

Traffic and Safety Committee Public Hearing:

Please take notice that the City of Beacon Traffic Safety Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York, pursuant to proposed amendment to the Traffic Code regarding the following:

1. Revise Section 211-15B to read “No Parking Here to Corner” on the east side of Main Street from the corner at East Main Street to a point 50 feet north.
2. Add to Section 211-15B to read “No Stopping, Standing or Parking” on the east side of Main Street from a point 150 feet north of the intersection of East Main Street to the intersection of Herbert Street.
3. Repeal Section 211-15B “No Stopping, Standing or Parking” on the east side of Main Street from Verplanck Avenue to Herbert Street.
4. Add to Section 211-15B “No Stopping, Standing or Parking” on the south side of VanNydeck Avenue from the intersection of Tioronda Avenue to a point 100 feet west.
5. Add to Section 211-17.1 on the west side of South Cedar Street, the first space on the right side of the street.

Mr. Furco asked the audience if there was anyone in attendance regarding Spring Valley Street. That public hearing will probably be on June 1, 2009. Mr. Lou Amorso asked if it was legal to have stop signs at a three way intersection. Mr. Furco replied that Stop Signs cannot be used as a speed control. A constituent stated that he saw on Main Street a sign that said “No Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks. Mr. Furco, stated that is State law. Bicycles have to ride with the flow of traffic.

The Traffic Safety Committee, at the time and place stated above, will hear all persons in support of these amendments or any objections hereto.

Mr. Furco, will recommend to the Council that all items presented at this Public Hearing this evening be ratified tonight.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Beacon City Council held at the Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza on May 18, 2009 was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Steve Gold announced that there is a change to the Agenda, as there is an Attorney present to talk about a litigation issue which will take approximately twenty. Motion by Council Member Kelly, to go into Executive Session, Second by Council Member Fredericks.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Council Member Kelly and Second by Council Member Leake. All present voted in favor.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Steve K. Gold
Casale, Randy – Council Member – Ward Three
Fredericks, Marlene – Council Member – At Large
Kelly, Charles – Council Member - Ward Two

Leake, Deanna – Council Member – Ward One
Pasti, Sara – Council Member – Ward Four
Thompson, Eleanor – Council Member – At Large

Excused:**Also Present:**

City Administrator – Meredith Robson

City Attorney – Richard Wolf

Media Represented by:

Goldie Green – Beacon Free Press

Residents at Beginning of Meeting:

Thirty Four (34)

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Pertaining to any, item Maximum time for this section is thirty minutes. Maximum time for individual public comment is three minutes.

Prior to the First Opportunity for Public Comments Mayor Gold took the time to clarify the agenda as it has changed.

1. The first was Mayor Gold suggested to remove the statement “Table until Further Notice” and continue with the Special Use Permit Public Hearing. Motion to hold the Public Hearing by Council Member Leake, and Second by Council Member Fredericks. All present voted in favor.
2. The second was to add to the Agenda, One Day of work by the Clearwater at the University Settlement Camp similar to the one day of work that took place last August. Motion to Add this to the Agenda by Council Member Kelly, Seconded by Council Member Pasti. All present voted in favor.

Resident (Did not give name nor address) – Regarding Memorial Park smoking, drinking and dog walking. There has been confrontation on the bleachers between the smokers and non-smokers. If this is inappropriate, signs should be put up “Smoking Prohibited” This is a negative impact on our children seeing parents and others smoking. Mayor Gold explained typically this is not a forum to answer questions, but these are fast ones. NO DOG WALKING, NO DRINKING at Memorial Park. The smoking prohibition the Mayor is not sure about this law, but will look into.

Kathy Deuterma – 27 South Brett Street

Recreation Issues: During the Budget Discussion which was quite lengthily with some heated discussions regarding what recreation programs would be available this summer. Ms. Deuterma attended the Recreation Meeting last week and asked what the pool plans were because there was nothing on the City’s Website at that point. I was told once again the pool would not be opening until July 4th, that it would be available to residents, Monday – Friday from 4pm-5pm. That is it

during the week. Saturday and Sundays the hours are being cut. Furthermore after we raised the prices from three dollars to five dollars and the City is only giving one hour. Also part of the playground for field day is going to be held August 4th, there is going to be another ten dollar charge to the children. Field day has now traditionally become part of National Night Out. The other groups of the Beacon Youth Services charge nothing for field day and yet Beacon Recreation is charging ten dollars. Ms. Deuterma has a problem with this; I do not know what these children are paying ten dollars for.

Resident (Did not give name or address): Would like to address the Mayor regarding some posts on the City of Beacon Web site regarding incorrect tax collection of commercial property owners. This individual read a quote from the Mayor that was on the website.

Taxes of this gentleman business on Main Street have tripled. Spoke with a few homeowners whom stated their assessment on their home has been lowered, which translate into more of a tax burden on commercial business. Would like the City to pay back the money that was illegally taken from him for the past ten years.

Andrew Forman – 44 Monell Place – The Kiwanis Club was created on the benefit of the children. On behalf of the Kiwanis Club in Beacon/Fishkill presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to go towards the Firework Celebration.

Dennis Pavelock – 34 Judson Street – Spoke in reference regarding the following article:

Mr. Pavelock would like our City of Beacon Police Department have a similar website as Middletown (see below)

New M'town police Web site lets people track crime, give tips
 BY HEATHER YAKIM
 Times Herald-Record
 APRIL 10, 2009

MIDDLETOWN – The Middletown Police Department unveiled a new Web site Friday, complete with crime maps, crime stats and three new ways for people to give the cops anonymous tips.

"If you ever used the old Web site," said police Chief Matthew Byrne, "you'll notice the improvements are dramatic."

While the old Web site contained precious little, the new one at www.middletownpolice.com is packed with information: The police department's annual reports for 2008 and 2009, an FAQ page with information on getting accident reports, taxi licenses and the like, and forms for personnel complaints and customer feedback.

"If it's convenient, we believe people will utilize it more often," Byrne said.

The site also explains how to file anonymous tips – by calling toll-free at 877-341-TIPS, by texting on your cell phone, or by going online. The text and online tips go to a private company that encrypts the sender's identity and sends the information to the police department.

Byrne said the department figures people might be more comfortable texting or e-mailing tips. But they can still call the main police number (343-3151) or the existing tips line (341-TIPS) if they prefer. Emergency calls should still go to 911 or to dispatchers at the main number.

The site also allows the public to see what the department is doing, Byrne said. Google mapping is used to show where reported crimes happened. The addresses are given only as block numbers on a street, to protect victims' identities. Data will be updated daily.

"It's about transparency," Byrne said. "We wanted to create a Web site that the public would use, and hopefully use often."

Photo courtesy of www.middletownpolice.com

The Middletown Police Department hopes people will frequently use its revamped Web site, www.middletownpolice.com.

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Mayor Gold responded that the City of Beacon Web Site is an ongoing process and appreciates any and all suggestions.

Public Hearings:**Proposed Local Law – Affordable Housing – Tabled until Further Notice – This will be discussed at the next workshop.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Beacon will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the City of Beacon Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, to consider proposed local law Amending Chapter 223 of the Beacon City Code, Zoning, with Respect to Affordable Housing.

This local law would take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Complete copies of the proposed local laws are available at the Municipal Center for inspection during regular business hours.

