

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
February 3, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham Presiding

Present: **Council Member Roxanne M. Burns
Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.
Council Member Stephen A. Jennings
Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso
Mayor Graham**

Also Present: **Sharon Addison, City Manager
Robert J. Slye, City Attorney**

City staff present: Jim Mills, Ken Mix, Kurt Hauk, Barb Wheeler, Amy Pastuf, Amie Davis, Gene Hayes, Erin Gardner, Beth Morris, Chief Herman

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the County of Jefferson, AAA Transportation Program
- Resolution No. 2 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 520-526 Meade Street From Residence B to Neighborhood Business District Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Resolution No. 3 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of VL10 Washington Street From a Mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to Fully Commercial Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Resolution No. 4 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street from Residence A to Light Industrial Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$150,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 10 Within the City
- Public Hearing Ordinance - Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 520-526 Meade Street, Parcels 1-15-220 and 1-15-221, From Residence B to Neighborhood Business District
- Public Hearing Ordinance - Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of VL10 Washington Street, Parcel 14-26-102.100, From a Mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to Fully Commercial
- Pubic Hearing Ordinance - Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street, parcels 1-27-104, 1-27-103, 1-27-103.001, and 1-27-102, from Residence A to Light Industrial
- Laid Over Under the Rules Ordinance - Amending City Municipal Code § 293, Vehicles and Traffic
- Tabled Resolution - Establishing Assessment Charge for Sidewalks, Spring and Fall 2014 Pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter
- CDBG Citizen Participation Plan
- Surplus Sale of Vehicles and Equipment
- Letter from Development Authority of the North Country

- Letter from Watertown Figure Skating Association
Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2014 was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Roxanne M. Burns, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Stacy Faunce, President of the Watertown Figure Skating Association in support of the potential renovations to the Fairgrounds Ice Arena.

Above communication was placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 520-526 Meade Street, Parcels 1-15-220 and 1-15-221, From Residence B to Neighborhood Business District.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of VL10 Washington Street, Parcel 14-26-102.100, From a Mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to Fully Commercial

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:30 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Graham asked the City Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing Concerning Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley

Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street, parcels 1-27-104, 1-27-103, 1-27-103.001, and 1-27-102, from Residence A to Light Industrial.

Mayor Graham declared the hearing open at 7:31 p.m.

No one spoke.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the County of Jefferson, AAA Transportation Program

WHEREAS the New York State Office for the Aging has agreed to provide State and Federal funds to the County of Jefferson to furnish specified transportation services to certain elderly residents within the County of Jefferson, and

WHEREAS Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, wishes to enter into an Agreement with the City of Watertown to provide this service within the Citibus service area, and

WHEREAS the Agreement is to provide transportation services, through our CitiBus program, to residents of Jefferson County who are sixty years of age or older to enable them to access and receive health, welfare and nutrition services, and

WHEREAS the term of this Agreement is from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,600.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it hereby approves the Agreement between the City of Watertown and Jefferson County, acting through the Jefferson County Office for the Aging, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Sharon Addison, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

No introduction.

Mayor Graham mentioned that staff has recommended that this resolution not be considered this evening because there needs to be some language clarification.

Resolution No. 2 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 520-526 Meade Street From Residence B to Neighborhood Business District Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, has before it a proposed

Ordinance changing the approved zoning classification of 520-526 Meade Street, parcels 1-15-220 and 1-15-221, from Residence B to Neighborhood Business District, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the approval of the zone change would constitute such an “Action,” and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the zoning classification of this property is an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed zone change will have a significant impact on the environment, Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that:

1. Based upon its examination of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparing the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact is known and the adoption of the zone change will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Secinded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked where the parking would be located.

James Williams, 8494 Main Street, Three Mile Bay indicated that he is requesting this zone change and explained that parking is along the building on 520 Meade Street and the Party Rental Store.

Ken Mix, Planning Coordinator showed Council the parking area on the map of the property.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 3 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of VL10 Washington Street From a Mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to Fully Commercial Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, has before it a proposed Ordinance changing the approved zoning classification of VL-10 Washington Street, parcel 14-26-102.100, from a mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to fully Commercial, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the approval of the zone change would constitute such an “Action,” and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the zoning classification of this property is an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

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2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 4 - Finding That Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street from Residence A to Light Industrial Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment

Introduced by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, has before it a proposed Ordinance changing the approved zoning classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street, parcels 1-27-104, 1-27-103, 1-27-103.001, and 1-27-102, from Residence A to Light Industrial, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA), and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the approval of the zone change would constitute such an “Action,” and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that changing the zoning classification of this property is an Unlisted Action as that term is defined by 6NYCRR Section 617.2, and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed zone change will have a significant impact on the environment, Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution,

