

ANNOTATED AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2009

TIME: 5:43 P.M.

PRESENT: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
CHUCK LESNICK

DISTRICT:

2 MAJORITY LEADER SANDY ANNABI
4 MINORITY LEADER LIAM J. McLAUGHLIN - ABSENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

DISTRICT:

1 PATRICIA D. McDOW
3 JOAN GRONOWSKI
5 JOHN M. MURTAGH
6 DEE BARBATO

I, THE UNDERSIGNED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO RULE 1 (2) OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES, DO HEREBY CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL, YONKERS, NEW YORK AT 5:00 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON:

1. RESOLUTION – RESTORE NY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FORMER LIBRARY AT 5-7 MAIN STREET.
2. RESOLUTION – RESTORE NY GRANT APPLICATION FOR A PORTION OF THE PHILLIPSE MANOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ALONG WARBURTON AVENUE AND WELLS AVENUE.
3. ALL OTHER BUSINESS PROPERLY COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

CHUCK LESNICK
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS RECESSED AT THE STATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AND CONTINUED AT THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CONTINUATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS TWO GRANT PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S RESTORE NY PROGRAM.

PROPOSAL 1: TO RESTORE AND REHABILITATE PORTIONS OF THE PHILIPSE MANOR HISTORIC DISTRICT.

PROPOSAL 2: TO RESTORE AND REHABILITATE THE FORMER CITY LIBRARY AT 5-7 MAIN STREET, BLOCK: 2003: 37 OWNED BY THE YONKERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

SPEAKERS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

MARGARET SETTERHOLM
TERRY JOSHI
ROBERT SCHNEIDER

146 WARBURTON AVENUE
29 ROCKLAND AVENUE

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RESOLUTION NO. 73-2009

1. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, MURTAGH AND BARBATO:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE'S RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION OF THE FORMER LIBRARY AT 5-7 MAIN STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers is eligible to apply for up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000, 000.) in grant funds from the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative and by the application demonstrate qualifications for the grant and request the full amount it is eligible for; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative requires that any municipalities who receive grants provide matching contributions of no less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount awarded for each grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers' matching contributions may consist of grants from other federal, state and local entities which will be used to provide the matching contributions required should the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative grants be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the project consist of the restoration and rehabilitation of the former Library at 5-7 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the public notice for the public hearing for the project proposal was noticed in the local daily newspaper for three consecutive days, April 20, April 21, and April 22, 2009, which included the property assessment list for all affected properties in the proposal: and

WHEREAS, the project proposed as described in the attached application for the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative are consistent with many of the goals in the Yonkers existing Comprehensive Plan, *Connections*, adopted in 2000, the proposed financing is appropriate for the implementation of the specific project as described in the application

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RESOLUTION NO. 73-2009 (CONTINUED)

and the project described therein facilitate effective and efficient use of public and private resources so as to promote economic development, preserve community resources, and develop and enhance the neighborhoods and surrounding communities, including the infrastructure of said communities in such a way as to attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the affected areas and in the City in general; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers hereby authorizes the Mayor to make a grant application for available funding under the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative to which the City shall apply for the maximum amount available for the former Main Street Library and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately,

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 5-1, COUNCILMEMBER GRONOWSKI VOTING "NAY". MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN WAS ABSENT.

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RESOLUTION NO. 74-2009

2. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI, MURTAGH AND BARBATO;

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE'S RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION OF AND A PORTION OF THE PHILIPSE MANOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ALONG WARBURTON AVENUE AND WELLS AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers is eligible to apply for up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000, 000.) in grant funds, from the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative and by the application demonstrate qualifications for the grant and request the full amount it is eligible for; and

WHEREAS, the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative requires that any municipalities who receive grants provide matching contributions of no less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount awarded for each grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers' matching contributions may consist of grants from other federal, state and local entities which will be used to provide the matching contributions required should the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative grants be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the project consist of the restoration and rehabilitation of a part of the Philipse Manor Historic District, along Warburton Avenue and Wells Avenue, including Greyston's proposed workforce housing component, two privately owned properties located at 40 and 42 Warburton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the public notice for the public hearing for the project proposal was noticed in the local daily newspaper for three consecutive days, April 20, April 21, and April 22, 2009, which included the property assessment list for all affected properties in the proposal: and

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WHEREAS, the project proposed as described in the attached applications for the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative are consistent with many of the goals in the Yonkers existing Comprehensive Plan, *Connections*, adopted in 2000, the proposed financing is appropriate for the implementation of the specific project as described in the application and the project described therein facilitate effective and efficient use of public and private resources so as to promote economic development, preserve community resources, and develop and enhance the neighborhoods and surrounding communities, including the infrastructure of said communities in such a way as to attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the affected areas and in the City in general; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers hereby authorizes the Mayor to make a grant application for available funding under the RESTORE NY Communities Initiative to which the City shall apply for the maximum amount available for the Philipse Manor Historic District ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately,

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6-0. MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN WAS ABSENT.

THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.