All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the date, time and place aforesaid.

Iola C. Taylor, City Clerk

Dated: February 18, 2009

Mayor Steve K. Gold explained the reason this was tabled was because the Dutchess County Planning and Development had some comments and the Council wanted to review them at the next workshop.

Special Use Permit – Accessory Apartment – 34 Wilson Street – Table Until Further Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Beacon will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the City of Beacon Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, to consider a Special Use Permit for an Accessory Apartment @ 34 Wilson Street, Applied for by Alberto Mora.

A copy of the proposal is available for inspection at the Municipal Center, lower level, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30a.m.– 3:30 p.m.)

All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the date, time and place aforesaid.

Iola C. Taylor, City Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2009

Motion to Remove from Table by Council Member Leake, Second by Council Member Fredericks, All present voted in favor.

Discussions: NONE

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Leake, All present voted in favor.

Community Segment: None

Approval of Minutes

Motion: to approve minutes of **April 6, 2009** by Council Member Thompson, Second by Council Member Fredericks All presented voted in favor.

Communication / All Reports from Mayor and Council Members Located at the end of the Minutes

Public Comments Pertaining to This Agenda Only: Up to Five Minutes per Person

No one stepped forward this evening for the Public Comment section pertaining to this Agenda Only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Local Laws and Ordinances

Second Reading Proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 223, Zoning of the City Code with Respect to Affordable Housing. **Tabled Until Further Notice**

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2009 SPECIAL USE PERMIT RESOLUTION ALBERTO MORA 34 Wilson Street (Ola I need a number for this)

WHEREAS, Alberto Mora has applied for a Special Use Permit from the City Council requesting approval for an accessory apartment in a building located at 34 Wilson Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended the City Council issue said permit; and

1. The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations involved or conducted in connection with it, the size of the site in relation to it, and the location of the site with respect to stems giving access to it, are such that it would be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located; and

2. The location, nature and height of the buildings walls and fences, together with the nature and extent of the landscaping of the site are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings; and
3. The operation in connection with the accessory apartment is not more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration or other characteristics, than would be the operation of any permitted use not requiring a special use permit; and
4. Parking area are of adequate size for the accessory apartment use, are properly located and the driveway is laid out to achieve maximum safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the application submitted by Alberto Mora for a Special Use Permit is an action subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the broadest powers to investigate of the authorization for the proposed apartment in the building located at 34 Wilson the Council has the capability provide a thorough Environmental Assessment of the proposed therefore, it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby declares itself lead agency under SEQRA relative to the application by Alberto Mora fm a Special Use Permit, and be it further

RESOLVED, that City Council as lead agency under SEQRA has review the submitted Environmental Assessment Form and has determined that the proposed action is have a significant effect on the environment, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement need not be prepared, and be it further

RESOLVED, a Special Use Permit subject to final site plan approval of the Planning Board pursuant to Section 223-18 of the City of Beacon Zoning Ordinance.

Motion to put Resolution to Adopt Special Use Permit for Alberto Mora 34 Wilson Street on the Table to Vote, by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Leake. Resolution is now on the Table.

Discussion: Council Member Kelly is against the Special Use Permit due to applicant not being in compliance with the law. Mayor Steve K. Gold reported that the Building Department stated that the applicant is out of compliance with the law due to occupancy zoning laws. An owner MUST be in compliance in order to get a Special Use Permit. Council Member Thompson asked how this applicant is violating the law. Mayor Steve K. Gold stated that he now has two tenants, possibly three, in which this home is listed as a single family home. City Attorney stated the first paragraph reads: *(The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations involved or conducted in connection with it, the size of the site in relation to it, and the location of the site with respect to stems giving access to it, are such that it would be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located; and)* this special use permit application contradicts this statement, if in fact there is an illegal operation. Council Member Casale agrees that if the applicant is in violation that the applicant should be denied. Council Member Leake agrees with Council Members Kelly and Casale and will be voting no. We have laws for specific reasons and they are not being complied by.

Motion to **ADOPT SPECIAL USE PERMIT- ALBERTO MORA 34 Wilson Street** by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Leake On a Roll Call: Council Member Leake – No, Council Member Kelly – No, Council Member Casale – No, Council Member Pasti – No, Council Member Fredericks – No, Council Member Thompson – abstained does not know enough about this Resolution, and Mayor Steve Gold – No. **With a vote of six no and one abstain, this Resolution to Approve Special Use Permit for 34 Wilson Street has been denied.**

NEW BUSINESS

Local Laws and Ordinances

RESOLUTION OF 2009 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2009 - ADDING SECTION 3.01 TO TSE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR TO APPOINT AN ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of City of Beacon as follows; Section X. Tide.
This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Adding City Cher Section 3.01 to the Powers and Duties of Mayor to Appoint an Acting City Administrator."

Section 2. Intent and Purpose.

The City Council recognizes there may be occasions where It is necessary to appoint an Acting City Administrator in the absence of the City Administrator in order to provide for the orderly conduct of the City of Beacon governmental business and activities.

Section 3.

The City Council hereby creates the position of Acting City Administrator who may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to Council approval, whenever the Mayor determines that:

- A. The City Administrator is medically unable to perform his or her duties full-time;
- B. The City Administrator is or will be on a leave of absence or vacation for more than live days;
- C. The City Administrator is prevented by an emergency from carrying out his or her duties.
- D. The City Administrator has resigned or is terminated.

Section 4.

Upon determination by the Mayor of the existence of any of the events set forth in Section 3, the Mayor's appointment of the Acting City Administrator shall commence on a date designated by the Mayor. The Acting City Administrator shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the City Administrator during any period of the City Administrator's absence.

Section 5.

The Acting Administrator shall terminate upon the City Administrator's resumption of his or her duties full time.

Section 6.

The Acting City Administrator's compensation shall be determined by the Mayor, subject to Council approval.

Section 7.

The Mayor may require certification from a medical doctor that the City Administrator is able to resume full time duties where the City Administrator's absence is due to medical reasons.

Section 8.

The Acting City Administrator's term of appointment shall not exceed six (6) months unless reappointed by the Mayor, subject to Council approval, prior to the expiration of the six (6) month period.

Section 9.

An appointment of an Acting City Administrator shall be made no later than 60 days after any of the events set forth in Section 3 occurs.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Motion to Approve Resolution (Proposed Local Law adding Section 3.01 to the Powers and Duties of the Mayor to Appoint an Acting City Administrator) to Set Public Hearing for June 1, 2009, by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Thompson.

Discussion: Council Member Thompson stated she did not like the word "acting", further Council Member wanted to know the qualification. Mayor Steve K. Gold explained that this has been discussed in workshops. Council Member Thompson would like the qualifications spelled out in this Local Law. Council Member Casale strongly urges that the City of Beacon gets this Local Law in our Charter, as if something happened to our City Administrator than we would not be able to act rapidly to get someone to replace this position. Further Council Member Casale and Council Member Leake both agree that the qualification should be included prior to setting the Public Hearing. Mayor Steve K. Gold stressed that time is of the essence as our City Administrator has requested some time off and the appointment of a Acting City Administrator is of utmost important. Mayor Steve K. Gold made a suggestion to table this Proposed Local Law and discuss at the next workshop of Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Motion to Table Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law adding Section 3.01 to the Powers and Duties of the Mayor to Appoint an Acting City Administrator, by Mayor Steve K. Kelly, Seconded by Council Member Thompson. All present voted in favor to table this Resolution to SET PUBLIC HEARING regarding Proposed Local Law adding Section 3.01 to the Powers and Duties of the Mayor to Appoint an Acting City Administrator.

Resolutions:**Resolution 82 of 2009 – TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RATIFICATIONS OF TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee held a public hearing in the City of Beacon on Monday, May 18, to receive public input for:

1. Revise Section 211-15B to read "No Parking Here to Corner" on the east side of Main Street from the corner at East Main Street to a point 50 feet north.
2. Add to Section 211-15B to read "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main Street from a point 150 feet north of the intersection of East Main Street to the intersection of Herbert Street.
3. Repeal Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main Street from Verplanck Avenue to Herbert Street.
4. Add to Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the south side of VanNydeck Avenue from the intersection of Tioronda Avenue to a point 100 feet west.
5. Add to Section 211-17.1 on the west side of South Cedar Street, the first space on the right side of the street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the determination of the Traffic Safety Committee to require the following actions be hereby ratified to:

1. Revise Section 211-15B to read "No Parking Here to Corner" on the east side of Main Street from the corner at East Main Street to a point 50 feet north.

Motion by Council Member Kelly, Seconded by Council Member Casale to Approve Ratification to Revise Section 211-15B to read "No Parking Here to Corner" on the east side of Main Street from the corner at East Main Street to a point 50 feet north. All present voted in Favor.

2. Add to Section 211-15B to read "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main Street from a point 150 feet north of the intersection of East Main Street to the intersection of Herbert Street.

Discussion: Council Member Casale stated that he would not hold up this ratification but feel very strongly about adding additional parking slots, by moving the sign down closer to Verplanck Avenue. Mayor Steve K. Gold suggested that Council Member Casale make a suggestion to Mr. Furco, Chairman of the Traffic and Safety Committee.

Motion by Council Member Leake, Seconded by Council Member Pasti to Approve Ratification to Add to Section 211-15B to read "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main

Street from a point 150 feet north of the intersection of East Main Street to the intersection of Herbert Street. All present voted in Favor.

3. Repeal Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main Street from Verplanck Avenue to Herbert Street.

Motion by Council Member Pasti, Seconded by Council Member Thompson to Approve Ratification to Repeal Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the east side of Main Street from Verplanck Avenue to Herbert Street. All present voted in Favor.

4. Add to Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the south side of VanNydeck Avenue from the intersection of Tioronda Avenue to a point 100 feet west.

Motion by Council Member Casale, Seconded by Council Member Pasti, to Approve Ratification to Add to Section 211-15B "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" on the south side of VanNydeck Avenue from the intersection of Tioronda Avenue to a point 100 feet west. All present voted in Favor.

5. Add to Section 211-17.1 on the west side of South Cedar Street, the first space on the right side of the street.

Motion by Council Member Leake, Seconded by Council Member Fredericks to Approve Ratification to Add to Section 211-17.1 on the west side of South Cedar Street, the first space on the right side of the street. All present voted in Favor.

RESOLUTION 83 OF 2009 - SUPPORT AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THREE GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is accepting applications for funding under the Green Innovation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beacon is in support of applying for three Green Innovation Grant Program grants to 1) replace deteriorated water mains on Ralph Street, South Avenue from Dennings Avenue to Tioronda Avenue, and South Avenue from Tioronda Avenue to Grandview Avenue; 2) replace the Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) that operate the pumps at the City Water Plant; and 3) purchase leak detection equipment to monitor the City's water mains; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Facilities Corporation will fund up to 90 percent of eligible project costs and the recipient must contribute at least 10 percent matching funds, which may include direct cash funding or documented in-kind services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Meredith S. Robson as City Administrator of the City of Beacon is hereby authorized and directed to file three applications for and accept funds from the Green Innovation Grant Program, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a state assistance contract with the Environmental Facilities Corporation for such financial assistance for the City of Beacon.

Motion by Council Member Pasti, Seconded by Council Member Thompson **SUPPORT AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THREE GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.**

Discussion: Council Member Thompson asked how much will it cost the city? This is a very quick turnaround as the application is DUE prior to our next Council Meeting. If the City of Beacon is successful in all these application it will mean 1.6 million dollars, which 10% of that it will cost the City one hundred and sixty two thousand dollars. This is a estimate, as there is meeting tomorrow whereas more details will become available.

On a Roll Call: Council Member Thompson – Yes, Council Member Leake – Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Yes, and Mayor Steve Gold – Yes. All presented voted in favor, Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 84 of 2009 TO OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, Congressman John Hall has secured a \$66,605 grant for a solar electric power system for the Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, funds for this Congressionally Directed Project are being processed by the U.S. Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, the required matching funds for this project will be obtained from cash incentives through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's PV Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beacon is in support of submitting the required application package to the U.S. Department of Energy to process the grant award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Meredith S. Robson as City Administrator of the City of Beacon is hereby authorized and directed to file the required application package with and accept funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the solar electric power system for the Municipal Building.

Motion by Council Member Fredericks, **TO OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,** Seconded by Council Member Leake

Discussion: Council Member Thompson questioned if we could get any funds from Central Hudson or someone for the balance of this project. Mayor Steve K. Gold stated that we will be getting the full balance from SERTA

All Present voted in favor.

RESOLUTION 86 of 2009 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF CHRISTOPHER KING AND ELIZABETH KING AND RELEASE

WHEREAS, Christopher King and Elizabeth King own and occupy premises at 38 Willow Street, City of Beacon; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2008, sewage flow from the City's line backed up into the Willow Street premises causing property damage at the premises; and

WHEREAS, Christopher King and Elizabeth King applied for reimbursement for damages sustained pursuant to Code Section 179-12 and obtained costs estimates for the personal property damaged due to the sewage flow totaling \$18,040.55 and such reimbursement estimates upon review by the City Council are reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the City and Christopher King and Elizabeth King have determined to settle the matter to avoid time consuming and costly litigation expenses for the City and the Kings; and

WHEREAS, Christopher King and Elizabeth King shall execute appropriate waivers and releases in favor of the City respecting replacement payment for their damaged property as a condition for such payment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a total payment of \$18,040.55 be made to Christopher King and Elizabeth King by the City of Beacon in full settlement of their damage claim upon execution of the foregoing waivers and releases.

Motion by Council Member Leake to **AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF CHRISTOPHER KING AND ELIZABETH KING AND RELEASE**, seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Discussion: Council Member Thompson wanted to know why the city is responsible for the damage. Mayor Steve K. Gold explained that this topic has been discussed at previous workshops and this claims within the timeframe PRIOR to the local law was changed. The City Attorney reviewed all the particulars and found it to be accurate.

On a Roll Call: Council Member Thompson – Abstained, Council Member Leake – Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Yes, and Mayor Steve Gold – Yes. Six – yes and One Abstained, Resolution adopted.

Resolution 86 of 2009 – APPROVAL OF RIVER DAY SPONSORSHIP

Meredith Robson, City Administrator stated that there is no resolution at this time, but will explain. First weekend in June there will be many activities pertaining to the Hudson Fulton Quadricentennial Celebration at Riverfront which is sponsored by the State of New York. The City has received some grant money for pieces of this celebration, however the question is this.

We have several non-profits in the City who have planned to participate in the weekend event and we have an ordinance that requires non profits not to pay for a certain amount there is a question whether the City will charge for these particular non-profits when it is a State Sponsored City weekend. The City would never be able to determine a cost for the For-Profits to pay for this event. There is very little financing from the State to back this event up. The estimated cost is five to eight thousand dollars. Most of the festivities will start around 2pm. There is a concern of where is the City of Beacon going to get this money. The City Administrator stated that the money will come from the City of Beacon Budget. Many communities are facing the same dilemma.

Discussion: Council Member Leake stated what choice do we have? Council Member Leake will vote yes with reluctance. Council Member Kelly stated that he will vote Yes and has confidence that our City Administrator will scrutinize those plans for the overtime as she has so far. Council Member Casale said he will vote yes but when it comes to taking money from the general fund to pay overtime, he will vote no.

Motion by , to Approve the River Day Sponsorship, Seconded by Council Member . On a Roll Call Council Member Thompson – Yes, Council Member Leake – Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Yes, and Mayor Steve Gold – Yes. Seven - Ayes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 999 of 2009 **APPROVAL FOR ONE DAY OF WORK BY THE CLEARWATER AT THE UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT CAMP**

WHEREAS, the Clearwater requests the city give permission to perform non-structure, non-repetitive work on the grounds of the University Settlement Camp near the White House property for one day, and

WHEREAS, the Clearwater intends to present details of the work to the City Administrator prior to the work beginning, for approval from the Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the details of the work to be performed will be evaluated for credit towards the Clearwater account, and

WHEREAS the Clearwater account contains value for work performed to be used towards rental of the White House,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council gives permission to the City Administrator approve the work to be performed and to assess its value and to credit it to a Clearwater account subject to the terms of any future agreement which may be concluded between Clearwater and the City of Beacon for use of the University Settlement Camp premises.

Discussion: Council Member Thompson asked when the contract will be signed by Clearwater to lease the University Settlement Camp. Mayor Steve K. Gold explained to Council Member Thompson that the City Attorney Richard Wolf reported in his report that he has been working with the Clearwater to get a finalized contract ready to sign by both parties which should be

ready shortly. The work that they perform on this day May 31st will be credit to Clearwater. City Administrator explained that if there is never a contract signed by both parties, then any work that has been done by Clearwater will not be paid. Furthermore, all work has to be approved by the City PRIOR to work being done. At this time there is no plan from Clearwater of what kind of work they will be doing. The Resolution will be changed to read non-structural, non repetitive work in the first paragraph.

Motion to Add **APPROVAL FOR ONE DAY OF WORK BY THE CLEARWATER AT THE UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT CAMP TO AGENDA** by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Fredericks, All voted in Favor to Add to Agenda.

Motion to **APPROVE FOR ONE DAY OF WORK BY THE CLEARWATER AT THE UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT CAMP** by Council Member Kelly, Seconded by Council Member Pasti.

On a Roll Call Council Member Thompson – Absent, Council Member Leake – No, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Casale – No, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Yes, and Mayor Steve Gold – Five Ayes, Two Nays Resolution adopted.

RATIFICATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

W. H. Mase Hook & Ladder Co. #1

Ratify the following to Active Members effective May 5, 2009

- Terrance Hernandez – Jr. Active Member
- Pat Odell – Active Member
- James Sklenar as Fire Police

Motion by Council Member Leake to Approve Ratifications to the W.H. Mase Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Seconded by Council Member Pasti. All present voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day Parade on May 25th at 9:30am which will be televised

City Wide Yard Sale – June 6th

Hudson Fulton Quad Celebration – June 7th

Next Workshop will not be NEXT Monday as it is Memorial Day it will be on Tuesday, May 26th.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - None

CHECK LIST – General Disbursing Total \$386,804.59

PUBLIC COMMENTS: On any item on any issue you would like to discuss. Maximum of five minutes to speak.

John Berry 227 East Main Street – Regarding June 7th. On Spirit of Beacon Main Street is lined up with volunteer groups and is planned by a committee in a year. This event on June 7th is in ten days and we are putting all the restraints on the Beacon Police Department. Which is still being criticized by the Pub Crawl? Who is in charge down by the dock? Is it Scenic Hudson, the Beacon Farmers Market, who is coordinating the waterfront activities?

Kathy Deuterma – 27 South Brett Street – The last resolution that was discussed was unfair to the public; this was added onto the Agenda. A year ago I had asked for a report from the Building Department regarding a punch list of what had to be accomplished at the USC. The foil was never answered as this punch list never existed. It's a year later and still doing not have that request. Regarding Green Street Park, the fences are broken, lighting is poor, the tennis court in horrible disrepair. All parks are in residential neighborhoods, any program that is run at these parks needs to be reminded that they need to be good neighbors. Bright lights are on to eleven to twelve o'clock at night when the basketball games have been over hours ago. Neighbors are asking to put timers on the lights to go off at dusk, and to be mindful of loud music. Gates should be locked. Mayor Steve Gold asked all residents to please call City Hall if there is a problem or an issue that you would like to have resolved. That is the ONLY way it can be corrected if City Hall is informed or your Council Member of your ward.

John Forman – 60 East Willow Street – On Friday, May 15th in the Poughkeepsie Journal printed a list of projects supported by the NYS Assembly who represents Dutchess County, which was titled "Break down of Money going toward Local Pork Projects. When reviewing this list it was noted that Beacon was receiving \$5,000, which was directed to the Beacon Institute.

Mayor Steve K. Gold asked Mr. Forman to speak about issues and not to criticize an elected official. City Attorney Richard Wolf echoed the Mayor in saying that Mr. Forman was being critical to a local official. Mayor Steve K. Gold stated that one of things that makes Beacon successful and always has is the City Council works together as a team; we look at issues and work those issues out. We put issues before politics, before the individual, and before egos. This Council will always put issues first, and what business and new residents joining our City would want to see is a council that functions efficiently and fluently for the best of the city.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Date: April 7, 2009 – Andrea Buergers
RE: THANK YOU

Dear Chief Scofield,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter, as I wish to thank the City of Beacon Police department for the assistance that was given to me on Saturday, April 11, 2009. At approximately 12:40AM, I got a flat tire while I was driving back home to the Town of Poughkeepsie. I called 911 and

was connected to the City of Beacon Police Department. Officers Cornfield and Burns arrived to assist me. These fine Officers were professional, courteous, and went well beyond the call of duty by helping me change the tire on my car so that I could return safely home. As a small child growing up in Queens, I remember seeing police officers on mounted horseback riding the city streets, and I was taught that police officers were to be treated with great respect. That ethos has remained with me in adulthood, and once again, it was proven that police officers deserve to be treated with the utmost regard. Officers Confield and Burns is an asset to your police force, and I wanted you to know that I appreciate the help that they gave me so that I could return safely home. The services that police officers provide to our communities are invaluable, and I wanted you to know that I am so grateful for all that is done to keep our towns safe.

I will be sending a card of thanks via regular mail to Officers Confield and Burns, and I would appreciate it if you could make sure that they receive it.

Date: April 7, 2009 William R. Steinhaus, County Executive

RE: PRESS RELEASE

Dutchess County Lands State's

First Solar Manufacturing Plant

\$81 Million Initial Investment and Hundreds of Jobs

*Poughkeepsie, NY...*Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus is pleased to welcome the first solar manufacturing plant in New York State as they relocate to Dutchess County. *SpectraWatt, Inc.*, a manufacturer of photovoltaic cells used by solar module suppliers, has officially signed a lease to begin production in a former IBM building in East Fishkill, New York. *SpectraWatt* is expected to invest up to \$81 million to begin operations in East Fishkill and anticipates creating at least 160 new jobs in the next two years.

County Executive Steinhaus credited the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation for their work over the last several months coordinating incentives, detailing labor data and meeting with *SpectraWatt* officials including site tours hosted by the DCEDC's External Marketing Council's Business Ambassadors along with the County Executive and other officials.

County Executive Steinhaus said, "After spending many months helping put together all of the pieces to convince *SpectraWatt* to choose Dutchess, we are thrilled to see this project come to light. We are especially proud to welcome New York's first solar manufacturing plant to Dutchess and the hundreds of green jobs they will help create. This is a huge win for the hard work done by TEAM DUTCHESS."

"*SpectraWatt* will relocate from Oregon and will lease approximately 100,000 square feet at IBM East Fishkill Building 334 to bring its corporate headquarters, manufacturing and global R&D center to Dutchess County," Steinhaus continued. "The initial investment will total nearly \$81 million in building construction, equipment & materials, research & development and other various investments," said the County Executive.

“What is especially appealing is the company plans to hire approximately 100 employees its first year and has discussed adding additional employees within 24 months of operations. These employees would include engineers and technical professionals with average salaries to exceed \$50,000 annually,” said Steinhaus

“Key to attracting *SpectraWatt* to Dutchess County were the benefits offered to the manufacturer by locating its plant in the Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone and the resource assistance provided including training grants from the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (DCIDA) and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB). Additionally, the County Executive Steinhaus noted, “Dutchess Community College has agreed to work with *SpectraWatt* to tailor technical and professional development courses for employees based on the needs of the company.”

Dutchess County’s well-established semiconductor presence was instrumental in attracting *SpectraWatt* to the county since the technology used by the solar manufacturing industry is similar to that employed by the semiconductor industry. “By capitalizing on our strong semiconductor industry and putting together an enticing package of employee training assistance, job creation incentives, utility credits and other assistance, we have been successful in bringing the state’s first solar manufacturing plant to Dutchess County,” said Steinhaus.

“The effort to convince *SpectraWatt* to make Dutchess their home base has been one of our top work priorities for months and has been ongoing since last fall when our county DCEDC in partnership with Empire State Development (ESD) began working to attract *SpectraWatt*.”

New York State is expected to provide \$3 million through ESD and \$1.5 million from the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA).

SpectraWatt is partially owned by Intel and Cogentrix Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. The other owners of *SpectraWatt* are PCG Clean Energy and Technology Fund (CETF) and Solon AG, a German solar company.

Intel made its leap into the burgeoning clean-tech sector in June of 2008 by creating *SpectraWatt*. Like IBM and HP, Intel has expertise in semiconductor materials and capital-intensive, high-volume manufacturing. These same skills are required in the solar photovoltaics business, which is growing rapidly.

“This is a true “green” project that is strongly supported by New York State and will enhance the state’s leadership position in renewable energy and solar technology,” said County Executive Steinhaus. The solar cells manufactured by *SpectraWatt* are the discrete components in a solar energy generation system responsible for converting sunlight to electricity. In addition to focusing on advanced solar cell technologies, *SpectraWatt* will concentrate development efforts on improvements in current manufacturing processes and capabilities to reduce the cost of photovoltaic energy generation.

“I want to thank our entire team from Dutchess including recently retired President and CEO of DCEDC Ann Conroy, along with our NY State partners, and our IBM East Fishkill host site,

who worked long and hard to bring *SpectraWatt* with their advanced alternate energy technology and good paying jobs to our community. This is the kind of business we want to encourage and we welcome *SpectraWatt* to Dutchess County,” concluded Dutchess County Executive Steinhaus.

Date: May, 2009

RE: PRESS RELEASE

The City of Beacon Police Department wishes to report that Police Officer Joseph Dardis, shield #11, will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) in Washington, D.C. during Police Week activities next month.

Officer Dardis died on July 28, 1944 after suffering a heart attack on duty while arresting a military deserter, at the age of 72. Dardis had declined retirement 2 years earlier because of a manpower shortage caused by World War II. Officer Dardis was originally appointed as an officer with the Village of Matteawan Police Department on May 1, 1910, and was one of the original officers with the City of Beacon Police Department when the city was incorporated in 1913, with the merger of the Village of Matteawan and the Village of Fishkill Landing.

Officer Dardis will join Officer Charles Lucy on the Memorial Wall, who died in the line of duty in the City of Beacon on 8/15/1922 when he was shot with a shotgun by a suspect on a call. Fortunately, Dardis and Lucy are the only City of Beacon Officers to die in the line of duty.

Officer Dardis' name is currently being engraved on the Memorial Wall, along with 386 other fallen officers being added this year as part of National Police Week, being held May 10-16, 2009. A Candlelight Vigil is being held on May 13, 2009 at 8:00pm at the NLEOM, and the Memorial Service will be held at the United States Capitol on May 15, 2009.

Officer Dardis is being added this year as a result of the efforts of Detective Richard Sassi and Officer Patrick O'Dell, who recognized that Dardis' name had been omitted over the years. These officers, over the past two years, obtained the necessary background reference material needed by the NLEOMF, and prepared the application for submission by Chief of Police Glenn Scofield. Chief Scofield's application was investigated by the NLEOM, and accepted for immediate inclusion. The officers were assisted by numerous individuals and organizations, including former Beacon Police Officers, particularly retired Detective Vernon Way, Beacon City Hall, the Beacon Historical Society, the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, family members and various others.

SAVE THE DATE!

Beacon City School District

First Parent University Program

May 27, 2009

The District-wide Parent Involvement Committee is planning the First Beacon City School District Parent University Program, a conference for parents by parents facilitated by school and community personnel.

It is scheduled for Wednesday May 27th, 5-9 p.m. at Beacon High School. Dinner will be provided at this event. Based on survey responses submitted by parents, pertinent workshop topics will be presented, community groups will share information, and our students will be available to assist with children's activities so that parents can attend events while their children are supervised. Additional information will be updated as available.

Volunteers are needed and welcome!

Please contact Administrative Intern, Tamela Sloan at 845-838-6900 x2025 to volunteer.

Date: May 11, 2009 – Libby Faison and Nanci Pate – Beacon Barkery

RE: Thank You for Your Support

On behalf of the Beacon Barkery and Dutchess County SPCA and the Beacon Business Association, we would like to thank you for your participation and support of 'Beacon Barks' on April 25, 2009. We appreciate and really enjoyed your proclamation of Animal Shelter Appreciation Day in Beacon and your leadership in the first annual animal parade up Main Street. It was a fun filled day for many families with their pets. It was clear to see that there are many pet owners with their furry friends who enjoyed shopping in Beacon while taking in the festivities of the day.

It was reported that more than three hundred dogs and more than one thousand families participated in this event. We felt that it was wonderful to highlight publicly the Beacon pet friendliness and participating businesses reported a good day. The event was additionally considered a success for the Dutchess County SPCA through their adoption and fund raising.

As we have discussed, we would like to help plan for a dog park in Beacon. We have had many requests from our Beacon customers and we can see that it would be used and kept up on a daily basis. As you may know, the town of Fishkill had opened a dog park a few months ago, and due to the overwhelming interest from pet owners all over the area, the town has now limited the use of the park for Town of Fishkill residents only. This has now put the many pet owners from the City and Town of Beacon at a loss for a place to bring their pets for healthy fun and socialization. With the assistance of your office, the Beacon Barkery will be committed to investigating and planning the options for a dog park in Beacon.

Once again, many thanks for your participation and support of "Beacon Barks". We look forward to next year's event and continued discussion to start the works for a dog park in Beacon in the near future.

Date: April 30, 2009 – Roger Connor – Cablevision

RE: Franchise Fee Payment for the 1st Quarter of 2009

Enclosed is the City of Beacon's franchise fee payment for the 1st Quarter, 2009 totaling \$48,826.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning cable television, please don't hesitate to call me at (845) 296-3564 or via email at rconnor@cablevision.com.

Date: March, 2009 – John Wolham, - NYS Office of Real Property Services
RE: 2008 Annual Aid Certification for the City of Beacon

Congratulations. Your municipality has demonstrated successful completion of an annual reassessment on your 2008 assessment roll; consequently, you will be receiving up to \$5.00 per parcel in State Aid. This is an impressive accomplishment for your municipality, and you should be recognized for your efforts to maintain equitable assessments for your taxpayers. Your municipality should be proud of your exemplary efforts.' Thank you for achieving the highest levels of quality assessment administration.

You are likely aware of substantial benefits to your administration and taxpayers due to your municipality undertaking a program of annual reassessments. Such benefits include:

- more manageable and market-supported changes in assessments;
- elimination of the uncertainty in changes to tax rates due to equalization;
- elimination of the cumulative impact of infrequent or periodic reassessments on tax rates; and
- improved communication between government officials and taxpayers at a time when taxpayer participation in the assessment process is increasing.

In addition, you should also recognize that, by achieving and maintaining assessment equity, your community is acting as a model of quality assessment practices for municipalities statewide. I commend your assessor for maintaining a system of real property tax administration that meets the highest standards set by the State. Such efforts are essential to guarantee equity and fairness to the taxpayers of your municipality. This financial assistance will help your assessor to continue to maintain the equity evidenced on the 2008 final assessment roll.

Since your municipality completed a reassessment on 2008 assessment roll, you are eligible for Annual Aid in the amount of up to \$5 per parcel. However, Chapter 50 of the laws of 2008 directs the Office of Real Property Services to reduce any payments made under this aid program by two percent. Accordingly, a State Aid voucher in the amount of \$21,074.90 has been forwarded to the Office of the State Comptroller for payment. The aid payment was computed using a parcel count of 4,301 which was extracted from your 2008 final assessment roll file (parcel count x \$5 x .98 = aid payment). The Office of the State Comptroller has informed us that all state aid received for real property tax administration should be recorded in the general government account A3040: State Aid - Real Property Tax Administration.

Please note that the 2008 reassessment, for which this payment is being provided, is part of a six-year plan that was submitted by your municipality. This six-year plan includes maintaining assessments at 100 percent of market value on a yearly basis. In order to continue receiving this aid, your municipality must continue to comply with the standards for annual reassessments.

As part of the process for your municipality to receive this aid, staff of the Office of Real Property Services is required to review the six-year plan, in addition to the procedures and data used in the completion of the 2008 assessment roll. Since staffs findings resulting from this analysis comprise anywhere from 20-50 pages, copies will only be sent upon request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Again, I commend you and your administration for providing your taxpayers with quality assessment practices. We at ORPS look forward to our continued collaboration with your municipality on your annual reassessment initiatives.

Date: March, 2009- William R. Steinhaus – County Executive

RE: Award Funding from the 2009 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

I am pleased to notify you the City of Beacon Police Department has been awarded funding from the 2009 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

The Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board has provided funding to fourteen law enforcement agencies throughout Dutchess County to target unsafe driving behaviors including speeding, aggressive driving and other moving violations during peak driving time periods. Enforcement activities may be conducted through August 2009. Additional funding has been allocated for the purchase of speed measuring device(s) to assist in the enforcement efforts.

The City of Beacon Police Department has been awarded \$9,000 from the STEP grant for dedicated police patrols. The department will receive an additional \$1,995 to purchase speed measuring device(s) identified in the "block" grant application.

Thank you for your continued commitment to enforcing the safety of Dutchess County roadways.

Date: March, 2009 – Roger Connor – Cablevision

RE: Music Choice Channel and Programming Changes

Cablevision has been advised by Music Choice, a service that currently provides an array of commercial-free professionally programmed music on 48 channels on iO TV channels 801—848, of upcoming programming changes to their line-up.

As a result, effective April 17, 2009, the number of Music Choice channels available will change from 48 to 46. At the same time that Cablevision is accommodating the changes to the Music Choice programming line-up, we will be moving the position of these services from iO TV channels 801 - 848 to iO TV channels 851- 896.

Customers will be notified of the programming change through bill messages and banners on IO Channel 14/100. In addition, customers can always find the most current channel line-up for their community on our website www.cablevision.com.

If you have any questions, as always please feel free to call me at 845-296-3564

REPORTS:**Council Member Thompson:**

Would like to join Council Member Leake regarding needing swings for the older children.

Thanks for many cards and telephone calls wishing me well along with expressions of your desire to serve out my term. I have been on a Medical Leave of Absence from the City of Beacon Council for the last five months. Due to complications of colon cancer since 2004, I live with daily life struggles which has been debilitating. Taking a leave of absence became a matter of sheer survival. I did name three interim successors to take my place in my absence. Much of my complications were stress related, my family and doctors suggested that I resign my post, until recently it was my intent to do so. However, based upon many requests from constituents to remain and complete my term. I have reconsidered my position. I will attend meetings and other events only as my health allows due to the recommendations of my doctors.

I received a phone call that seemed to be a rumor indicating that I have been campaign manager for Pamela Seegler with implications that I have been fraudulent with my illness and leave of absence. "No I am not Pamela Seegler campaign manager, I will not be a manager for anyone, I will be supporting different candidates and she so happens to be one of them."

Governor Patterson, Mayor Bloomberg has been able to bring some money to New York State, some which will go to the Hudson Valley. There are scholarships that are available for any family that is in a hardship to let their children attend camp. Governor Patterson released on May 9th that New York will get one hundred million in federal funding for youth employment. See Press Release Below:

**GOVERNOR PATERSON, MAYOR BLOOMBERG, CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION PUT NEW YORK'S LOWER-INCOME, UNEMPLOYED YOUTH TO
WORK**

Governor Announces Nearly \$100 Million in Federal Funding for Youth Employment

*Funding Will Stimulate Local Economies Across New York; Will Create 50,000 Summer
Youth Jobs – more than 27,000 in New York City*

Governor David A. Paterson today was joined by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Congressman Charles Rangel, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Congressman Gregory Meeks and State and City officials in announcing nearly \$100 million in federal funding for job creation, a portion of which will be used to assist New York's lower-income youth in finding summer employment. This funding is expected to create 50,000 jobs statewide, including more than 27,000 jobs in New York City, which will stimulate local economies across New York. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will provide \$61 million in funding, and an

additional \$35 million will be provided through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, creating jobs for New York's lower-income youth statewide.

These initiatives are critical in light of the soaring youth unemployment rate across the State. Over the past 12 months, the unemployment rate among 16-19 year-olds in New York City averaged 22.1 percent – nearly four times higher among the rest of the city's residents. That estimate includes only young adults actively seeking employment.

“Unemployment among youth has far reaching consequences across society – from substance abuse to teen pregnancy to increased crime in our communities, making finding employment for youth all the more critical,” said Governor Paterson. “With this federal funding, tens of thousands of youth will have their lives changed for the better by gaining substantive work experience and necessary life skills to succeed. I would like to thank President Obama, New York's congressional delegation and Mayor Bloomberg for being champions for our youth, and the future of our State and country.”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said: “None of us forget our first job, and these federal funds represent employment opportunities for our youth to set them on the way toward a lifetime of working. These funds will create more summer jobs that give young people who want to work a chance to learn and develop employable skills while they earn so that they can contribute to the economy, and encourages post-secondary work. I want to thank President Obama and our congressional delegation for their hard work in making sure that New York City received this much-needed funding to help preserve solid futures for our youth.”

New York's low-income youth are slated to receive \$61 million in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training funds under ARRA. Administered by the New York State Department of Labor (DOL), WIA funding will provide paid work experience, education, skills training, and support services for at-risk youth. The maximum age of eligibility has been raised from 21 to 24 so that young adults 14 to 24 are eligible to participate. Some of these jobs will continue after the summer via career ladder programs.

ARRA funding for youth summer jobs in regions outside New York City include:

- Capital Region, \$2.2 million
- Central NY, \$2.4 million
- Finger Lakes, \$3.8 million
- Hudson Valley, \$4.3 million
- Long Island, \$4.2 million
- Mohawk Valley, \$1.8 million
- North Country, \$2.1 million
- Southern Tier, \$2.1 million
- Western NY, \$5.2 million

In addition to the ARRA funding, \$35 million in TANF funding will support the State's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for all 57 counties and New York City. Administered by

the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), this funding will include approximately \$19.5 million for New York City youth. SYEP is designed to not only help teenagers find a summer job, but also to instill skills and work ethic necessary for youth to advance and prepare for life after high school. For many participants, the program provides their first exposure to the workforce. Last year, these funds were used to employ nearly 26,000 young people.

TANF requires that youth must be between the ages of 14 and 20 to qualify for SYEP.

Participating families must be recipients of public assistance, or have a family income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$36,620 for a family of three.

TANF funding for youth summer jobs in counties outside of New York City include: Dutchess, \$342,815.

Council Member Leake

Good Evening and Thank you for being here tonight. In regards to 34 Wilson Street, it is very important to constituents to contact your Ward Council Member if you know of any issues that should be discussed with the other members to the Council. If any constituent has a problem with the public of your name, we will honor that issue. Nevertheless it is important if you know of anything that is going on in your neighborhood that this Council should be aware of please call. Reminder last year a little girl requested that swings be available to older children and that has not been accomplished. After we get done funding the fourth of July maybe the City can seek funding for the swings down at Riverfront Park.

Council Member: Kelly

Constituent contacted me about volleyball playing and hot dog selling at Memorial Park. The constituent wanted to know whether there are restrictions regarding non-residents using the park as well as the pavilion. I directed the constituent to Mark Price our Recreational Consultant regarding scheduled use of the park and the pavilion. She will forward the email inquiry to the City Administrator and hopefully she can have her office or Mark Price to follow up on this inquiry.

I would like to make a statement in general about affordable housing and special use permits. Given our current economic climate I am generally in favor of granting special use permits for accessory apartments. I have supported application in the past and will continue to support them in the future. Special use permit applicants, however, needs to be in compliance with our codes and building regulations. We are a citizen group elected by the citizens to exercise good judgment in making our decision. Special use permits applications need to be in harmony with the neighborhood. We rely on citizens to bring to our attention anything they think improper and/or inappropriate for their neighborhood. We realize that it is not always possible to attend meetings but the city is sensitive to your concerns. Not all your concerns will be decisive in our judgments but we should hear them.

Council Member: Casale

1. I was informed of derelict buildings that are unsecured and the kids now plan to have fights — the one I am aware of is the Beacon Terminal building on South Avenue.

Mayor Steve K. Gold thanked Council Member Casale for bringing this to the attention of the Council. There is a law in place that all abandoned building must be boarded up securely, and he will direct the appropriate person(s) to go around checking to make sure these buildings are secure.

2. Could the building department and police try to keep an eye on these buildings to see when they are broken into?
3. The grass at Tallix is high and could someone see that it is mowed, I have received complaints.
4. What is the status of cameras on Main Street?

Mayor Steve K. Gold stated that City Administrator has been working with the Consultants. Mayor Gold has also been doing some investigating, as we as the Council were made to believe that all six boxes that were installed for the security cameras were empty, but in fact there was equipment that was installed. Mayor Gold further stated that he did approach the firm that installed the boxes with the equipment and stated that the City is not satisfied of the work that has been done to date. It turns out that only one box was empty, put the other cameras was missing important communication equipment. City Administrator reported that as of the end of last week the City was waiting for a proposal to finish the work.

5. Could we put on workshop to discuss what we are going to do with Teller and Fishkill Avenue?
6. When will the 2008 audit report be given to us?

Council Member Pasti:

I have a few items of information for the general public that have come to me from constituents:

End of Seasonal Leaf Collection

I received a call from a constituent inquiring about the end of the leaf collecting by the City. According to the City's website, curbside pick-up of leaves and grass clippings has ended for the spring and will resume in the fall. Leaves, clippings and yard waste cannot be taken to the Transfer Station at 95 Dennings Avenue Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7:30am through 2:30pm. To be placed on a list for brush pick-up, residents can call the City's Highway Department at (845) 831-0932. Brush can be no more than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 feet in length. Brush should be placed near the curb and piled all one way. Also, each taxpayer in the City of Beacon is entitled to one free yard of compost each year. Taxpayers can contact the Transfer Station at (845) 831-4390.

This information is also available on the City of Beacon Website.

University Settlement Camp Update

With regard to the [University Settlement Camp Master Plan, a website](#) that can be accessed through the City of Beacon website has been launched to provide residents, officials, and other stakeholders with timely information about the developing master plan for the USC property. The website is also a forum for public comments and questions. There are two public meetings scheduled for June 3, 2009 and June 17, 2009 to review programming options and offer another way for residents and others to voice their opinions.

Quadricentennial Activities

Artist Rick Price while putting the finishing touches to his mural called River Beacons, which he has been working on as a Quadricentennial project of the Beacon Sloop Club. I understand that the mural's hanging and unveiling will take place on May 23rd at 11AM at the building on the corner of Cross and Main Streets. The project still has money to raise to complete the cost of the frame and art. Donations are welcome and can be made online at www.riverbeaconsmural.wordpress.com.

River Day Schedule Update

An updated schedule for River Day is available on the City of Beacon website. You can find it by going to June 7th on the website's calendar.

River Day begins on June 5th in New York Harbor. On June 7th, around 5-6PM, the arrival of boats along with a cannon welcome are expected to take place in Newburgh/Beacon around 5-6pm on Sunday, June 7th. Newburgh is providing music, Dutch singers and festivities. Long Dock Beacon-Scenic Hudson is hosting a Welcome the Fleet Festival with music and food vendors. The flagships will stay in Beacon/Newburgh on Monday, June 8th and the morning of Tuesday, June 9th for educational programs.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST – June 7th Tolling of Church Bells

In conjunction with the June 7th arrival of the flotilla of boats, Rob Atherton from the Greater Beacon 2009 Committee is organizing a ringing of church bells by all churches in Beacon and Newburgh as follows:

Churches in the Beacon will ring for 5 minutes beginning at 6:30pm.

Churches in Newburgh will ring for 5 minutes beginning at 6:40pm.

Churches are asked to contact Rob Atherton at 845-489-7798 for more information.

Council Member Fredericks

Thank you for coming and watching. On Saturday, the Mayor, Council Member Leake and myself attended the Police Memorial, it was beautiful and very moving. Many awards were presented, and all are doing a great job, very proud of each and every one of the police officers. I had the opportunity to walk two trails in the City of Beacon. The first was Madam Brett Park which was free, was there for the opening day and saw a Bald Eagle; it is a wonderful nature trail which eventually will connect to the Beacon Riverside Trail. I would encourage all Beaconites to walk these trails, and thank you Scenic Hudson. Mayor Gold emphasized that Scenic Hudson has an educational program that is provided to our children in Beacon and that they bring the children to walk these trails. On the other side of the trail is the Greenway Trail, what the Council is doing is continuing the trail. So it will go from the Madam Brett Trail up along Fishkill Creek and eventually up to Main Street. The City has been working on the easements or the legal rights from the two developers that is on that trail.

Council Member Fredericks asked if Verizon is coming to Beacon, and the City would no longer have Cablevision. Mayor Steve K. Gold stated that “no” Verizon FIOS will be competing against Cablevision.

City Attorney: Richard Wolf

Reported that he does not have a written report will give a verbal report and have a typed out version available on May 19th.

- Clearwater Contract – which has taking a considerable amount of time because of its complexity, but the contract is very close to being completed.
- Vendors and Operations of Vendors – which a considerable amount of time has been put into this matter.
- Special Use Permit – Has been an object of discussions and appropriateness.

City Administrator: Meredith Robson

1. Tim Dexter and I met with several representatives of BVAC to discuss the status of their operations and any issues that have come up recently. We met their new Operations Manager. This was a positive meeting and we have decided to meet quarterly to keep each other apprised of any issues, concerns or activities taking place regarding the provision of ambulance services.
2. I have been coordinating work related to the submission of the grant applications that are on the agenda this evening. I will be meeting tomorrow with the grant writer and City Engineer to review where things stand with these applications.
3. The work on the Main St. sidewalks and trees has progressed well and we expect that project to be done within the next week.
4. Work is continuing on reviewing all accounts and previously funded authorizations to see if we will be able to reassign funds to new projects. This has been a tedious, time-consuming process trying to determine the original source and intent of the funding and whether or not we can apply any remaining balances to current projects.

Mayor Steve K. Gold

The workshop sessions are not televised and at our last workshop we had Lieutenant Dowd present and Labor Consultant Lance Klein. There were discussions about overtime, rules and regulations, and the organizational structure of the department. There has been six to eight hundred thousand dollars of overtime in the Police Department and we are making every attempt to reduce that. This is what was discussed:

On Monday May 11, 2009 the city council conducted a workshop meeting where we discussed three areas (1) Efforts to control overtime (2) City Council Approval of the new Rules and Procedures Manual (3) The organizational Structure

In attendance were Chief Schofield, Lt. Dowd and City Labor Attorney Lance Klein.

Efforts to control overtime

The following report was given by Chief Scofield

In our continuing efforts to minimize police overtime, the following actions have been undertaken:

1. A directive was issued on February 20, 2009 directing supervisors to provide written justification for any overtime expenditures beyond regular shift coverage and patrol assignments; and case investigations by detectives.
2. A weekly review with Lt. Dowd of use of accrued time by both the patrol and detective divisions.
3. Declining requests by organizations / community groups for any presentations and/or demonstrations not previously budgeted (that would result in overtime expenditures).
4. Bi-weekly meeting with the City Administrator to discuss and review overtime expenditures.

The following information was presented by Lt. Dowd:

In 2008 the percentage of overtime for reason is:

- 51%: Shift Coverage
- 12%: Training
- 10%: Detectives
- The remainder between 7-2% comprised of Complaints, Special Events, Prisoner Transport, Admin, Traffic and Court

I complement the Department and Lt. Dowd for providing this information.

City Council Approval of the new Rules and Procedures Manual

The new manual is ready for City Council approval. It includes Department of Justice recommendations and procedures needed for New York State Accreditation. The Council will be getting a CD version of the manual before voting on a resolution to adopt.

(3) The organizational Structure

It was favorably discussed that a sergeant should be promoted to a vacant position. The Chief is requesting 4 additional officers which consist of two vacancies and two new positions which may result in a 30-40% reduction in overtime. That suggestion is still being debated. This does

not include the three “community police” officers the city is planning to hire on a three year grant.

Congratulate the PBA for holding its annual memorial service. Councilmember’s Fredericks and Leake were present as well as former Mayor Clara Lou Gould, legislator Allison MacAvery and Assemblyman Frank Skartados. It was a very moving ceremony where officers were given awards for their distinguished service over the year. I am pleased to say that many of not all of the certificates were for actions that I read to the city at previous council meetings. So we should all be aware of the often dangerous and life saving work done by the Beacon Police Department.

In 2008 there was a 15% increase in calls over 2007 amounting to 13,085 or approx 36 a day.

There were 466 cases of violent crime, more than one a day.

There was a 26% increase in adult arrests

Legislative Reports:

John Forman Spoke about the Dutchess County Loop Bus regarding the increase in bus fares. In addition, the County eliminated ten bus routes that were deemed to be lightly traveled. Roger Akeley Director of Dutchess County Planning and Development to address the Legislature at the May, 2009 Meeting. The new fares will take place July 1, 2009; Mr. Forman was one that voted for the increase. Tax payers subsidize our public transportation (Loop Bus) each year.

On, May 15, 2009, Poughkeepsie Journal printed a list of the projects by the Assembly whom represent Dutchess County. At this time, Mr. Forman was reporting on a report from our Assemblyman activities pertaining to Beacon, Mayor Steve K. Gold reminded Mr. Forman that at this segment of the meeting it was for Legislative Reporting. Further, Mayor Gold expressed to Mr. Forman that if he wanted to report anything else besides Legislative news that he would have to wait until a Public Comment Segment (pertaining to anything that is NOT on the Agenda). Mayor Steve K. Gold thanked Mr. Forman for his report regarding the Legislature.

NEXT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session subject litigation by Council Member Fredericks, Second by Council Member Leake

Adjournment: Adjourn City Council Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
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