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1. Based upon its examination of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparing the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact is known and the adoption of the zone change will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute the Environmental Assessment Form to the effect that the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting yea.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$150,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs of the Construction or Reconstruction of Sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 10 Within the City

Introduced by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the class of objects or purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of bonds of said City to finance costs of said class of objects or purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying costs of the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks in Special Assessment District No. 10 within the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$150,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$150,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of \$150,000 bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State or Federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such class of objects or purposes.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 24 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied upon property in Special Assessment District No. 10 determined to be specially benefitted by such construction or reconstruction of sidewalks a special assessment to pay such portion of the principal of and interest on such obligations, as the same become due and payable, as shall be established in proceedings under Title XII of the City Charter and, to the extent such assessments are insufficient, there shall annually be levied a tax to pay principal and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the

manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1340-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

- Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
 - 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr., seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof

Council Member Butler asked if the price per square foot needs to be established prior to considering this ordinance.

James Mills, City Comptroller advised that it did not.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

OLD BUSINESS

The Ordinance “Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 520-526 Meade Street, Parcels 1-15-220 and 1-15-221, From Residence B to Neighborhood Business District”. (Introduced on

1/21/2014; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 8-9 of the 1/21/2014 minutes).

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

The Ordinance “Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of VL10 Washington Street, Parcel 14-26-102.100, From a Mix of Commercial, Neighborhood Business, and Residence C to Fully Commercial”. *(Introduced on 1/21/2014; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 9-10 of the 1/21/2014 minutes).*

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

The Ordinance “Changing the Approved Zoning Classification of 1108 Lewis Street, VL-R Bradley Street, 1079 Bradley Street, and 1069 Bradley Street, parcels 1-27-104, 1-27-103, 1-27-103.001, and 1-27-102, from Residence A to Light Industrial”. *(Introduced on 1/21/2014; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 10 of the 1/21/2014 minutes).*

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

The Ordinance “Amending City Municipal Code § 293, Vehicles and Traffic”. *(Introduced on 1/21/2014; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 7-8 of the 1/21/2014 minutes).*

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing ordinance and carried with all voting yea.

The Resolution “Establishing Assessment Charge for Sidewalks, Spring and Fall 2014 Pursuant to Section 93 of the City Charter”. *(Introduced on 1/21/2014; tabled at that time; appears in its entirety in the 2014 Minutes Book on page 6 of the 1/21/2014 minutes).*

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to take from the table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Mayor Graham advised that the price per square foot needs to be set for this resolution.

Council Member Macaluso mentioned that \$5.25 per square foot has been used in the past.

Council Member Butler added that this amount was also used when the residents were notified and the cost was quoted.

Kurt Hauk, City Engineer confirmed this.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to amend the fee to be \$5.25 per square foot. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea.

STAFF REPORTS

CDBG Citizen Participation Plan

Mayor Graham drew Council's attention to this report asking for a public hearing to be set.

Motion was made by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm regarding the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Surplus Sale of Vehicles and Equipment

Mayor Graham said that the Purchasing Manager is asking to sell a piece of equipment (old mail machine).

Ms. Addison stated that staff needs Council's authorization to proceed with this because there is no clear policy in place.

Motion was made by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns to authorize the Purchasing Department to accept the highest offer at time of sale. Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Letter from Development Authority of the North Country

Mayor Graham explained that this letter notifies the Watertown Trust that the money that this organization committed is no longer needed. He said this is good news because now it can be used for other things.

Letter from Watertown Figure Skating Association

Mayor Graham summarized that this letter shows support for the arena.

NEW BUSINESS

Council's Tour of the Potsdam Ice Arena

Mayor Graham commented that a trip is scheduled for Council to visit the Potsdam Ice Arena for Wednesday, February 5th, leaving Watertown approximately at 1:30 pm. Mayor Graham asked if this meeting should be adjourned until Wednesday.

Attorney Slye advised that the adjournment is only needed if Council will be conducting business such as voting on something. However, he said that the public needs to be notified that Council will be going there and this announcement serves as notification.

In response to Mayor Graham's inquiry, Erin Gardner, Parks and Recreation Superintendent explained that the Potsdam Ice Arena has had almost the same renovations done as what is needed in Watertown. Also, she said that it had the same issues that Watertown is trying to fix such as separate areas for spectators and team members. She did not know how old the Potsdam Arena was.

National Wear Red Day®

Mayor Graham stated that Council was given a flyer regarding National Wear Red Day® and a proclamation will be made on Friday, February 7th at 10:30 am at City Hall in support of the American Heart Association.

Fairgrounds Ice Arena Renovations

Council Member Butler said that he has received a little more dialogue in regards to the arena's renovations and he is concerned about the amount of money that could potentially be spent on this, especially in light of the downward trend in sales tax revenue. He noted that if this trend continues then there will be a \$1.1 million shortfall so next year's budget would need to reflect this. He discussed the financing options of the arena renovations indicating that there would be approximately \$425,000 of debt per year. These shortfalls, along with the court room debt and lack of the use of the fund balance, he said will lead to challenges in the next few years. He agreed that the arena needs to be renovated but he stressed that Council needs to look at the impact of this and how it will be paid for. He questioned what expenses would be cut and what revenue will be seen in order to make up these shortfalls.

Council Member Macaluso noted that there is a lot of concern and that this is why Council is being slow and not jumping into the project. She said that everyone recognizes that the arena needs a lot of help but the next couple of years are going to be financially tough.

Potholes

Council Member Macaluso remarked that she has received some calls regarding potholes especially on Main Street between Leray and Vanduzee Streets. She said that she knows that they cannot be addressed right now and she advised the residents that crews are working on keeping the roads plowed and will work on the potholes as soon as they can.

City Clerk and City Manager Annual Performance Reviews

Mayor Graham informed Council that the City Charter requires that the City Clerk and City Manager be reviewed annually. He said that in recent years the Council has adopted resolutions affirming that this has been done. He suggested that Council meet in executive session after next Monday's work session to review these assessments and have resolutions drafted for the February 18th meeting.

North Side Improvement League

Mayor Graham told Council that a letter went to the members of this group regarding a meeting on February 11th and that an announcement was to be made at that time. He stressed that this club no longer exists as a civic organization as it once did but he hoped that the future of the building remains useful. He mentioned that the tax sale certificate will come due in the spring of 2015.

Town of Pamela Interest in Forming a Water and Sewer District

Mayor Graham said that Attorney Renzi sent a letter (on file in the City Clerk's Office) to the City Manager in regards to forming a water and sewer district in the Town of Pamela. He advised that the suggestion of annexation of this property into the City of Watertown was opposed so another option

would be to sell the service directly. He said that he does not see a compelling need to form the district when the City could sell the services right across the City line. He stressed that this is a Council decision and should not be addressed by writing a request to staff.

Council Member Macaluso asked what other option is available.

Mayor Graham advised it could be sold directly to the property owner. He noted that the Town of Pamelaia is requesting that the City sell water and sewer services to a Town district.

Council Member Burns pointed out that the Town of Pamelaia wants this because it can provide City water and sewer services while still collecting the taxes from the property. She said this is an age-old debate that the City has had with the Towns. She commented that it is almost unheard of to set up a water and sewer district for one user and she has an issue with that. She agreed with the mayor in that Attorney Renzi should know that this decision is made by Council and the request should have been presented to this body. She indicated that if they want the City's water and sewer then they need to realize that Council represents the taxpayers of the City of Watertown and not the Town of Pamelaia.

Mayor Graham suggested that this could be discussed more at next week's work session.

Citibus Issues

Ms. Addison informed Council that one of the bus engines failed and needed to be pulled from the route. She said a used engine was ordered costing \$23,000 - \$25,000. In the meantime, she said that a temporary fill-in for the bus service is being done.

Fire Truck – Broken Axle

Mayor Graham asked for an update on this repair.

Chief Herman indicated that the bill has not been received yet but the truck was towed from Watertown to Syracuse which cost over \$1,000. He explained what caused the truck to break and that the damage was more severe than originally thought. He said that the truck is now back in service.

Council Member Macaluso asked how old the truck was.

Chief Herman said that it is a 2006. He responded to Council Member Butler that the estimate was done prior to the truck being torn apart and discovering the real issue. He pointed out that this was a Pierce built vehicle and that all the parts have to be specific to Pierce and not generic.

Snowtown USA Sculptures

Ms. Gardner said there are four blocks of snow set up and one has been carved. She explained that they will be carved up until March 1st.

Motion was made by Council Member Roxanne M. Burns to move into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual and collective bargaining.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Joseph M. Butler, Jr. and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

Council reconvened at 9:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 pm until Monday, February 10, 2014 by motion of Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham, seconded by Council Member Teresa R. Macaluso and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk