

Lieutenant in charge of Administration. This will relieve some of the pressure from the Sergeants and allow them now to do what the Sergeant truly needs to do, which is to be out in the field with his Officers on the street being able to supervise them much more directly. This gives us a better department all the way around. I speak of this from experience, having been a Police Officer for 27 years in Monroe, and have worked under a system of three Lieutenants there as well, retiring as a Lieutenant myself.

Again, I ask for your support in this proposal. I think it is needed at this time. It will help the Department to move forward so we can keep in line with everything that is going on both federally and statewide with all the changes that are being made to law enforcement at this time.

Melinda Pagliaro Treloar, 28 Holbrook Street

We have a dangerous problem with the blight issue of Peck School on Holbrook Street. Broken windows, crumbling bricks, and people climbing into the building causing more damage. It has been closed for 15 years and getting worse every day. My concern is someone getting hurt and it needs to get torn down.

Mary Ann Swiatek, regarding the property at 24 Shortell Drive

I just wanted to know the disposition. I guess at the last Aldermanic meeting we had requested the town purchase for conservation purposes and we haven't heard anything. The minutes were unclear in terms of the disposition. I just wanted to know.

Corporation Counsel Marini explained, out of respect for the new Board, we deferred the decision to when this Board was empaneled. At this point, the Board will have an opportunity to break into their Land Trust Subcommittee in order to make the final determination on whether or not the City will go ahead and purchase the property. We are going to expedite that so it's done by the next meeting.

Webster Hose Captain Ken Mitchell, 31 Upland Terrace

I notice on the agenda tonight that it is there, I am hopeful and confident that this Board will see fit to move ahead and expedite the process of the renovation of the apparatus floor of Company 3 on Platt Street. It's been a long process, we've been moved around and shuffled around. Hopefully we can move it along and bring a resolution to that. Thank you.

David Fitzgerald, 20 Holbrook Street

I'm here to talk about Peck School. Not many people know me here, but I was on the Board of Aldermen years ago. I see a few people that I know. We put it on the floor to tear down Peck School and make it into two duplexes for family use. I don't

know what happened over the last decade or so; why that didn't come to fruition. Can anybody tell me here?

Mayor Cassetti replied, that property is privately-owned. It was bought with another property about 10 years ago. The Lincoln-Hayes School and Peck School were bought by a private contractor. He remodeled it and he was supposed to tear it down. We are in the process of talking with him now.

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. On November 30, 2015 the elected officials of this City were inaugurated. I had the distinct honor and privilege of being sworn in by Judge Theodore Tyma. I am so very proud to serve my second term as Mayor of this great City and its residents. The inaugural event took place at Ansonia High School. I would like to thank Superintendent Merlone and the Board of Education and its staff for their help in making the ceremony special. I also want to thank Rich DeCarlo of our Cultural Commission for coordinating the event. There are many people who participated in this event. I want to thank all of them. In particular, I want to be sure and I want to take a moment to personally thank and recognize our Ansonia Fire Department and the honor guard who took part in the inaugural event - Company 1 Pat Buckley; Company 3 Gary Freher; Company 4 Jay Fainer; Company 5 Travis Nelson; Company 6 Dave Williams; and Chief Scott Tremblay – for participation which made this event truly memorable.

We have a lot to accomplish in the next two years and together with your cooperation and coordination my administration and I will work to make Ansonia a better place, improving your quality of life and creating space for new development.

The fight to lower taxes continues. That is my number one priority. I will do everything possible to ensure that we continue to work toward lowering our mill rate. All residents deserve a break.

Having said that, the Finance Department and our City departments are beginning the hard work of creating their budgets. It is our goal to continue to provide quality services to our residents in the most cost-effective manner possible. That means that once again we will all be sharpening our pencils so that I can present to you a budget that is both fair and lean.

We continue to push forward on our City projects and referendum projects. The City Hall roof replacement project is in progress. You will be voting on it later this

evening. Secondly, our Riverwalk will begin in the Spring. Wakelee Avenue will also begin in the Spring of 2016. With the Board's approval, we have selected the low bidder for the Webster Hose floor replacement project and have begun prepping the building for the floor renovations and generator.

I also want to draw to your attention two items on your agenda. One is an amendment to our Riverwalk Ordinance proposed by Alderman Pat Henri. I hope you will support his efforts to make our Riverwalk pet friendly. The second is tax exemption for vehicles transporting any medically-incapacitated individuals except vehicles used to transport for a profit. This is a real benefit and I hope it will make life a little easier.

Before closing I want to take a few minutes to tell you about an Ansonia resident, Katie Asherford. Katie is a High School student who has become a published author at ripe old age of 17. Her pen name is "Katie Rose". Her book is entitled "Glamour". It was published in August of this year, and the book is available on Amazon.com. We are so proud of Katie and her drive and motivation. We congratulate you on what we hope will be a long and prosperous career as an author. [Applause rang throughout the forum]

Finally, I want to wish each and everyone of you a happy and healthy holiday season. We have so much to be grateful for. I am thankful for a loving family and friends and I am especially grateful for the community I live in. Ansonia is a close-knit, loving community, and I can't think of a better place to enjoy the holidays. PS – if you're looking for a last minute gift, I can suggest a good book. Thank you very much. [Applause]

Corporation Counsel John Marini

As you may know, a week ago we had some troubling news at the Savor Lounge. There was a shooting; a woman was shot and was injured. That is activity that we can't tolerate in Ansonia, we can't tolerate in our downtown. We have a duty to stand for the safety and the protection of our residents. I'm working with the Chief; we have cited Savor and the owner of the property under the Chronic Nuisance Policy of the City. Part of the Chronic Nuisance Policy states that when activity of a certain nature – arrests, disturbances, this recent shooting, misconduct – when it's reached a certain level we can cite an owner with being a chronic nuisance and impose penalties from a daily fine to possibly shuttering that business. We put the citation out there and we've also made it clear what steps we want the property owner to take to alleviate the issue, which is essentially ending the operation as it currently stands – the after hours parties that are unfortunately attracting a lot of negative attention and negative activity in the center of our downtown. Under the ordinance it's now in the property owner's court – the ball is in their court to propose an abatement plan. We will then work with the owners to determine whether or not that plan is agreeable and we will bring that to the Board at our next meeting.

Union negotiations, both the City Hall Union and Public Works Union – seem to be at an end. In fact, we'll have a draft contract ready for this Board's review this week. In the anticipation of formally taking a look at that contract, possibly approving both of them, I'm asking this Board to schedule a special meeting with a proposed date of next Tuesday at the same time, 7 p.m. in the Chambers.

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 15th in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaffis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Corporation Counsel Marini continued, I'd like to make a couple other positive announcements in moving the City forward. The Mayor has made selections for new hires in the office of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, and also a position formerly filled by Chris Tymniak – the position known as Chief of Staff. For the first position, Administrative Assistant, Corinne McManus, an Ansonia resident, will be joining us, and in the position of Chief of Staff, the Mayor has asked Rich Dziekan of Derby to join the City. However, we are looking to transition that position from Chief of Staff to what the Mayor has proposed as Director of Constituent Services. A liaison both with the residents – between the Mayor's Office and the residents – and between the Mayor's Office and the various boards and commissions in the City with the goal of increasing transparency throughout the City and also putting an increased focus on our relationship with the residents, helping address their needs and concerns, whatever they may be. Within the next several weeks I'd like you to all join us in welcoming Corrine and Rich to the City of Ansonia and we'll be advising when they are coming into City Hall so that you can all meet them in person.

