

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting  
Common Council Chambers

Mayor Morse led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM

Roll call was taken

PRESENT:

Mayor Morse  
Council President Briggs  
Council Member Smith  
Council Member Russell  
Council Member McCarthy  
Council Member Napier  
Council Member Koniowka

ABSENT:

NONE

Public Comment:

George Hebert, Waterside Way, "With the Governor's budget and the AIM Funding that he plans to eliminate, the City could lose a substantial amount of funding. How are you planning for this deficit?"

Mayor Morse, "No City can ever be prepared for this. I hope that our representatives take the steps necessary so this does not happen. We will take the steps needed."

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the February 25, 26, and 28, 2019 Common Council Meetings. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE". The motion passed.

Council President Briggs, and Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka presented Ordinance No. 1 for the year 2019

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FROM THE COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 1 seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Council President Briggs, and Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka voted "AYE". Ordinance No. 1 for 2019 passed.

Council President Briggs, and Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka presented Resolution No. 13 for the year 2019

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COHOES LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council Member Koniowka made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 13 seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Council President Briggs, and Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka voted "AYE". Resolution No. 13 for 2019 passed.

Council President Briggs, and Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka presented Resolution No. 14 for the year 2019

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF COHOES

Council Member Napier made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 14 seconded by Council Member Smith. Council President Briggs abstained from voting, Council Members Smith, Russell, McCarthy, Napier, and Koniowka voted "AYE". Resolution No. 14 for 2019 passed.

Council Member Smith, "I would like to talk about Campaign Signs. I have tried to scour our Charter about putting them up too early. I do see where they need to be removed within 7 days after an election. I am wondering if we can somehow amend that Ordinance? With all the campaigns going on, I think it will get ugly looking."

Mayor Morse, "We talked about that a few years ago in the County. This if First Amendment rights."

Pat Jeffers, Corporation Counsel, "We can have reasonable restrictions, we can't limit it."


Council Member Koniowka, "My concern is on public property. The public rights of way, traffic islands, and the bike path. This season, I can imagine signs all over."

Pat Jeffers, Corporation Counsel, "We can limit it in some areas where it might be dangerous. Reasonable restrictions are okay."

Council Member Napier, "I think this could lead into having our Department of Public Works spending too much time running around picking up signs."

Mayor Morse, "On Thursday, there is a walk through at the Community Center with the Library Board who is interested in potentially moving there. All are welcome to attend. I will e-mail the details. The building has been appraised at \$500,000.00."

At 7:50 PM the Council Meeting was adjourned.

  
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Lori A. Yando, City Clerk