

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
MARCH 21, 2005  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY  
COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Agreement for Public Benefit Services Between the City of Watertown and the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant
- 2 - Approving an Extension of the Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services, Camoin Associates, Inc.
- 3 - Approving Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Labor and Materials to Install Dehumidification and Air Conditioning at the Watertown Ice Arena, J & A Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- 4 - Approving 2005-2007 Contract Between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249
- 5 - Approving Contract for Purchase of an Exclusive Option to Develop Tax Parcel Nos. 615119 and 615116, Formerly Known as the Ogilvie Foods Site and A Paper Street Known as Columbia Street, Hospice of Jefferson County, Inc.
- 6 - Accepting Proposal for Advertising Services, Inkwell Graphics
- 7 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of an 800 Sq. Ft. Building at 651 Flower Street, Parcels No. 4-19-101 and 4-19-102
- 8 - City Manager's Update Report

**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 March 7, 2005 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman LaBouf and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Written notice was received from Barbara Giordanelli in regard to her falling on ice in the Stone Street Parking Lot.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Communication was received from the City's Planning Board recommending that City Council approve the site plan submitted by Charles L. Fluno, P.E., on behalf of Elaine J. Granger, for the construction of an 800 sq. ft. building at 651 Flower Street, Parcels No. 4-19-101 and 4-19-102.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Mrs. Corriveau announced that Kathy Webster, Transit Supervisor, was named Person of The Year at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural and Transit Conference. Ms. Webster was also selected to be a member of the Board of Directors for the NYS Public Transit Association. Mayor Graham presented a certificate to Ms. Webster.

## **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 LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2005.**

**MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING OPEN.**

Attorney James Burrows addressed the chair explaining Local Law No.2 as well as this amendment before Council this evening. He outlined the history leading up to it and explained that this would allow the City to post notices for the tenants and businesses that would be affected.

**MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED 7:33 P.M.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the City Council has received a request for funding to support the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown desires to appropriate \$5,000 from the 2005-2006 Publicity Account to support the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant, and

WHEREAS the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant will expend the funds to market and promote the City of Watertown through the public media, print, radio, television, direct contact and other promotional devices and that this will encourage tourism in the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to enter into an Agreement for Public Benefit Services between the City of Watertown and the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves a Public Benefit Services Agreement between the City of Watertown, New York and the Miss New York State Scholarship Pageant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City Council.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York approved an Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services with Camoin Associates, Inc. on October 4, 2004, and

WHEREAS said Agreement expires on March 31, 2005, and

WHEREAS the services of Camoin Associates, Inc. will be needed to continue to administer the local program after March 31, 2005, and

WHEREAS there is uncertainty as to what actions the State of New York will take to extend the program, and

WHEREAS an Agreement has been drafted that extends the original Agreement through September 30, 2005, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the extension of the Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services with Camoin Associates, Inc. through September 30, 2005, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough advised that the Zone Board is moving in the direction that Council has asked them to do by looking at alternatives. The committee has held one meeting already.

Councilwoman Burns thanked Councilman Clough and the Zone Board for their efforts on behalf of the City and the Town. She also remarked that Camoin has stepped up to the plate to help the board and she appreciates their flexibility as the board works through the various alternatives.

Mayor Graham advised that there would be an Empire Zone rally on Wednesday and 9 a.m. at Timeless Frames.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS on November 15, 2004, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by J & A Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Oswego, New York, in the amount of \$163,000.00 for labor and materials to install dehumidification and air conditioning at the Watertown Ice Arena, and

WHEREAS Superintendent of Public Works Gene Hayes is now asking that the City Council approve Change Order No. 1 to this Agreement in the amount of \$7,000.00, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with J & A Mechanical Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$7,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the 2003-2005 Employment Contract between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249, expires on June 30, 2005, and

WHEREAS negotiations have been concluded on a successor Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that it hereby approves the 2005-2007 Employment Contract between the City of Watertown and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1249, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 CONCERNING APPROVING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF AN EXCLUSIVE OPTION TO DEVELOP TAX PARCEL NOS. 6-15-119 AND 6-15-116, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE OGILVIE FOODS SITE AND A PAPER STREET KNOWN AS COLUMBIA STREET, HOSPICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC. WAS WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF HOSPICE.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the City of Watertown owns and operates the City Bus System which is available to the general public, and

WHEREAS the City wishes to enter into an Agreement with an outside advertising firm for the sale of advertising on the City of Watertown's transit system, and

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department solicited quotations for an advertising manager to manage all bus advertising on the City's behalf, and

WHEREAS the advertising manager will solicit, design, produce, deliver and provide administrative services for the sale of all advertising on the City's bus system, and

WHEREAS request for proposals were issued to five prospective agencies with two proposals submitted to the Purchasing Department on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and Transit Supervisor Kathy Webster have reviewed the proposals submitted and are recommending that the City Council accept the proposal submitted by Inkwell Graphics,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the proposal submitted by Inkwell Graphics, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to draft and enter into a Franchise Agreement based upon the proposal submitted.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS Charles L. Fluno, P.E., has made application for site plan approval on behalf of Elaine J. Granger for the construction of an 800 sq. ft. building at 651 Flower Street, Parcels No. 4-19-101 and 4-19-102, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on March 9, 2005 and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan as submitted, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and has determined that the project, as submitted, is a Type 2 Action requiring no review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Charles L. Fluno, P.E., on behalf of Elaine J. Granger for the construction of an 800 sq. ft. building at 651 Flower Street, Parcels No. 4-19-101 and 4-19-102, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer on February 15, 2005.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**LOCAL LAW**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2005 WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL** (Introduced on March 7, 2005; public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety on page 53 of the 2005 Minutes Book.)

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING LOCAL LAW AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF EXCEPT COUNCILWOMAN BURNS WHO ABSTAINED.**

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Planning Board Vacancy**

Mayor Graham asked for suggestions from the Council regarding the filling of the vacancy on the Planning Board created as a result of Rande Richardson's resignation.

**B.O.B. Rafting**

Mayor Graham referred to Mr. Peterson's invitation to Council to look at his property on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**Streetscape Memo**

City Planner Michael Lumbus, referring to the memo, gave a presentation to Council concerning the streetscape project. He explained that while the plans are ready, the funding formula is not. Staff is recommending patience. He outlined the changes in the cost estimates and various options that had been looked into for proceeding. However, these options might jeopardize the funding and therefore are not being recommended.

Mrs. Corriveau also mentioned that there had been much talk in the community for the project and to start it now would only be responding to the talk and would not be the best business decision.

**Retirement of K-9 Unit**

Councilman Clough asked if the retirement of the K-9 Unit meant that Officer Wood could be in regular patrol again.

Mrs. Corriveau indicated that this was correct.

**Iron Block**

Councilman Clough asked about the fence around the Iron Block.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the fencing was put up this week. The crew will be removing the roof, by hand, tomorrow. The roof is the last piece of the asbestos abatement. The majority of the internal work has been completed.

### **Street Lights**

Councilwoman Burns asked about the street light repairs. She questioned if the ones repaired were as a result of the complaints phoned in or as a result of Ni Mo being on a schedule to repair all of them.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that Mr. Hayes has been in contact with Ni Mo. City staff wants to set up a meeting with Ni Mo to discuss the lights needing repair and the deduction in the City's bill as a result of the street lights being out.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:34 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

***Donna M. Dutton***

City Clerk