that possible?

Mayor Cassetti replied, yes. You want dollar amounts; not percentages.

Mr. Nimons replied, \$550,000 was taken out in this fiscal year that we're in now, \$3.1 million was put in in this fiscal year. So the next effect is \$2.6 million to the good.

Mayor Cassetti stated, we'll get it to you in writing. I'll provide it to the full Board of Aldermen.

Corporation Counsel John Marini

I'd like to remind the Board and all of the residents that we are at the very beginning of the budget process with the Board of Aldermen. Discussion of the budget is planned for – the budget sessions of the Finance Committee will be putting together tonight – so there will be plenty of opportunity for the officials and of course all of the residents to be digging into the numbers along with the Finance Committee and seeing exactly how everything pans out. The process is very open and everyone is invited to every meeting.

There are a lot of items on the agenda tonight so I will be reappearing to comment on those as they come up. We have a new collections process that we're gearing up for blight fees and also for our Tax Office. That should be getting into effect during the next month.

I need to have the Late Claim of Burke v. Ansonia added to the agenda tonight under Executive Session. It is a late claim that came in Friday involving a motor vehicle collision.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to add the Late Claim of Burke v. Ansonia to the Agenda under Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Evans. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Chief of Staff Christopher Tymniak

The Workplace, which is at the American Job Center, has three programs I want to mention. One is the Youth Works program, which I want to help promote through Ethan and the press – it's an opportunity for our local businesses to hire and help Ansonia youth ages 16-21 prepare for the future. That's a great program I really encourage the press to look into that one – it's a good asset for the companies in Ansonia to utilize that.

I want to encourage people to go to the American Job Center if you're still looking for a job.

Tomorrow at the High School there's going to be a mortgage crisis prevention program being put on by The Workplace. That is something we put up on the City website; something we encourage anybody who is under the pressure and stresses of a monthly mortgage payment to look into that program as well.

I want to thank Alderman Henri who helped put together a Neighborhood Association around Emmett O'Brien for the renovation of Emmett O'Brien. Issues that the residents talked about, which we're going to look into, and hold the company responsible include the bright lights at night, tree removal, the privacy fence, landscaping, issues like that. Any resident who has concerns about Emmett O'Brien, I encourage you to contact us. I'm going to be keeping an ongoing list of all that so that we can remain on top of that with Dennis from Fusco Corporation. We requested that the information be put up onto the City website – I want to give him time to put it all together and will absolutely be following up on that to make sure it happens. Thank you.

Director of Economic Development Sheila O'Malley

I'm going to just echo what our Corporation Counsel said - a lot of the items on the agenda have to do with Economic Development so you'll hear from me throughout the meeting and also in Executive Session.

I want to particularly point out or talk a little bit about The Land Bank – I'm very proud of and I serve as a member of. It's a non-profit organization that is dealing with problems that many cities and towns in Connecticut and all of New England face – the contaminated buildings that are left after the manufacturing industries have faded away. You'll hear from Arthur Bogen shortly, who will talk a little bit about the role The Land Bank can play, and I think it's going to be an important one and it's going to help take some of the liability from the City – city-owned properties and private-owned properties – The Land Bank can deal with those issues, secure funds, help identify funds, and turn the property back over to the owners. Thank you very much.

Alderman Stowe stated, Sheila, I'd like to add how excited I am about The Land Bank – I remember when you first came here and we were talking about it, and it not actually being an entity, and now it is. We're the first ones to benefit from this. I am just blown away by this fantastic news.

Chief Kevin Hale

As a reminder, winter parking rules end on March 31st so therefore winter has to be over by then.

Officer Barry is conducting our bi-annual mock DUI crash on April 29th at 9:30 at Ansonia High School. He does an excellent job. ARMS participates and the Fire Department. We've had Lifestar in the past – it is very realistic. I encourage you to attend. There will be more reminders coming out.

The parking tickets – the fines and fees need to be changed; they haven't been changed in probably two decades. I would offer to work with the Ordinance

Committee on that. We have some preliminary data from other towns and cities that are similar to ours and what they are charging.

Alderman Radin requested a meeting with Chief Hale to discuss the Police Department obtaining a computer program that would allow them to look up the owner information on every house in the City. After a lengthy conversation about a situation she ran into in another town, Chief Hale agreed to meet with her to discuss.

Comptroller Bill Nimons

I would like to respond to Tara Kolakowski's question. When you have fund balances it's basically done on a fiscal year end June 30, and you take 10 percent times our budget, say \$60 million, your fund balance will range to \$6 million. If it's going to go over that, that's what we're trying to do – we're trying to get it down to that level. The easy thing is to take 10 percent of the annual budget – both Board of Education and the City together – and that will give you your fund balance.

I'd like to thank the Board of A&T for going through the new process this year. I know they streamlined it a little bit, which is probably good, because otherwise we'd still be having meetings. It's good to see that they worked together and then gave the budget to the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee for action. If anyone has any questions of the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee, which is starting to have hearings with all the departments next week. My office is always open, so if anyone has any questions on finances or what's going on in the City, come see me. Thank you.

Public Works Director Doug Novak

It's been five days that Public Works hasn't worked overtime. It's been a really crazy winter. We got fooled in December and January but the fool was over in February. I'd also like to thank Chief Hale and his Officers for giving us all the help that they did during the storms. The storms were tough – some of them came in pretty quickly and the reports we were getting from the local forecasters were totally out of whack. Last Thursday was a prime example – they said it was over at 1 o'clock. We were on the road until about 9 p.m.

As Mayor Cassetti said earlier, a lot of the roads have heaved. The only thing we can do is wait for Mother Nature to warm up and the roads will start settling back down again. We do have a lot of potholes we're trying to take care of. That will be an ongoing battle for the next couple of weeks.

Tomorrow, as far as Public Works is concerned, it's a big event for us – Mayor Cassetti will go to Milford tomorrow and meet with Mayor Ben Blake and shake hands over our regionalization for buying the hot asphalt from the City of Milford at

a reduced cost. It's good for us in many ways. Hopefully we'll see some savings in my budget.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Alderman Lorie Vaccaro

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

We will be scheduling Finance Committee meetings starting next week. Finance Committee members will be notified of the dates.

ARMS Committee – Alderman Joan Radin

I believe they had 243 calls last month. Derby finally has their ambulance back up so we don't have as many mutual aid calls. We collected about \$52,000. It was pretty much a routine month. They added a couple of extra shifts for the snow storm coverage.

WPCA Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe

We're getting ready to set the rate for the sewer project, not the usage. We'll talk about it next month.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Matthew Edo

We'll be setting up a meeting next week. We have several important ordinances that have to be brought to the next full Board of Aldermen meeting.

Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley

Ms. O'Malley introduced Arthur Bogen from The Land Bank.

Mr. Bogen stated, it is my privilege to be here tonight; I want to thank you all for considering the Land Bank in your efforts to deal with such complicated sites as you have in the City. I think it's a long road ahead but it's a road that can be traversed and we can get to a successful outcome.

I want to compliment you on the creative start that you've made in the North End. Taking on the exchange of back taxes is a remarkable and bold step. It accomplishes a number of things all at once. One, you don't have any cash out to start to deal with the problem.

The second is, every deconstruction or demolition project has lots of variables in it – not easy to manage. To leave it in the hands of somebody else to suffer through, I

mean manage, is a very wise move in my opinion. I think it's also not likely that you can come up with the money to readily accomplish that work in a short period of time. A lot of Brownfield sites in the state, in the nation, a lot of demand. Sheila has been very successful working on obtaining money and it will be our privilege to continue to work with you in such a successful demonstration of working with an owner on a problem as opposed to being in opposition. I think that's the only way we could try to get things done.

I wanted to take a moment if I might also to thank the Valley Community Foundation and the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven for having provided us with our first grants to be able to do something to return to the Valley some of the success that we've had and enjoyed in years past. They enabled The Land Bank to move forward. The Land Bank is a 501c3 non-profit. We're going to work with whoever we need to to try to foster the very clear objectives of the City. We look forward to working with you and I'm so grateful for the privilege that you've provided us to make this proposal to you. It is our great honor should you agree to that contract. I thank you and if there are any questions I'm happy to address them.

Board of Education – Alderman Charles Stowe

I've been going to the Board of Education meetings and anyone who read the article about \$4,700 per child that we're not being funded here – that's a rough figure and I've come up with more information.

Once again we face the challenge that Ansonia has struggled with for more than a decade. How do we fund our school system without bankrupting our City? Education is expensive, special education is even more expensive. Relying on Ansonia's property taxes to pay the bill is not sustainable.

According to the report prepared for Representative Bruce Morris (D-Norwalk) in January, 2015, Ansonia Board of Education is underfunded by 26% or \$5.7 million for 2014-2015, and has been underfunded since 2008. The report compares the Education Cost Sharing Grant (ECS) amount that towns actually received to the ECS formula target amount or FY 2014-2015. It found that 109 towns are underfunded and 43 towns are overfunded. I gave a list to all of the Aldermen that you could see all of the over- and under-funded schools.

Costs for Special Education continue to rise as increasing numbers of children need these programs. At the beginning of the school year, September 2014, there were 430 special needs students in Ansonia; at the end of the year, Ansonia Board of Education estimates that there will be 485. Our special needs students this year make up 12 percent of the student population and use 32 percent of the budget. Ansonia's Board of Education estimates that this program is underfunded as well – by roughly \$400,000 from the State of Connecticut and \$7.6 million from the federal government.

If the State of Connecticut followed the ECS Grant formula and the State and Federal government properly funded our special needs children, Ansonia's Board of Education would have had an additional \$13.7 million in the 2014-2015 budget. That additional \$13.7 million would make the following classes and opportunities for our children:

K-3: Reduced class size; 2 teachers in every classroom to ensure all students read by Grade 3. All-day Kindergarten fully funded (current State funding for this will be going away).

K-8: Two new science lab classes for elementary student. Media classes for all elementary and middle school students. After school and summer school programs. Science/engineering/technology programs for middle school students. Instrumental (music) program after school (elementary and middle school) to feed into the high school (band/orchestra). Field trips.

8-12: Students able to take SATs at no cost. Field trips (exploring career choices).

Advanced Placement (College Prep): AP Economics

Language: Spanish for all students Grades K-8; Chinese for Grades 8-12.

I feel that all of our Aldermen needed to see this report. I've tried to make it as simple as possible and be able to look at what we're actually missing for our children. These funds as far as I know have been taxed and paid for every year, and why the disbursement isn't being broken up properly is a mystery to me. I would like everyone's help here to try to figure out how we could force the State to follow their responsibility. We're talking about a 1 mill tax break here this year with the Mayor, and if our Board of Education had these millions of dollars, we would have... Carol Merlone was right when she said about economic development. If our kids had all these teachers and classes and courses, the grades would go up, people would want to live here. It would be better for the City. Thank you for your time.

Ansonia Housing Authority - Alderman Joan Radin

They had their dinner on the 23rd – again Emmett O'Brien did the food service which was delicious. They only expected 15-20 people and there were quite a few there. The Mayor was there, the Police Chief, and the ARMS Chief, I was there and a few of the Aldermen were there. It was very nice and very interesting to go and listen to them because they actually enjoyed every minute of it. They're going to continue to hold them as often as possible.

Board of Apportionment & Taxation Recommendations and Comptroller Approvals

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept the Board of Apportionment and Taxation Recommendations and the Comptroller Approvals; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0

Tax Collector Report and Request for Refunds

Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of \$4,393.06 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Casseffi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Accidents and Claims

07-14-831 Janice Anglace v. City of Ansonia
03-15-843 Sgt. Alex Barreira v. City of Ansonia

Late Claim 03-15-844 Anthony Burke v. City of Ansonia

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel Marini; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communications

Alderman Henri MOVED to accept all communications, dispense with the reading unless an Alderman wants one read, and take them up in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #1

From: Corporation Counsel John Marini
Re: Contract for Auditing and Accounting Services

See Resolution #3

Communication #2

From: Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Joseph Jaumann
Re: Naming Access Road at Fountain Lake Commerce Park

See New Business

Communication #3

From: Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Joseph Jaumann

Re: Aldermanic Request for 8-24 Referral

No action.

Communication #4

From: Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Joseph Jaumann

Re: 135 Hill Street

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to refer Communication #4 to the Land Trust Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Communication #5

From: Corporation Counsel John Marini

Re: OPM Fiber Connection Grant – Bid Waiver Request

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to waive the bid requirements and enter into a contract with Sertex, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and further,

MOVED to waive the bid and enter into a contract with Digital Back Office in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

Corporation Counsel Marini explained, we have grant funds that we have received previously to construct a fiber-optic network City-wide. We have to award the bid to vendors that can are able to do the installation and the connection to the computers. Our Finance Office has been working with the State to select a field of vendors who are capable of doing this. You'll see that Sertex LLC came up as a vendor who does the majority of these installations in Connecticut. We are under a time constraint to do the installation so we're requesting that we waive the bid for Sertex and also for Digital Back Office for the connections to the computers so we can get the project done in a timely manner. The timing is the issue as I pointed out in the communication. We have an extension of time for us to complete the project until August 15, 2015. We feel that if we don't go with this vendor and we delay the process we risk missing the deadline and dropping the project.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communications

Late Communication #1

From Corporation Counsel John Marini

RE: Contract between City of Ansonia and PMA Management Corporation

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, PMA has been the City's workers compensation insurance provider for some time. We are self-funded; PMA is an administrator that handles the claims. This is simply a renewal of that contract. PMA is paid a flat fee of just under \$70,000 for their services. They analyze claims, coordinate with Counsel. This is something that has been done in the City for some time and PMA is a big player in municipal workers compensation administration. This company is the most cost-effective company in Connecticut – they handle a huge amount around the State.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to renew the contract; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communication #2

From Corporation Counsel John Marini

Re: CT Brownfield Land Bank

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, as has been explained, this is the agreement for consulting services not to exceed \$5,000. This gets the ball rolling with The Connecticut Land Bank. They will provide consulting services – facilitate further dialogue between the City, Copper & Brass, and other entities for the remediation of the site and also for the continuation of demolition. We see this as a great first step and we're the first City to be dealing with The Connecticut Land Bank.

Alderman Stowe MOVED to approve the agreement with The Land Bank; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Late Communication #3

From Corporation Counsel John Marini

Re: Rental Rates for Certain City Properties

Corporation Counsel Marini explained the rates haven't gone up on some of these in as long as 10-12 years. Some of them are contractual leases and the 3 percent won't take effect until the next lease term.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve as written; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resignations

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to accept the resignation of Dawn Lathrop from the Historical Commission and the Historic District Commission and send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Appointments

Alderman Henri MOVED to approve all of the following appointments; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (Vaccaro and Kaslaitis).

EQUALITY COMMISSION – all terms to expire 12-31-2017

Millie Rios (D) of 121 Great Hill Road
Timothy Holman (D) of 48 Elm Street
Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Richard Kaslaitis (R) of 25 Cedar Street
Troy White (U) of 185 Canal Street
Wilson Lopez (U) of 59 Church Street
Diane Stroman (D) of 66 High Street

ELDERLY COMMISSION

Dawn Lathrop (D) of 60 Liberty Street, Sampieri replacement, term to expire 12-31-2016

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Randolph Carroll (R) of 40 Fourth Street, Unit 10, Lathrop replacement, term to expire 11-30-2016

TREE WARDEN

Public Works Director Douglas Novak (U) of Milford

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of

Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-3-83, as amended;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Ansonia make application to the State for \$400,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement, therefore, should one be offered.

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 Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
and,
2. That the filing of an application by the City of Ansonia in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby approved, and that David Casseti, the Mayor of the City of Ansonia is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement 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 City of Ansonia.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #2

Re: Fair Housing Resolution

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION - CITY OF ANSONIA

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location;
and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ansonia is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ansonia hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Ansonia or his designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the City of Ansonia and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #3

Re: Audit and Accounting Contract

RESOLUTION REGARDING AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING CONTRACT

The Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes Mayor David S. Cassetti to execute the proposed agreement with Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC for auditing, accounting and related consulting services.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to waive the bid and approve the contract as written; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #4

Re: Assistance Agreement – Downtown Ansonia Economic Development Project
Public Act 07-7, JSS

APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – P.A. 07-7, JSS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to P.A. 07-7, JSS, as amended, Sec. 13(f), (10), 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 \$500,000 in order to undertake the Downtown Ansonia Site Assessment, Demolition and Planning Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by P.A. 07-7, JSS, as amended, Sec. 13(f), (10), that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Ansonia in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and that David S. Cassetti, Mayor, 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 Henri MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #5

Re: Assistance Agreement – Downtown Ansonia Economic Development Project
Sec. 32-763

APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Sec. 32-763

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 32-763, 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 \$200,000 in order to undertake the Downtown Ansonia Site Assessment, Demolition and Planning Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Sec. 32-763, that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Ansonia in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved and that David S. Cassetti, Mayor, 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 Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #5; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Ms. O'Malley explained, the resolution you just approved was for \$500,000 for the revitalization of downtown Ansonia. It's a grant we secured. This resolution allows us to enter into the contractual agreement with the State of Connecticut to accept the money. Same with this \$200,000. This is for an assessment of the Ansonia Copper & Brass site for Brownfields issues. It is the same thing – we're accepting the money.

Resolution #6

Re: Department of Economic and Community Development Grant –
Ansonia Nature Center Renovations

[The full text of Resolution #6 is on file in the Office of the Town and City Clerk at Ansonia City Hall]

Ms. O'Malley explained that this is \$15,000 plus in new funds for the Ansonia Nature Center - which they'll use to help revitalize the Center.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #6; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #7

Re: 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program Allocations

[The full text of Resolution #7 is on file in the Office of the Town and City Clerk at Ansonia City Hall]

Ms. O'Malley explained, the projects that we're undertaking – the referendum projects – some of them were under budgeted. We are taking the money and moving that from one project to the next, which according to bond counsel, is acceptable provided this Board approves that.

We're moving money around so that we can complete the projects that are already under way. Many of the projects were not engineered, and so the numbers were much lower than what they actually came to be. That is what we're trying to do – we're taking unused allocations and applying them to projects that are currently underway or are going to be underway.

Alderman Evans stated, the residents voted for 10 projects in the Referendum. Now we don't have enough funding for those 10 projects and some of them were underfunded – we're going to take that money and move it to the others. I just want to make sure that the voters are aware that some of the projects that they voted for are not going to be done. We're taking money from some. We started out with 10 in Referendum and now we're going to have enough money for 6 or 7.

Ms. O'Malley stated, it's our job to analyze these projects and find out what makes best sense for the City.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, there's a possibility we'll return to those other projects, if possible. The whole idea is that it's better to proceed with some important projects rather than to proceed with none of them because we're under budget.

Ms. O'Malley stated, I'll use the Armory as a good example. You want to shore up the outside of that building because anything you do on the inside, if the outside isn't shored up – and I know I've spoken about this before – the outside isn't secure and safe from the elements – then any renovations on the inside, if you were to do them before that, would be for naught because the building needs to be protected. It's a case of prioritizing, and what makes best sense in the amount of time you have.

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #7; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #8

Re: Resolution Establishing an Equality Commission

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EQUALITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes the importance of unity among our different cultures and races; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to dismantling racism and reducing prejudice within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that value of facilitating a meaningful and continuing dialogue about race, diversity and equal rights between residents, their public servants and community leaders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby resolves to create an Equality Commission consisting of 7 to 10 members, constituted for the purposes of:

- a. Promoting cultural and racial understanding;
- b. Facilitating a dialogue about how cultural and racial relations in Ansonia can be improved;
- c. Recommendations to ensure diversity and equality in City government;
- d. Providing counsel and advice on matters involving cultural and racial discord in the community;
- e. Strengthening Ansonia by embracing and celebrating its cultural and racial diversity.

Alderman Henri MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #8; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Resolution #9

Re: Resolution on Motor Vehicle Tax Relief

RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RELIEF

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes the vital importance of offering Ansonia residents tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands there is an opportunity to mitigate the burden of motor vehicle taxes by breaking payments into two segments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes motor vehicle tax payments to be split into two even installments, the implementation of which will be left to the discretion of the Ansonia Tax and Finance Departments.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to authorize payment of any motor vehicle tax bill in excess of \$300 in two installments, payable July 1 and January 1; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Evans).

Late Resolution

Late Resolution #1

Re: Regional Performance Incentive Program

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE (RPI) PROGRAM

The Legislative Body of the City of Ansonia convened on March 10, 2015 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 11 Yes to 0 No with 1 Abstention (Henri) which endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposals listed below, referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, (2014 Supplement).

1. NVCOG Regional GIS Data Development and GIS Website Enhancement
2. Feasibility Study for Potential Shared Services for Wastewater Treatment
3. Senior Citizen Property Tax Loan Program Feasibility Study
4. Statewide orthophotography and LIDAR data (proposal to be submitted by CRCOG)

In addition, the Legislative Body has authorized Mayor David Cassetti to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to terms of the RPI grant program.

Ms. O'Malley explained, this resolution allows the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments to enter into and apply for a regional incentive program. There are four projects. The first and the fourth ones are to enhance our GIS capabilities with our mapping, analysis and ability to share data with other communities. There is a feasibility study for the interconnection between Derby and Ansonia, also part of this regional application. And then there is a Senior citizen property tax loan program which will help seniors stay in their own homes and acquire a home. It is a revolving loan fund for seniors. These are all part of the application that's being submitted.

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT Late Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslatis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0- 1 (Henri).

Ordinances

New Business

Naming of Fountain Lake Access Road

Alderman Henri MOVED to name the road after Mayor David Cassetti.

He stated, Dave was instrumental in getting this deal going. This has been an ongoing project for I don't know how long and now finally something is happening. His administration is getting it done. It is a long tradition in Ansonia to name a street after a Mayor. We've got good cause not just because he is Mayor but because he's earned his pay. Thank you.

Alderman Evans SECONDED the motion, stating, the Mayor was instrumental in getting this done. We should name the street Cassetti Drive.

Mayor Cassetti stated, Mr. President, members of the Board of Aldermen, I am honored and humbled, but, you've got to take my name off of that. I know I was instrumental, I worked hard to keep Farrel Corporation here. It's a 166 year old company and I think it belongs to Farrel – you should name it after Farrel – or Foundry Drive. This is Franklin Farrel – one of the founders of Farrel Corporation. I think you should name it after them. I would like to retract my name from that. We already have a Farrel Drive – so name it Foundry Road or something like that. I really am humbled that you'd want to do that, but, that's where I stand with it. How about Farrel Boulevard?

Alderman Henri retracted his motion.

Alderman Henri MOVED to name the access road at Fountain Lake "Farrel Boulevard" pending approval of the U.S. Post Office; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaffis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Regionalization of Services

Alderman Evans MOVED to send a letter to the Derby Board of Aldermen inviting them to form a joint committee with Ansonia Board of Aldermen to regionalize and combine services to save both cities money and resources; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

Alderman Edo stated, it goes along with what Public Works is doing with Milford Public Works and the asphalt. It makes sense to save both cities money.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, the State is pushing for regionalization amongst cities.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Old Business

Continuation of Dog Walking on the Riverwalk

Alderman Henri MOVED to extend permission for responsible dog owners to continue to walk their licensed, leashed dogs on the Riverwalk through the end of the year; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Henri stated, – the Mayor has opened Riverwalk to the dog walkers through the end of March. It's very popular. Right now there is an Ordinance that you're not supposed to walk your dogs there. I would like the Board of Aldermen to extend that waiver until the end of the year and then assess it and perhaps repeal that ordinance come January 1st. I'm referring to licensed, leashed dogs that get picked up after.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Alderman Cassetti MOVED to enter Executive Session after a 10-minute recess to discuss the following items:

1. ATP/Palmer Buildings
2. Anglace v. Ansonia
3. DeLibero v. Ansonia
4. Ceccarelli v. Ansonia
5. DiCicco v. Ansonia
6. Late Claim #1 – Burke v. Ansonia

and invited Corporation Counsel Marini, Mayor Cassetti, Mr. Tymniak, Ms. O'Malley, Attorney McQuade and Public Works Director Doug Novak to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 9:11 p.m., Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Items from Executive Session

4. Ceccarelli v. Ansonia

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to approve the settlement and the amendment as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Evans. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

6. **Burke v. Ansonia**

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to extend authority to Corporation Counsel Marini; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen