

**Regular Meeting**

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on September 6, 2016. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <http://vimeo.com/channels/40154>.

**Council Members Present:**

Lee Kyriacou, At Large  
George Mansfield, At Large  
Peggy Ross, Ward One  
Pamela Wetherbee, Ward Three  
Randy Casale, Mayor

**Council Members Absent:**

Omar Harper, Ward Two  
Ali Muhammad, Ward Four

**Also Present:**

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator  
Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney  
David Stolman, FP Clark Planners

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*A moment of silence was observed for past and present service men and women.*

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**First Opportunity for Public Comments:** Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter other than those which are the topic of a public hearing tonight.

**Speakers:**

1. **April Farley:** Wanted to let everyone know that the YES program has been defunded by the Chamber of Commerce. Asking that Council help advocate for more youth programs in Beacon that would offer stipends and more community services. Sorry to see that the representative from Ward Four is not here because she wanted to address the Beacon Hotel issue. There will likely be many people who will lose their homes because of this project. Mayor Casale asked about the YES program. Ms. Farley explained more details about the program.

**Council Member Reports:**

2. **Ali Muhammad:** Absent.
3. **Omar Harper:** Absent
4. **Lee Kyriacou:** Expressed his concerns with the process related to the Landlord Registration. Requests that council discuss this issue at a future meeting. Compared two current construction projects, the Hotel on Main Street and the building on Beekman. Feels that there is a like a world of difference between the two projects in terms of aesthetics and their relationship to their surroundings. Is there a way to unify requirements on what the City and the community expect architecturally?
5. **George Mansfield:** Good evening. Looking forward to the City Administrator's update on the water odor issue. Wanted to remind everyone about the Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop occurring on September 22 at 7pm in the Memorial Building. It is very important to get the public's input during this

process. Also a reminder that we are collecting recycling weekly. This is a trial period and he encourages people to use it as much as possible so we can continue it next year.

6. **Pam Wetherbee:** Advised that she has been contacted by a constituent who wanted her to mention that cars are racing through Memorial Park. A few residents of Mountain Lane were asking if their street was going to be getting new sewer and water lines. Is eager to review the capital plan.
7. **Peggy Ross:** Encouraging everyone to come to the Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with his or her questions and ideas. Thank you to Councilman Kyriacou for mentioning the building on Beekman Street. We now have an architectural review subcommittee of the planning board who were able to make a few positive changes so it is better than it would have been.
8. **Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator:** Advised that the City received a number of complaints about the sulfur smell in the water. Because of the fire at the Gap Warehouse, the City water plant had to use predominantly well water. The odor that residents experienced should be diminishing in the next few days. We currently have 83 children registered for the afterschool program. Council Member Mansfield mentioned that he believes that this is a great program for families.
9. **Mayor Casale:** Mentioned that as we steer closer to form-based zoning, we can streamline this process toward what we find acceptable. Mayor Casale read the letter prepared by the Conservation Advisory Committee letter to the Coast Guard regarding the proposed anchorages. Mayor Casale continued to explain the proposal for the anchorages. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beacon Independent Film Festival starts on Friday, Sept. 16. This Saturday in Pollhill Park and the Bank Square Coffee house will host Paris on Hudson with Joe Bertolozzi. Mayor Casale read information for grant funding from ArtsMidHudson.org. The Fire Chief has requested ratification of Michael Dechant Roberten and Branden Travis.

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**Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:**

10. **Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Hudson River Greenway for a Trail Project on the Beacon waterfront**
  - Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Wetherbee  
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11. **Resolution to Cancel the Public Hearing Scheduled for September 19, 2016 Regarding the Rezoning of Certain Parcels within the Linkage Zoning District and the Related Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan**
  - Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Wetherbee  
5-0
12. **Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing for September 19, 2016 to Receive Comments Concerning a Proposed Local Law Regarding Safe Gun Storage**
  - Motion by Council Member Wetherbee, second by Council Member Ross  
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**13. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with BFJ Planning to Prepare a Study of the City's Recreation Needs**

- Motion by Council Member Ross, second by Council Member Mansfield  
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**14. Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Larry Clark to the Recreation Committee**

- Motion by Council Member Ross, second by Council Member Mansfield  
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**15. Resolution Confirming the Award of a Contract for the Exterior Painting of Station One and Mase Hook and Ladder**

- Motion by Council Member Ross, second by Council Member Mansfield  
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**16. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with John Clarke Planning and Design, LLC for Planning Services for 2016**

- Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Ross  
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**Budget Amendment:****17. Budget Amendment 2016-09-06**

- Motion by Council Member Mansfield, second by Council Member Ross

**Second Opportunity for Public Comments:** Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any subject matter on which the Council can take action.

**Speakers:****18. No additional comments****Executive Session:****19. Motion to Enter Executive Session**

- Motion by Council Member Kyriacou, second by Council Member Mansfield  
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**Next Workshop: September 12, 2016**

**Next Council Meeting: September 19, 2016**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Evans, Assistant to the Mayor