Those are the items have to update you on at this time. We'll have much more to discuss next week.

Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley

In regard to Grants - Vibrant Communities Initiative Grant is a grant that is going to look at the feasibility of the Armory and it's also going to look at 501 East Main Street. In addition to that, we're looking at Village District Zonings, which will help loosen up some of the restrictions on potential tenants for the downtown. We met with the consultants and we're kicking off those activities.

We are making another grant application for blighted properties - should the City acquire through foreclosure. The grant money will be devoted to demolition of those properties.

Chief Tremblay is working hard on the Fire Assistance Grant; I am assisting. He is the expert on that. That grant comes around once a year and it's the only direct

federal assistance for firefighters. We will keep our fingers crossed and we'd like to think we can get this year – this time around.

You did see some demolition at Ansonia Copper & Brass of the shorter stack. We are prepping that site with an environmental hazardous building materials assessment, so that the rod and wire mill building can come down. I don't know if you'll see it – it can come down in the wintertime and hopefully within the next few months you will see some big demolition.

The winter shutdown of Fountain Lake is going to occur shortly. They'll probably pave half of the road up into Fountain Lake – they've really done a lot of work if you haven't been up there. Now trucks can pass through to get the foundation laid for Farrell Corporation. That's about it for now.

Alderman Stowe asked, who is that Mustafa's property owned by now?

Ms. O'Malley replied, the lenders – Shaw Management...

Corporation Counsel Marini interjected, it's still owned by Washington Management; the foreclosure was continued. While the lenders were trying to gain possession it's still technically owned by Mustafa.

Alderman Stowe asked, how is the City faring in this situation? Do we have a good foothold?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, we have a very good foothold in the form of a blight lien. However, on your agenda tonight under Executive Session, this matter is down for discussion. I have a more substantive report to give you.

Alderman Carroll asked, the last couple of Board meetings you mentioned the environmental report for Ansonia Copper and Brass. Has that been completed?

Ms. O'Malley replied, are you talking about the grant money that the City has acquired or the environmental report that the...

Alderman Carroll replied, the environmental report.

Ms. O'Malley stated, we're almost finished with that. We should have a report in a few weeks.

Alderman Carroll asked, would you please let the Board know about that?

Ms. O'Malley replied yes.

Lt. Andrew Cota – Ansonia Police Department

We had quite a busy summer. You may have seen in the newspaper a couple of the incidents that we dealt with. The shooting of the young man in the North End – North Main Street at Fourth Street – we made an arrest on that.

We were able to serve six warrants on the burglar in the Hilltop area. So far those are the ones we were able to solve that have evidence either came back from the lab and such. We have made six arrests.

As the Mayor stated before, we are working on our budget, that's being completed by the Chief and Lieutenant Williams with the help of anybody else that requires funding for different projects within the Police Department.

We have started our winter parking – we put that out in the newspapers – it started December 1st. It's the odd side through March 31st. We will continue to monitor that – the officers are out there on all three shifts. If there are any issues, problems, any time give us a call, we'll send somebody out and address the issues.

We just finished up our summer season of training, our night shooting and such. That pretty much calms down now until the beginning of the year. Just two weeks ago we had our legal update training for the entire department.

We have two officers in the Academy. They are about six or seven weeks in at this point. We're going to see them probably – all things going smoothly - in late April to start a Field Training program. You're talking early summer by the time they're completed with their training and released.

As the Commissioner mentioned, we are asking you to take a look at our reorganization plan for the Police Department. If you have any questions either now or as we get to that communication, I'll be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

Alderman Radin stated, coming down tonight and yesterday and Saturday there's been cars parked on the even side of the street on Jackson Street. Are they giving out tickets or are they giving out warnings?

Lieutenant Cota explained, we usually give out warnings for the first – you would have seen tickets beginning on Monday – yesterday.

Alderman Radin stated, well I came down tonight and there was six cars parked on that side of the street. I came down last night to a meeting and there was at least six or seven. And Saturday when I came down a little earlier there was a bunch of cars parked. So I don't know whether they're not putting the warnings on or... because they're the same cars.

Lieutenant Cota stated, there are tickets being given because every morning there's a stack in the bin there for Records. We will continue but I'll let them know.

Alderman Radin stated, I'd like to go up and down the street and put them on myself because they don't seem to pay any attention to them.

Alderman Carroll stated, I talked to a Policeman this evening and he asked me to come to you. I see that the President of the Police Commission is here. I requested, before I was elected, a sign in front of the convenience store in front of North Main and Fourth Street - No Parking. It is an accident waiting to happen there. There is a very small sign and people are used to having the 15 minute parking there. Could that sign be replaced with a larger one?

Lieutenant Cota stated, there are regulations as to the exact size of the sign, but we can take a look at it. We will probably have to run it by the State because that is actually a state road. We will look at it and see if there's anything we can get to be a little larger.

President Tripp stated, in the past when I've sat here the new Police Officers have been introduced to the Board of Aldermen – it was a tradition, I don't know if it's a requirement. Will we have an opportunity to meet your new Police Officers when they complete their training?

Lieutenant Cota replied yes, they're in the Academy now. When they are out and available and here at the Department, we can arrange that.

Superintendent of Schools Carol Merlone

I'd like to publicly thank the Ansonia Rotary Club for donating dictionaries to all the 3rd graders in Ansonia including Mead, Prendergast and the Assumption School.

I would also like to say that on November 5th the Ansonia High School Athletic Department sponsored a concussion workshop for Ansonia High School parents and any community member that wished to go. We are going to schedule another one. It really is important if your children are playing in athletics at any level, because we have to enforce those rules now.

Ansonia High School hosted a well-attended college night. We had more than 150 parents and students there. This was well-attended, really for the first time. So we were proud to say that.

On November 10th, our Ansonia Teacher of the Year, Nancy Tingley, was honored at the Bushnell in Hartford along with the other Connecticut teachers of the year in different districts. Mr. Wilson escorted her that evening.

I'd like to promote the Ansonia High School Annual Winter Concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th "All on a Cold Winter's Night" performed by the Ansonia High School Music Department. It would be appreciated if we could get a full audience. Admission is \$5 per person, or it would be free if you bring a donation of a winter accessory item for the tree. Student Government is trying to donate Winter items for those in need. You would be able to view the concert free if you were willing to donate.

At the Ansonia High School, bids opened on November 13th to replace one of the boilers. One of our boilers were cracked at the High School – it will cost \$33,000. Bobby went out to bid and Countrywide Mechanical was the low bidder.

Our football game is Saturday. I saw the Mayor there last evening. Hopefully we will win again.

Mayor Cassetti exclaimed, Go Chargers!

Public Works Director Doug Novak

Back in September, this Board approved a \$150,000 transfer of money from referendum into the ARMS project. I'm asking tonight that this Board approve the extension of our contractor's contract by \$50,000 to complete the HVAC system.

As you know, the fleet is in very bad shape. I spoke to the Mayor back in August, and Bill Nimons. They were down at my garage and they looked at our two small mason dump trucks. They're not road worthy as anybody would want them to be. We don't want to spend any more money on those vehicles because we're throwing good money away. We went off the State bid list, we have some numbers. I have to get Board of A&T approval for roughly \$120,000 in new money to replace our two small mason dumps.

The Public Works Union contract has been submitted to our lawyer for review. As of the last meeting we had, it will be put to vote for the employees some time around December 14th.

There was a meeting last week at the Ansonia Nature Center regarding our planned improvements there. We met with the engineers, Allison and myself. We went over some items that we thought should be added into the plan. The engineer and consultant were taking back the plans for review. They're saying that possible two weeks we'll get an answer back.

Hazwaste Day in town was very successful. We served 287 residents from Ansonia, Derby, Seymour. A very successful year. Luckily we had no bombs this year.

The Transfer Station, if anybody's been down to my complex, concrete has been poured for the two buildings, the concrete floor that we're going to be using for a push wall to pick up trash that has to be dumped on the ground.

Look up – the LED project at City Hall has been completed. We will probably get another award from UI.

Our seasonal employees' terms have ended and they were released in November. I want to thank them for doing an excellent job for the time we had them here.

We've completed our paving schedule. I'm going to come back to the Board probably in a week or so, maybe at that special meeting. I have to talk to the Mayor. We've had some initial discussions; we may have to do an emergency hire at Public Works. I'm short handed by possibly four employees.

I have some bad news but good news to report to the City. The bad news is, within the last 30 days I have lost and will lose two valuable employees to the Department of Public Works. Both were longtime City employees – 25-plus years - and have decided that they want to move on in life and be with their families. Jim Meade, the pay loader operator down at Public Works retired as of November 30th. We wish Jim the best in all of his endeavors. The saddest part of the news is, we are losing Carmen Pitney, Jr. as of December 18th. Carmen Pitney decided last Friday to bring his papers in. His Mom and Dad are here tonight. It's going to be very hard to see Carmen go. Carmen has given his lifeblood to the City for the last 27 years. My two years with Carmen, I've learned a lot about the City. Replacing Carmen is going to be a very hard obstacle for the City, but we will find someone that is very capable of doing what Carmen did. Again, what Carmen did probably could never be replaced. I would like you to give Carmen Pitney a big round of applause. [Applause rang throughout the forum].

Alderman Carroll stated, the catch basins at Liberty Street, I would imagine it's called lower Liberty Street where Ansonia Copper & Brass is, there are three catch basins that the sand is up this tall to the grate. Could those be cleaned out?

Mr. Novak replied, sure.

Alderman Carroll continued, [inaudible] at Gatison Park have contacted me. They would like to have a Christmas tree in celebration. Is there any way they could have access to electricity so they could have a lit Christmas tree?

Mr. Novak replied, as it stands right now, there is no electricity in the park – only the lights up above. I spoke to Judd today about it because I was in conversations with Tara in the last couple of days. It's going to be a little bit of an undertaking by the City. We're going to bring our electrician in by the end of the week and see what we can do. We'd have to put meters on a pole and have to secure any outlets on the poles so the children don't get injured. If somebody rips it off and there's a live

wire and we're not around, someone could get injured. We are looking into it and I told Tara I'd get back to her by the end of the week.

Alderman Henri stated, I'd like to thank the Ansonia Police Department and Doug Novak and his Public Works crew for the traffic triangle they put at Beverly Drive and Highland Avenue. The residents up there have been asking for that thing for years. It came to fruition; it looks great and seems to be working fine. Hopefully it will do the trick.

I'd also like to say that Carmen has always been very accommodating, very helpful, and certainly a great asset to Public Works. I'm sorry to see him go.

Since I'm talking about the Police also, and there are Police Commissioners here, I attend all the Police Commission meetings and they too are very accommodating. I bring up a lot of concerns; they are very active in addressing those concerns. I appreciate their involvement.

Alderman Stowe stated, the floor on Webster Hose, we had a discussion yesterday but we didn't have a quorum. Did anyone figure out where the money is coming from?

Ms. O'Malley replied, we're going to request that this Board request the Board of Apportionment and Taxation to have a special meeting. It will either come from Contingency or we'll move some money around from projects that is unused.

The vehicles that you need to purchase – are they coming from Public Works budget or are those too going to have to be taken from someplace else?

Mr. Novak replied, I spoke to Bill Nimons – we've had extensive conversation and it will come out of Reserve.

Alderman Stowe asked, are we lease-purchasing them?

Mr. Novak replied, no, when I spoke to bill I gave him the numbers on the lease-purchase and he said he would rather buy them outright because with his figures, it didn't work out for us.

Allison Chrzanowski, Ansonia Nature Center

We met with B&L on December 1st with Mr. Novak and we had some good news. We all came to a consensus on three different designs for the parking lot. We made some modifications due to plowing and to be able to have a bus turnaround in the winter for the after-school program.

They also gave us a preliminary design for the pond dredging. It looks like we're going to do a partial pond dredge with a wildlife enhancement. The pond has

never been dredged since it was designed or built. The State regulations are very strict on pond dredging. We're also looking to apply for a grant with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for about \$60,000. That grant is due February 3rd. I would like the Nature Center to be part of that grant and propose that we go forward with the grant for \$60,000 toward the pond dredge as well.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Alderman Lorie Vaccaro

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Public Works Committee

We're having a problem with quorums. We only have four commissioners. I'd like to ask Corporation Counsel Marini if an Alderman could be put in. I know on WPCA there is an Alderman that is able to vote and be part of quorum at the WPCA. I don't know if this would be Charter Revision or how we would deal with it. I attend those meetings, every meeting, and we are not functioning properly.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, there is nothing in the Charter that would prohibit that at all. Tradition has been that we don't appoint an Alderman to the Commissions unless there is a space reserved for an Alderman representative. There is a withdrawal tonight from one of the names, because the only open spot on that Board right now would be for a Democrat. That's the only restriction with putting someone on there. An Alderman could serve on there if the Mayor were to nominate and the Board were to approve. I would look at seeing about the ability of increasing the membership – I can take a look at that.

Alderman Stowe stated, if we had a fifth person I think we'd always have quorum. That is my point. The meeting is at 6 o'clock and people work for a living. It's not fair to our City. Doug's got his hands full over there and it just isn't working.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, I will take a look at that. Even if we were to do a special meeting on Tuesday, it's possible that if we're able to figure things out in time we could make appointments then if we notice them by this Thursday.

Alderman Stowe continued, it was discussed – not in a real meeting but it's been conversation. When the referendums were done two years ago, the paving projects, there was discussion about paving private roads. Now a lot of people that were involved with that thought that those properties were owned by the City. We found out some are owned by the City, and some are owned in the deeds by the private homeowners that get access from those roads. Now there's been talk of, is this fair to the taxpayer. If I have a driveway that's 100 feet long that I share with three neighbors, and the City paves it and I don't have to pay anything for it, is that

really fair? There are mixed feelings on this. I would like to see some kind of a meeting where this could come back to the Board of Aldermen and have a finality to it where either they're going to have maybe on their tax bill they'd have a little bit of an increase to slowly pay for the work that the City did, or if the citizens of the City really just don't mind paying for somebody else's driveway. Is that possible?

Mayor Cassetti asked, what are you saying, Charlie? If we pave a private road you want to tax the residents that are paying taxes already? They're not going to go for that. They voted in the referendum to vote to pave the two private roads – Woodbridge Avenue and Beech Street. Get to the point. We paved Beech Street today.

Alderman Stowe stated, if the road is owned by the City, I don't see... I mean... this has been discussed by more than one person. Apparently this is a sore spot.

Mayor Cassetti stated, it was passed by referendum three years ago. We're paving the roads. Those people expected it. They came to my office in waves.

Alderman Stowe stated, when it was passed with referendum, the people who put it out, the Aldermen that put it out at the time, did not know that the roads were not City roads.

Mayor Cassetti replied, yes, they did.

Alderman Stowe stated, I didn't. I was on that committee and I had no idea.

Mayor Cassetti stated, it's done. I ordered it done.

ARMS Committee – Alderman Joan Radin

ARMS had 264 calls this month, it was down a little bit from what we usually do, over 300 a month. There was a reduction in Medicare payments – they reduced the payments that they're paying for the ambulances and the State of Connecticut in their infinite wisdom is not paying for any Medicaid ones. ARMS is down, there was a reduction of almost \$5,000 last month, and their calls that went out, and how much they got paid for them. They got \$51,669 which it should have been a lot more than that.

This year the payments are \$35,000 up from last year because they have new payment people handling the thing. They are actually sending out the bills and we're getting paid.

This is the new system we have. There were 5,986 hours to date for the volunteers that go out every day that are down at ARMS every single day.

We really do need a new ambulance. We definitely need a new ambulance.

President Tripp stated, I would like to talk to Mr. Nimons. I think the Board might want to discuss with Mr. Nimons a capital improvement project vehicle. I know the Fire Department has one. If that could be submitted for Mr. Heon to Mr. Nimons – Capital Improvement Vehicles – it could be budgeted years out instead of bang, getting hit with a need.

Alderman Blackwell stated, we had one and the City didn't adhere to it. I don't understand what you're asking. The Fire Department didn't have one. We had one, which wasn't adhered to, so I don't understand your question.

President Tripp stated okay, give me a date please.

Mr. Heon stated, in 2011 I put the capital plan in front of the Board of A&T.

President Tripp stated, okay, so we're talking four years ago. It will have to be revisited.

Alderman Radin continued, we really have to do something about getting an ambulance. Our ambulances are not brand new, they're on the road. The other Sunday he told me they had four at the same exact time and thank God all four ambulances were available. One of them happened to be the guy that was strangling somebody over at Big Y. There were a couple of other things. I think that we really, truly need to work on this to get us a new ambulance.

Alderman Carroll stated, as you know I've been coming to these meetings for a long time. I listen to your reports. You've had approximately on the average 320 call a month?

Mr. Heon replied, no, we typically do around 240 to 260 – and the last couple of months we've been over 300 - August, September and October were over 300.

Alderman Carroll continued, and you make a lot of money for the City, don't you?

Mr. Heon replied, last year our revenue was around \$675,000.

Alderman Carroll stated, and you need a new ambulance?

Mr. Heon stated, we've submitted in the plan and to tie this in, the Board of A&T request that's being forwarded to you guys for more vehicle maintenance money is because of the age of the ambulances. We're over in our Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs.

Alderman Carroll stated, from what I remember from coming to other Board of Aldermen meetings, you've asked for a new ambulance for almost two years, haven't you?

Mr. Heon replied, yes - the last two budget cycles.

Alderman Carroll stated, even though I'm new, I've been on your ambulance twice to be brought to the hospital; I certainly wouldn't want to be on an ambulance that breaks down. I strongly advise this Board that, you know, we buy other departments - fire trucks, police cars, Public Works wants two more trucks. I would think that an ambulance that saves lives should be a top priority.

Mayor Cassetti stated, it's in the capital plan.

Alderman Carroll stated, from what we've just heard it's been in the capital plan for quite a long time.

Mr. Heon stated, I can touch on that. There are two - we had a department capital replacement plan that was submitted to the Board of A&T in 2011 when I took over. The City took initiative to do a five-year citywide plan to which we also resubmitted. The problem that we had was, we were already behind in our department capital replacement plan. This didn't happen overnight - there was not a new ambulance purchased from 2003 to 2011. That is what really set everything behind because of the way that [inaudible] replaced for a certain number of years. We are all playing catch up - Doug is, the Police Department is, and I don't want to be compared to any of the other departments, because they have needs as well. I'm just letting you know the needs of my department.

Alderman Carroll stated, I wasn't comparing you to other departments.

Mr. Heon stated, I'm not saying that, I'm just saying in general...

Alderman Carroll interjected, ...this Board of Aldermen should seriously look into if a new ambulance is indeed needed that should become a top priority.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, to clarify, Bill Nimons has been working with the City departments in putting together a five-year capital plan to actually go out to voters. That plan in draft form is going to be going to this Board within the next month. I believe already the ambulance is going to be included in that plan. This Board will have the opportunity to make sure it is included as you decide and go out to the voters to get it done. The idea is that the capital plan will go out to referendum and be approved by the voters. It will be explained more when Mr. Nimons is here at the next meeting.

Alderman Stowe asked, wasn't that capital plan that was made last year, I swear, maybe Mr. Vaccaro could clear this up for me. When we had the Board of Finance with the budget, we were all told that you were going to get an ambulance this year. Is that right?

Mr. Heon replied, it was, but it didn't make the final cut. I don't know, I didn't do the final cut but...

Alderman Stowe asked, but Mr. Nimons will be able to explain that?

Mr. Heon replied, he would be the one that I would defer to, yes.

WPCA Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe

Alderman Stowe stated, we're hoping three months from now to have a nice pleasant surprise, but I cannot speak of it now. I'm overjoyed because it looks like we're going to find a way to do some beneficial work for the City.

Fire Committee - Alderman Joseph Jeanette

For the month of October, MVA Assists 12, C/O investigations 1, Smoke/Odor investigations 8, Vehicle fires 1, Structure fires 5, Natural/Propane Gas leaks 5, Fuel spill 1, False alarms 18, Mutual aid 1, Electrical hazard 2, Public service good intent 12. A total of 68 calls.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Matthew Edo

There are a couple of ordinances that we will be discussing later tonight.

Ansonia Housing Committee – Alderman Joan Radin

I've been going to the meetings. I couldn't make the last one because I had class. The Emmett O'Brien Culinary Department is going to be doing a Christmas luncheon for the Woodlawn people over in Woodlawn. I went to the one last year. It was absolutely marvelous. They do a great job there. The people love it. Vicki is doing a great job over there getting the people interested in things, getting them out. I think there's a lot more socialization over there than there was before. I've noticed a big difference. I think they're doing a great job.

Municipal Reports, Board of Apportionment & Taxation Recommendations and Comptroller Approvals

President Tripp stated, everyone received a Board of A&T packet.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the Board of Apportionment and Taxation recommendations; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Radin stated, I have a question about Recreation. On the front page it says \$4,000 but when I went through the papers in there, there was something that said \$5,975 for basketball or uniforms or equipment or something. Then

there's another one that says \$4,000. But there's no other information. Every single one of the other Board of A&T things has a letter from the commission itself, from either...

President Tripp asked, are you talking about 4 and 5 on page one?

Alderman Radin replied, I'm talking about 5. It says Recreation, \$4,000. If you look through the papers as I did, it says Basketball \$5,970 and the next page it says Basketball \$4,000. And as I started to say, in all of the other things that are in here, there's a memo or a note from the person who is asking for this information. I don't see any letter or any information on this from Recreation. Was it not put in here or... I just wanted more information on it.

Dan King, Chairman of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, explained, those are separate matters. One was the \$4,000 figure. That was new money requested for the Recreation Department to cover part of the cost of uniforms. Most of goes toward paying janitors and staff that were going to have to be at the school while they have games. The \$5,000 figure was actually not new money, it was, we had to accept it as revenue and then transfer it to them for expenditures. It was a collection of fees. That was money that was collected.

Alderman Radin stated, it just doesn't say that, Dan. There's no other information. You see the amount of \$5,970 and it doesn't have any explanation. He doesn't have a letter; usually there's a letter with it.

Jeff Coppola, Recreation Director, explained, this is the transfer of registration money.

Alderman Radin stated, everybody here has their papers about what the money is for and what it's going. But there's also a letter in front of it which tells us what that is or what it's going to be used for or why that money is there. I think yours is the only one I couldn't find.

Mr. Coppola explained, the \$5,900 is the registration money that was collected and that goes into the City's general fund and gets transferred into the line item.

Alderman Radin stated, I would appreciate it the next time if you could put that information.

Alderman Carroll stated, I think that you remember me, I was at the meeting. This problem happened before and just to make things easier, I think that somebody like Joan asking what it's for. If you just write what the \$4,000 is for and what, that you took in the \$5,000 and you don't have to be called up here.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept the Comptroller Approvals; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Tax Collector Report and Request for Refunds

President Tripp stated, there are two separate documents for the refunds this month, one for \$1,787.85 and one for \$437.68.

Alderman Edo MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of \$1,787.85 and \$437.68 totaling \$2,225.53 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaitis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Radin noted that there is no Tax Collector's report this month.

Tax Collector Tammy Blackwell explained that there had been a malfunction with the computer and she will submit it next month.

Accidents and Claims

11-15-874 Anthony J. Mastrianni re: Ansonia Police Department

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to refer the claim to Corporation Counsel; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Communications

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept all communications, place them on file and take them up in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Communication #1

From: Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

Re: Reorganization for the Administration of the Ansonia Police Department

Alderman Kaslaitis MOVED to approve Chief Hale's request for the additional Lieutenant's position; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Carroll stated, I don't have that in my box. I never received it, but I've read it. In other words, if I'm not getting stuff in my box, I have no idea what you're talking about. But in this case I found out that there was a communication and I've read it. In the future, can I have things put in my box on time?

President Tripp replied, duly noted. The proper people that are all here will ensure that they're all there in the future.

Alderman Blackwell MOVED TO TABLE Communication # 1 until everybody has the information in front of them, including me.

Alderman Blackwell explained, I don't have the documents either. I would like to table it until we can all discuss it and actually find out what's going on.

There was no second to the motion to table and Alderman Blackwell withdrew his motion to table.

Lieutenant Cota stated, in order to complete things down the road, we just had a retirement and move this along, it's also attached to our budget request coming up.

Alderman Carroll stated, even though I didn't have it in the box, I have read it and have no problem voting on something that I've read.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, there is a special meeting coming up next Tuesday and if the Board would like the chance to break into a subcommittee to review it and act on it next Tuesday, that would satisfy the time requirement so they'd be able to get it done in a timely basis. Or you can act on it tonight.

Alderman Kaslaitis did not wish to withdraw the original motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Carroll	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
Rogers	X		
Kaslaitis	X		
Cassetti	X		
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
DeLibero	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	14		

The MOTION PASSED 14 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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Communication #2

From: Donald W. Smith, Jr., Consulting Engineer

Re: Bid Results – City Hall Partial Roof Replacement

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept the second-lowest bidder and waive the minor defect pursuant upon Young, LLC posting the 10% bid bond; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

Alderman Radin stated, it says that he only submitted 5% of the bid bond. Down at the bottom here it says, "Based on the above we recommend that the City waive the minor defect in Young Development, LLC's bid and award the above-referenced project to Young." I don't think it's a minor defect. I think, and if we vote yes on this what's going to happen is we're going to find ourselves having something that everybody's going to say, "oh they did that once before so we can do it again." I'm in favor of the bidding and everything, I just don't like the way it's worded and I don't like the fact that he only had 5% on it when the bid should have had 10% on it.

Alderman Vaccaro noted the wording of his motion as follows: "MOVED to accept the second-lowest bidder and waive the minor defect pursuant upon Young, LLC posting the 10% bid bond". So it would be rectified.

Alderman Stowe stated, this was discussed and one of the reasons this person was picked was because of the reputation that they have, the quality of work. They had good references and that is important with any job being done here in the City.

Alderman Carroll stated, Joan, I agree with your point but I think that it's been rectified that they are going to be paying the 10%.

Alderman Radin stated, I didn't hear that but I do have one question. I don't see anything – where does it come in about warranties or anything like that? Isn't that part of the bidding process?

Ms. O'Malley replied, those are in the contract that they submit. They have required documents that need to be submitted.

Alderman Radin stated, I think it would be nice if we could read the documents too, to see the warranties and whether they're...

Ms. O'Malley stated, what you have is a letter from Don Smith, our Engineer, who reviews all the bid documents as well as staff, to go through it and check off and make sure everything is in order.

Alderman Radin stated, I understand that, Sheila, what I'm saying is I would like to

read the contract too. Maybe some other people would like to, too. I think we need to know about the warranties and all the other information. We're passing the contract and saying yes to it but we're only passing the bid. We know nothing about it.

Ms. O'Malley stated, if this Board approves the contract we could certainly – anyone can have a copy of the contract.

Alderman Carroll asked, so in the future on any bids or contracts, you will give the Board of Aldermen the information, what Joan is asking for, in our packets? I know it's a lot more to read, but...

Ms. O'Malley stated, all the bids are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and I also have a copy in my office. You can feel free to do that. If this Board makes a specific request on a contract, I'd be happy to provide that to you.

Alderman Radin stated, I would like a copy of the contract.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Communication #3

From: Assistant Comptroller Richard Bshara

Re: Switch to Paycor for Payroll

Mr. Bshara stated, we are looking to move our payroll system from Paychex to Paycor. We had Paychex for a number of years, we worked on an old sequel database that was local here. There's no preview system. Within the last year or so we've been requested to move to the Paychex Flex system which is an online system at Paychex. The idea was to incorporate time and attendance into the process. The conversion to Paychex was nothing short of a nightmare on our technical end. We've had a number of issues and they keep pointing fingers. It really hasn't worked out well for us.

Derby has gone to this Paycor system. We've been over to look at the Paycor system and we've been approached by their sales and given demonstrations on it. We've looked at it pretty significantly at this point. We feel it is much more user-friendly. As a case in point, in the Paychex system if we want to have a new code added, we have to call Paychex and ask them to add the code so that we can have a new deduction in our system. With Paycor, it allows you to input the data and in fact have the employee that is newly-hired input data into the system, carry it right from there to the HR system and automatically load it right into the payroll system. It's much more user-friendly and it fully interfaces much better. We're looking to make the move because it's been nothing but a headache for us in Finance on the payroll system.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to authorize Mayor Casetti to enter into an agreement with Paycor for the City's payroll; SECONDED by Alderman Casetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Communication #4

From: Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley

Re: Webster Hose Floor Replacement

Ms. O'Malley stated, if you look at the bids, J.A. Rosa came in as the low bidder and they were found to be qualified and everything was intact with their bid. We are recommending going forward pending Board of A&T approval of the funds. Their bid is for \$163,785. All of their references were checked out and their bid documents were in order.

Alderman Henri MOVED to approve the award to J.A. Rosa Construction for the Webster Hose floor pending Board of A&T approval of funding; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Alderman Vaccaro asked that Mr. King schedule a meeting of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation as soon as possible in order to fast-track this item.

President Tripp asked that Mr. King schedule a meeting between now and the Board of Aldermen special meeting on December 15th.

Mr. King replied that he will try to arrange it.

Resignations

Alderman Carroll MOVED to accept the resignation of Janet Vitarius Waugh from the Cultural Commission, and send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Casetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Appointments

Alderman Carroll noted that he does not have the list of appointments in his packet.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint John P. Marini (R) of 11 Hawley Drive as Corporation Counsel; term to expire 12-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - ARMS

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to reappoint Jared Heon (U) of 10 Kiely Lane as Executive Director of ARMS, term to expire 12-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to appoint the following people to the Capital Improvement Committee, terms to expire 12-31-2017:

Bob Jaskilka (D) of 38 Greenfield Drive
Jim Prestiano (R) of 58 Morningside Drive
Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Bill Nimons (R) of 85 Pulaski Highway

SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro).

SUPERINTENDENT OF VETERANS' GRAVES

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint Thomas Henri (U) of 7 Hawkins Road, term to expire 11-30-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Henri).

ANSONIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint Dan Kershaw (R) of 309 Beaver Street, term to expire 10-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint Nicholas T. Macero, Jr. (D) of 5 Bennett Terrace, term to expire 12-31-2019; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Jeanette).

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint the following people to the Board of Library Directors, terms to expire 12-31-2018:

Violet O'Donnell (D) of 18 Finney Street Extension
Eileen Eheman (U) of 48 Rockwood Avenue
Sue E. Behun (D) of 25 Prindle Avenue
Joanne M. Czczot (R) of 37 Morningside Drive
Tamara Chisefsky (R) of 6 Fairview Street

SECONDED by Alderman DeLibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Alderman Henri MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Board of Police Commissioners, terms to expire 12-31-2017:

Bruce R. Goldson, Sr. (R) of 29 Glen Drive
Michael Rinaldi (R) of One Pond Drive

SECONDED by Alderman DeLibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Edo MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Board of Public Works, terms to expire 12-31-2017:

Andrew Geruntho (U) of 36 Granite Terrace
Kenneth Plavnicky (R) of 15 Mountain View Road

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslalfis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

COMMISSION FOR ELDERLY SERVICES

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Commission for Elderly Services, terms to expire 12-31-2018:

Joan Lawlor (D) of 45 North Westwood Road
Grace Forbes of 25 Church Street
Diane Stroman of 66 High Street

SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Cultural Commission, terms to expire 12-31-2018:

Michelle C. Gandy (D) of 15 Tomlinson Street
James Little (D) of 36 Star Street

SECONDED by Alderman Rogers. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Alderman Carroll MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Historical Commission, terms to expire 11-30-2017:

Thomas P. Clifford III (D) of 10 South Westwood Road
Bartholomew R. Flaherty, III (D) of 28 Pinecrest Avenue

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslajtis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint Roy R. Craven (R) of 114 Rockwood Avenue Extension, term to expire 12-31-2020; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to reappoint Michael Bettini (D) of 6 Arcadia Circle, term to expire 12-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslajtis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Alderman Henri MOVED to reappoint Michael A. Bettini (D) of 6 Arcadia Circle, term to expire 12-31-2020; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Alderman Blackwell MOVED to reappoint the following to the Recreation Commission, terms to expire 12-31-2017:

Alfonso Smith (D) of One Hunter's Lane
Michael Cratty (D) of 10 Bruns Road
Paul Velardi (U) of 16 Hoinsky Way
Anne Lynch (D) of 15 Birchwood Drive
Jeffrey Devine (R) of 12 Arlene Drive

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslajtis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

RETIREMENT BOARD

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to reappoint the following to the Retirement Board, terms to expire 12-31-2017:

Daniel King (R) of PO Box 1021, Derby
Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Michael Smerznack (U) of 22 Buswell Street

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslajtis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Vaccaro).

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMISSION

Alderman DeLibero MOVED to reappoint the following to the School Building Commission, terms to expire 11-30-2017:

Lorie Vaccaro (R) of 515 Beaver Street
Beverly L. Tidmarsh (R) of 77 Westfield Avenue
Nina Phipps (U) of 60 Rockwood Avenue
Joseph Jeanette (D) of Two Gracie Lane
William C. Nimons (R) of 85 Pulaski Highway
Carmen Pitney, Sr. (D) of 159 Pulaski Highway
William Malerba (U) of 145 Myrtle Avenue
Aretta Kotalis (R) of 51 Eagle Street
Denice Hunt (D) of 6 Myrtle Avenue
Natalie Biasucci (R) of 57 Rockwood Avenue
John Izzo (R) of 12 Shortell Drive
Daniel King (R) of PO Box 1021, Derby

SECONDED by Alderman Kaslajtis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions (Vaccaro, Hunt, Jeanette).

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

RESOLVED, that the Ansonia Board of Aldermen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that David S. Casseti, as Mayor of the City of Ansonia, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf

of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Carroll. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Resolution #2

Re: Adoption of Cafeteria Plan

RESOLVED, by the Ansonia Board of Aldermen, that the City of Ansonia is adopting a Cafeteria Plan for its employees pursuant to Code Section 125.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor David S. Cassetti is hereby given the power and authorization to execute all documents associated with the attached Cafeteria Plan.

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Radin stated, my name is on the top of that and I don't remember discussing it. Alderman Cassetti said the same thing – we don't remember. Did we?

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, let me explain what the Cafeteria Plan is. Obviously we put Aldermen's names on it to get it in front of the Board.

Alderman Radin stated, you don't put my name on without my permission.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, we thought that Bill Nimons had talked to you about this. Let me explain what the plan is. Obviously we want to be cost effective and efficient in the City of Ansonia. This plan allows employees to withhold pre-tax salary and put it toward medical benefits. It's the multi-advantage of the employee and the City to do that. For the employee, because this money is being put toward benefits before they have to pay state and federal taxes, they get to take home more of their dollars, meaning less taken out of their paychecks they can bring home. And for the City, because the City doesn't have to pay FICA or Workers Comp premiums, there is more of a savings for the City. We don't have to lose those dollars in taxes. So this is a win-win. It's used in a lot of private businesses. It's a trend to adopt this in more and more municipalities. We're working very closely with Bill Nimons in putting this plan together along with the rest of our Labor Counsel. We are proud to be advancing the City in this way – modernizing and saving money.

Alderman Radin stated, can I have my name taken off of it, please?

Aldermen Pat Henri and Matt Edo asked that their names are added to the Resolution.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Ordinances

[All ordinances can be viewed in their entirety in the Office of the Town and City Clerk, Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401]

1. Amendment of Ansonia Code Section 24-57; Elimination on Prohibition of Animals on the Riverwalk

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #1 – Amendment of Ansonia Code Section 24-57; Elimination on Prohibition of Animals on the Riverwalk; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaffs.

Alderman Henri stated, the Riverwalk has been getting a lot of traffic; people seem to be happy walking their dogs there. I make it a point to talk to everyone. I've been on there with my dog, you know, "where are you from?" There's a lot of people from Derby and Shelton coming in as well as most of the Wards in Ansonia. I would like to permanently remove the ban on animals on the Riverwalk from the Ordinance.

Alderman Carroll stated, I walk that Riverwalk and I think it's a great ordinance. I want to make sure that plastic bags for the dog poop will be placed on the Riverwalk.

President Tripp stated, I believe arrangements have already been made with Public Works.

Alderman Stowe stated, if there was an incident with a dog, a dog fight or somebody bit, how is the City protected from that?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, if there is a dog bite or any incident on City property, luckily the rules for dogs are pretty simple – the owner is responsible for the actions of their dogs. However, that's not saying someone injured on City property isn't going to sue the City anyway. That is just the risk of holding property open to the general public. There are laws for dog bites and there is strict liability for that. That should give you some measure of security.

Alderman Jeanette stated, it says "animals" if I'm not mistaken. Is it going to certain animals? It sounds crazy but you never know if somebody's going to ride a horse there or something. You never know. I'm just wondering if we should... I'm all for this; my dogs go down there now and believe me they come home – there's no better pleasure than to see them lay down and leave me alone sometimes. I just want to know if we're defining what types of animals.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

2. Amendment to City Retirement Plan

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #2; SECONDED by Alderman DeLibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

3. Tax Exemption for Ambulance-like Vehicles

Alderman Carroll MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #3; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

New Business

Mayor Cassetti stated, I would like to thank Beth Lynch for her service to the City of Ansonia. Beth has worked her many years. She started off with Mayor Della Volpe's administration and prior to that I'm sure she was in City Hall working. I want to thank her for her service to the City as Town Clerk. [Applause rang throughout the forum].

Mrs. Lynch replied, thank you, it has been my pleasure.

Alderman Carroll stated, as a new Alderman I received my City Charter. As you know I've been coming to the Board of Aldermen's for quite a while. I've gone to the Ordinance Committee for a couple of things. None of the new ordinances are in the City Charter.

Mrs. Lynch stated, the supplements are online.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, this is a project we have to embark on starting in the new year. All the supplements, the new ordinances, and even the amended Charter are online. We have to work on getting the full update to the Code in written form, not only for the Aldermen but the residents. That's something that we want to do starting in January.

Alderman Carroll stated, I'm a computer dummy. I'll be the first to admit it. I would like to have it every time there's an ordinance or something put in my box so that I could put it in my City Charter instead of having to go online.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, that's a supplement that should come in every time...

Alderman Carroll interjected, I don't have that in my City Charter.

Alderman Radin MOVED that the Board ask our departments get their reports in by the Monday or Tuesday before the Board of Aldermen meeting so the Town Clerk's Office can get them onto an agenda by Wednesday so we can pick them up on Thursday.

I got my information, I go down to pick it up Friday morning, it was not there. Thank God for the Police Department because they delivered it to me. There's no way I could get back there during the day. If I have questions as I did on some of these things, I could call somebody and talk to them. But you can't talk to them on a Saturday or Sunday, City Hall closes at 12. Monday we're busy at my store. I really think that we need to have some kind of a system where all of this information gets in on time so that we can take time to read it, ask questions, that we don't have to ask these questions at the meeting unless there's something else. Also, I would like it that we don't accept late communications, because a lot of times we just okay things and we really need more discussion. I don't know if anybody else is interested, but I find it very difficult.

Ms. O'Malley stated, I'm sorry, but sometimes there are grant approvals that need immediate attention. There are emergency communications that come up, and you actually have 24-hour notice between the time you get your packets and the meeting is called. We are actually well past that timeframe.

Alderman Radin stated, alright, that might be the late communications but I really think that we as a Board of Aldermen should get – the departments have a month from the time of the meeting to get it to us, and there's no excuse for not getting down to City Hall. The girls having to work on the agendas late Thursday afternoon or Friday morning, I don't think it's fair to them, but it's definitely not fair to us, because we do not have the information. You can see the amount of paper that we get for a meeting, so if you get it on a Friday and you have a busy weekend as I did this past weekend, I was not at home almost the whole weekend. I had a meeting last night and the meeting today and I do work all day at my business. So it's very difficult for me. Maybe it isn't for other people, I don't know. This is something that I feel that I know it was done the last two years, two years ago I was on the board it was done. We got it on Thursday. I just think we need to do this. I mean, I don't have time to read all these things in two days or a day or something like that. Maybe nobody else is interested, I don't know.

Alderman Henri stated, I'm interested; I would like to get it earlier in case there's something I don't like, I want to change, and there's time to make a change. Maybe we could differentiate between late communications which are convenient, versus emergency communications. People would have to justify them as an emergency communication.

President Tripp stated, I sense that there is a desire from the Board of Aldermen to request their documents and information a little bit earlier. I think we just have as to what day earlier that could be.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, I think we can work something out that may be satisfactory. In the past, to clarify, it really has been Fridays. It has always come out on Fridays. The Town Clerk had looked into this for us months ago, so we actually know that they always were Fridays. However, that doesn't mean we can't do

better than that. If we could put an agenda out as it stands say the Wednesday before, so that way you can have an agenda and you'll have everything that has come in up to that point in your box, with the understanding that sometimes, if things come in late, 24 hours before the meeting, that just can't be prevented, and there are a lot of those situations, the agenda might be amended and there may be new things so you should do your due diligence to check the box. We could put something in there so at least you have the reports and all the other stuff that is ready. There always is a chance that something's going to come in 24 hours before, and to cut that off isn't going to do yourselves justice.

Alderman Radin stated, I've been on the Board of Aldermen for four years, and the two years before that I picked up my agendas every single Thursday of the month. So it can be done, and it was done. Maybe it hasn't been done in these past two years but it was done, because that was the only time I could get down here – a Thursday morning – and I picked up. Most of the papers were in the box and I had the opportunity, as we should have, to ask questions. Saturday and Sunday nobody wants to talk to us, and after one o'clock on Friday nobody wants to talk to us.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, Alderman Radin's point is exactly correct, we should make every effort to get it in earlier. We know they were stamped in Fridays, even back when I was on the Board, because we were a little concerned about this. We really looked more than five years back and I actually showed it to Alderman Radin and Alderman Carroll. It was stamped in Fridays, and I remember being an Alderman myself putting resolutions in on Friday mornings. That doesn't mean we can't do better than that and we can't get it in earlier. Let's make this a resolution and a project of our staff to get these things in earlier so you can have more time to ask questions and more time to know what's going on. Fair point.

Corporation Counsel Marini continued, let's try for Wednesday, with the understanding that some things can trickle into the box until Friday.

Ms. O'Malley stated, there is time sensitive information that comes in at the last minute from the State and Federal government that needs to get on the Board agenda. You cannot control that timeframe. You have Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. That's five days.

Alderman Radin stated, Wednesday would be fine; this gives us Thursday and Friday as an opportunity to at least read it.

Alderman Carroll stated, I did research on this and Sheila, you're right. There was under a previous Mayor that this was brought up and no late communications would be accepted except in cases of what you're talking about – emergencies or special reasons. I think what Joan is asking for is just the regular stuff on our agenda to be put in our box but what you're talking about, by all means...

Ms. O'Malley interjected, contracts, grants...

Alderman Carroll continued, anything that has to be done or dealt with immediately, I think that the resolution that was made in 1982 covers this exactly.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, remember, nothing's really late until it's less than 24 hours before the meeting. At that point the Board actually has to take a vote by 2/3 to add it to the agenda properly. If Friday comes and there are important items, there may be an amended agenda in your box.

Alderman Vaccaro stated, the communications, the resolutions, they are put in our boxes throughout the month. They're put in right away.

President Tripp stated, the request is that most of them be there by Wednesday before the Aldermen meeting.

The motion was repeated aloud:

Alderman Radin MOVED that the Board ask our departments get their reports in by the Monday or Tuesday before the Board of Aldermen meeting so the Town Clerk's Office can get them onto an agenda by Wednesday.

[Alderman Radin asked to remove the part "so we can pick them up on Thursday".]

Alderman Henri SECONDED THE MOTION. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 YES, 3 NO (Edo, Vaccaro, Cassetti), 0 Abstentions.

Alderman Henri stated, a couple weekends ago a monument was dedicated on Ford Street next to 117 Ford Street where the Nike Missile site. It was a great turnout by the residents, by veterans. Thanks again to Public Works for setting that up and getting the stone. I believe Carmen Pitney found the stone. If you look at the monument, the stone is from the Fountain Lake property. That's a little added nicety. There is a UI pole right next to it, and I'd like to put a streetlight next to it to illuminate it at night. I plan to get a letter to the Mayor and Doug – I just wanted to put the word out.

Mayor Cassetti asked that Alderman Henri get the letter to him as soon as possible as he is meeting with UI on Friday.

Alderman Carroll asked the Mayor to also speak with UI about electric access at Gatison Park.

Alderman Henri stated, I want to thank the Ansonia Veterans of Foreign Wars for continuing their Pearl Harbor commemoration ceremony. It was on the 7th, a couple of days ago. It's a short, simple ceremony but it has a lot of meaning. It's been 74 years since the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of many

Ansonia residents going off to war. And thanks to the Police force for showing up for that as well.

Alderman Henri continued, question - Charter Revision Commission – are we going to get that going again?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied yes. We'd like to start that – I know the Board already started a little bit and they're eager to get back into the swing of things.

Alderman Radin stated, you have to make a new Charter Revision Commission, because that one is extinct after the election.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, the State Statute states that the Charter Revision Commission is dissolved after they finish their Charter. So after they've actually proposed something. So right now they are actually still valid. They don't dissolve just because of an election, they dissolve once they've actually served their purpose.

Alderman Radin stated, your Charter Revision Board is not, again, as it should be. You're going to have to reappoint them because 50 percent of the Board is City – two are Aldermen and one is on a commission.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, there was an issue...

Alderman Radin interjected, ...So you're going to have to, no. It's only a third, John. You can only have a third as officials of the City. You have 50 percent.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, we can email what the composition was, but from what I recall there was an issue and it was corrected. Let me take a look at it again...

Alderman Radin stated, it wasn't corrected.

Corporation Counsel Marini continued, ...and show you what the percentages were. And if there is an issue, obviously we'll fix it. As I recall, we fixed it. We want to get it right.

Alderman Henri stated, many a time we have overflow capacity in this Chambers. This place is getting popular as people are turning out. I hate to see them standing out there. Is there any way we can get this room, knock a hole in the wall, make overflow? Or could we put a TV monitor in the Erlingheuser Room for live viewing? I think some accommodation should be made.

Mr. Connolly stated, we do not have streaming video; we have recorded video that then gets transferred to YouTube and Channel 10. It may be possible to

connect a monitor over there like we have here. We don't have the capability right now.

Alderman Henri stated, if we could explore the possibilities I'd appreciate it. Lastly, please can we put out an invitation for people to redesign the City logo so we don't have to look at – God bless his soul – grumpy, angry, mean-looking Anson Phelps. It's not friendly, it's not inviting, it's not representative of who we could be.

Alderman Blackwell stated, as touched on by Mr. Novak earlier, down at ARMS we are looking for an extension of the Oatley contract to finish the HVAC system. If there is a need for it, I would like to vote on it. It's coming up on winter and I don't believe the system is running correctly. I believe they ran into monetary issues, which Doug Novak and Jared Heon could relate to better than I can. I just want to bring it up and if there is a need for it I'd like to vote on it.

Mr. Heon stated, the money has been approved already – the Aldermen need to extend the contract.

Ms. O'Malley stated, it's an extension of the current contract. You can vote on it at the special meeting.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, this will be on the agenda for Tuesday, just forward the contract to my office tomorrow morning.

Alderman Carroll stated, I'm new here. I have a couple of resolutions I'd like to write and I have no idea how to write them. Will somebody teach me how to do that?

President Tripp stated, most folks in City Hall know how to do that, you could just reach out to anybody in City Hall.

Old Business

None presented.

Executive Session

At approximately 8:57 p.m., Alderman Stowe MOVED to enter Executive Session after a five-minute recess to discuss the following:

- 1. Potential Sale of ATP/Palmer Building**
- 2. Request by Copper City Development re: Rental of Office Space at ATP/Palmer Building**
- 3. Ansonia v. Washington Management/501 East Main Street (blight/health issues)**
- 4. Transfer of Access Road to City of Ansonia, Fountain Lake**
- 5. Holly House v. Ansonia, property damage**

The Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and Economic Development Director were invited to remain in the Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 9:35 p.m., Alderman DeLibero MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Items from Executive Session

2. Request by Copper City Development re: Rental of Office Space at ATP/Palmer Building

Alderman Henri MOVED to authorize Corporation Counsel Marini to arrange a lease with Copper City Development; SECONDED by Alderman Kaslaltis. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

3. Ansonia v. Washington Management/501 East Main Street

Alderman Henri MOVED to authorize Corporation Counsel Marini to proceed as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman DeLibero. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen