Committee of the Whole 7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 8:00 P.M. City Council Chambers

TIME: 8:22 PM

PRESENT: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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4 MINORITY LEADER LIAM J. McLAUGHLIN

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DISTRICT:

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Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a minute of silence to invoke God's guidance and Blessing upon our deliberations.

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OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

1. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

Resolution resubmitting a Home Rule Message to the New York State Legislature in support of Assembly Bill Number A8021 (Pretlow) and State Senate Bill S-4802 (Cousins) to amend the retirement and social security law in relation to the retirement of detention officers employed by the City of Yonkers.

WHEREAS, the Yonkers Detention Officers are a small unit comprised of 23 officers, supervisors included that are Peace Officers who supervise and maintain order in Yonkers Penal holding facilities, and

WHEREAS, while Detention Officers in Yonkers complete tasks similar to what Police Officers complete in other municipalities, they do not have similar retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS, New York State Bill Numbers A8021 (Pretlow) and S4802 (Cousins) would amend the retirement and social security law and grant Detention Officers employed by the city of Yonkers or those employees that hold a job with responsibilities similar to those of a detention officer, in the event that the job title of detention officer shall be abolished, retirement benefits after twenty-five years of total creditable service by filing an application, and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, each such Detention Officer shall receive a pension which, together with an annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of his or her retirement and an additional pension which is the actuarial equivalent of the reserved- for-increased-take-home-pay to which he or she May then be entitled shall be sufficient to provide him or her with a retirement allowance equal to one-half of his or her final average salary

WHEREAS, this legislation was place in Civil Service and Pensions on April 27, 2009 through corresponding Senate sponsor number, which was recently released as S4802 (Cousins) and

RESOLUTION (CONTINUED)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby resubmits this Home Rule Message to the New York State Legislature in support of Assembly Bill Number A8021 (Pretlow) and State Bill Number S-4802 (Cousins) to amend the related general municipal law to include retirement benefits for Yonkers Detention Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Clerk to forward certified copies of this Home Rule Message to the Yonkers delegation to the New York State Legislature.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS RETURNED TO RULES

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.18-2009

2. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PERMITTING THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 445 & 449 PALMER ROAD BLOCK 5468 LOTS 16 & 18 TO MAKE A MULTIPLE HOUSE CONNECTION TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SYSTEM IN BRYN MAWR PLACE (NO EXPENSE TO THE CITY OF YONKERS).

The City of Yonkers, in City Council convened, hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1. Permission is hereby granted to the property owner of 445 & 449 PALMER ROAD, Block 5468, Lots 16 & 18 to make a multiple house sanitary sewer connection from said lot to a city sanitary sewer in Bryn Mawr Place at his own cost and expense and in accordance with the plan submitted by MICHAEL McGARVEY P.E #74434 dated APRIL 16, 2009 filed in the Plumbing Division, subject to the conditions of a Plumbing Permit to be secured from the Plumbing Division and a street opening permit to be secured from the City Engineer.

Section 2. This permission is granted under the following terms and conditions, to wit:

The granting of this permission shall, in no way, free or release the said owner, or his successors, from the payment of any assessments or benefits accruing to said lot by reason of the construction of any sanitary sewer already built, or that hereafter shall be built, to serve the area within which the lot herein referred to is located.

The cost of construction, maintenance and repairs of said long house connection shall be the responsibility of the owner of the building served by the long house connection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.19-2009

3. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PERMITTING THE PROPERTY OF 23 ALTA PLACE, BLOCK 4656, LOT 8 TO MAKE A LONG HOUSE CONNECTION TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SYSTEM IN ALTA VISTA DRIVE (NO EXPENSE TO THE CITY OF YONKERS).

The City of Yonkers, in City Council convened, hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1. Permission is hereby granted to the property owner of 23 ALTA PLACE, Block 4656, Lot 8 to make a long house sanitary sewer connection from said lot to a city sanitary sewer in ALTA VIST DRIVE at his own cost and expense and in accordance with the plan submitted by Gabriel E. Senor P.E. #081627 dated JUNE 2, 2009, filed in the Plumbing Division, subject to the conditions of a Plumbing Permit to be secured from the Plumbing Division and a street opening permit to be secured from the City Engineer.

Section 2. This permission is granted under the following terms and conditions, to wit:

The granting of this permission shall, in no way, free or release the said owner, or his successors, from the payment of any assessments or benefits accruing to said lot by reason of the construction of any sanitary sewer already built, or that hereafter shall be built, to serve the area within which the lot herein referred to is located.

The cost of construction, maintenance and repairs of said long house connection shall be the responsibility of the owner of the building served by the long house connection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.20-2009

4. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009.

The City of Yonkers hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1: The City's Grant Budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 is hereby amended by increasing revenues and appropriations for the Traffic Engineering Department for a grant from N.Y.S. DOT & Federal Economic Recovery Stimulus Funds, for purpose of upgrading existing traffic Signals through out the City.

Increase Estimated Revenues

NYS DOT 049-G09-1509-1502 \$1,000,000

Increase Appropriation

Traffic Equipment 049-G09-1509-0250 \$1,000,000

Section 2: The unencumbered balance of such appropriation equals or exceeds the estimated expenditures the City requires for such purpose during the remainder of the budget year.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO.116-2009

5. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS - WESTCHESTER COUNTY – STIMULUS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the upgrade of existing Traffic Signals identified PIN 8760.59, an Economic Recovery Project (the "Project) in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds and 0% non-federal funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Yonkers being duly convened, does hereby approve the above-subject project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby agrees to advance the Project through the City's resources and agrees and hereby authorizes the City of Yonkers to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of any and all phases or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of City of Yonkers makes a 100% commitment of the non-federal share (if any) of the costs of the Construction/Construction Inspection phases of the work for the Project or portions thereof, with the Federal share of such cost to be applied directly by the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") pursuant to the State/Local agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated from Account Number 049-G09-1509-1502 and made available to cover the costs of participation to complete the Project including all phases or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the construction of the Project, or a fully usable portion thereof, the City of Yonkers agrees to maintain the Project, or fully usable portions thereof, at its own sole cost and expense; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above the City Council shall convene and appropriate the excess amount, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and providing for the administration of the project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO.117-2009

6. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Yonkers, in meeting assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of TWO THOUSAND TWO DOLLARS AND 29/100 (\$2,002.29) of the action entitled, "JAMES LOFTUS" (residing at 394 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY 10701) plaintiff, against THE CITY OF YONKERS, Defendant", for property damage arising out of an incident on the 21st day of February, 2008, in which plaintiff alleges they sustained damage to their vehicle in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Mile Square Road and The Crossway in the City of Yonkers, when it was struck by a DPW vehicle owned by the City of Yonkers , be and the same hereby is approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrant in the amount of TWO THOUSAND TWO DOLLARS AND 29/100 (\$2,002.29) in favor of said plaintiff and their attorneys, Ross & Suchoff, LLC, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1545, New York, New York 10165.

RESOLUTION NO.118-2009

7. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of The City of Yonkers, in meeting assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of THREE THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$3,082.74), of the action entitled "NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY a/s/o YUCHIN HSIEH, JIN LEI and LISA CHANG, Plaintiffs, against the CITY OF YONKERS, Defendant", for property damage arising out of an incident on January 24, 2008 when a fire truck owned by the City of Yonkers struck claimant's vehicle which was parked and unoccupied in front of 21 Frances Terrace in the City of Yonkers, be and the same hereby is approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrant in the amount of THREE THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$3,082.74) in favor of said plaintiff, Nationwide Insurance Company a/s/o Yuchin Hsieh, Jin Lei and Lisa Chang.

RESOLUTION NO.119-2009

8. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL GREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR THE USE OF GUNSHOT DETECTION/LOCATION EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED IN LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF YONKERS.

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with the Police Department of the City of Yonkers, has been researching various audio and video technologies to assist law enforcement agencies in their investigation of incidents of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, there are gunshot detection/location systems available that involve the installation of acoustic sensors and closed circuit television systems that provide detection, location and video surveillance of a gunshot incident, and the use of these systems will enable a more timely response by law enforcement personnel to locate gunshot incidents; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester is willing to fund up to one million, five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000) dollars towards the installation of one of these systems in the City of Yonkers by the vendor, pursuant to an agreement, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester now desires to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Yonkers for the installation of the aforesaid system at various locations within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Intermunicipal Agreement between the County of Westchester and the City of Yonkers for the gunshot detection/location system is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO.120-2009

9. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE ASSISTANCE GRANT OF \$45,000 TO THE CITY OF YONKERS FOR USE IN PLANNING THE HUDSON-FULTON-CHAMPLAIN QUADRICENTENNIAL.

WHEREAS, the Office of Downtown Development is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Management and Budget (hereinafter "DEC") for a \$45,000 State Assistance Grant to fund the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Program in accordance with the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Act for various activities including the River Day Celebration sponsored by the City of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, these events may also include quality of life awareness events, and entertainment and cuisine, and information and services on important community programs ranging from health, education, environmental and cultural opportunities for the betterment of the lifestyles of the residents of the City as well as the Hudson area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yonkers City Council, that it does hereby endorse and approve the application for a \$45,000 grant; and hereby authorizes the Mayor or his representative to proceed with the application process and enter into any agreements with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation related to this grant; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO.121-2009

10. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA") RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 5-7 ORCHARD ST. TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WESTCHESTER

WHEREAS, there is pending before the City Council, the proposed purchase agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the sale of City owned property located at 5-7 Orchard St., and described as Lots 21 and 22, at Block 2079 of Section 2 on the Official Map of the City of Yonkers and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed lease and sale of property has been reviewed as an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") requiring the City Council to comply with the Regulations promulgated pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached Environmental Assessment Form and supplemental attachments and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the SEQRA regulations and has identified and carefully considered the relevant areas of environmental concern as are fully set forth in said Environmental Assessment Form to determine if these proposed actions will have a significant impact upon the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yonkers City Council that based upon the City Council's review of the Environmental Assessment Form and supplemental attachments, and for the reasons set forth therein, the City Council hereby adopts a Negative Declaration,

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under SEQRA, that there will be no adverse impact on the environment from sale of the property described as Section 2, Block 2079, Lots 21 and 22 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers and also known as 5-7 Orchard St.

RESOLUTION NO.122-2009

11. BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to sell real property located at 5-7 Orchard St., as identified on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers as Section 2, Block 2079, Lots 21 and 22, upon the terms and conditions set forth below and as further contained in the annexed Purchase Agreement:

Description: Section 2, Block 2079, Lots 21 and 22. Properties were acquired via In Rem foreclosure in 1987.

Assessed Valuation: \$3,600.00

Purchaser: Habitat for Humanity of Westchester

524 Main Street

New Rochelle, New York 10801

Purchase Price: \$1.00

RESOLUTION NO.123-2009

12. BY: COUNCIL MEMBER McDOW, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

TO ADOPT LEGISLATION THAT WILL OFFER GPS BRACELETS TO MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE AT RISK OF GETTING LOST OR HURT DUE TO COGNITIVE OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS OR DISORDERS.

WHEREAS, there are 438 medical conditions that cause cognitive disorders and/or impairment, which affects people of all ages, nationalities and social-economic groups; and

WHEREAS, these conditions put members in our community at risk of wandering and possibly being seriously hurt or killed if not located within 24 hours of the missing report.

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers is calling upon our New York State and Federal Delegation to enact a "Stay-Toone" program that will specifically focus on the quality of life and safety of individuals that have cognitive and mental disorders and not the age requirement associated with current programs by providing GPS Bracelets; and

WHEREAS, "Program Lifesaver", which is a pilot program of Westchester County's Departments of Public Safety and Senior Programs and Services, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale that helps monitor the whereabouts of cognitively disabled individuals. It distributes a bracelet with an electronic tracking device to seniors with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia who may become confused and wander. If a senior becomes lost, the transmitter bracelet can help the county police to quickly locate the person; and.

WHEREAS, the name of the program is in honor of Ms. Toone who is suffering with Alzheimer and was the driving force in recent legislation being passed related to cognitive disorders after her encounter with Law Enforcement; and

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WHEREAS, knowing that time is of the essence for patients living with cognitive disorders—be it dementia, Alzheimer's disease or other mental impairments—that may become lost or wander away, the "Stay-Toone" initiative will assist Law Enforcement in immediately locating and identifying these individuals; getting them the proper assistance they may need and contacting their family's accordingly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers calls upon our New York State and Federal Delegation to enact a program, that will offer quick response and retrieval of individuals with cognitive or mental impairments/disorders through the use of GPS Bracelets; no matter their age, that may have wandered away or gotten lost, through an operation called "Stay-Toone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to State and Federal Delegation.

RESOLUTION NO.124-2009

13. BY: COUNCILMEMBER BARBATO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI AND MURTAGH

WHEREAS, the Untermyer Performing Arts Council, will be holding their "Hudson River Melodies" celebrating their 33rd year, which will run from the last week in June, to end on September 5, 2009, and has requested permission from the City Council to place banners throughout the City promoting the event, and

WHEREAS, Untermyer Performing Arts Council has asked that they be permitted to place five (5) banners at the following locations: (1) on the Sadore Lane foot-bridge, Central Park Avenue; (2) the City Hall foot-bridge, Nepperhan Avenue; (3) across Yonkers Ave. & Midland Ave. (near Planet Fitness); (4) the area of North Broadway and DeHaven Drive (in front of Untermyer Park);and (5) North Broadway & Executive Blvd. in front of the Foxfire School, on or around June 17, 2009 and to be removed as soon after September 5, 2009 as is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers hereby grants permission to Untermyer Performing Arts Council to place five banners in the aforementioned locations, subject to any terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Administration to protect the best interests of the City of Yonkers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:51P.M.