

ANNOTATED AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
STATED MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

Committee of the Whole 7:30 P.M.
Stated Meeting 8:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers

TIME: 8:05PM

PRESENT: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
 LIAM J. MCLAUGHLIN

DISTRICT:

 6 MAJORITY LEADER JOHN J. LARKIN
 3 MINORITY LEADER MICHAEL R. SABATINO

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
DISTRICT:

 1 CHRISTOPHER A. JOHNSON
 2 CORAZON PINEDA
 4 DENNIS E. SHEPHERD
 5 MICHAEL B. BREEN

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a minute of silence to invoke God's guidance and Blessing upon our deliberations.

Minutes of the stated meeting held on February 25, 2014 approved on motion of Majority Leader Larkin.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

NONE

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COMMUNICATIONS - GENERALLY

NONE

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NONE

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SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.3-2014

1. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, PINEDA, SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE TAX ROLL FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAXES, INCLUDING SEWER DISTRICT TAXES AND REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TAXES, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014, AND LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES CONTAINED THEREIN.

The City of Yonkers, in the City Council convened, hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1. The apportionment and extension of the assessment roll of Westchester County Taxes for the calendar year 2014, including sewer district taxes and refuse disposal district taxes, having been completed by the City Assessor at the direction of the City Council, said apportionment and extension constitutes the tax rolls for Westchester County Taxes and said taxes are hereby levied and assessed on the real property appearing thereon as therein set forth.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to sign and attach to such tax rolls a warrant under the corporate seal of the City allowing the City Commissioner of Finance to collect, in the manner provided by law, the taxes set forth therein, and the City Assessor is hereby directed to deliver the said tax rolls to the Commissioner of Finance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

THIS SPECIAL ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 AT 8:50 PM BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

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RESOLUTION NO.21-2014

2. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, PINEDA, SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR THE RENEWED PRISONER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT - 2014-2015

WHEREAS, in accordance with an agreement between the County of Westchester and the City of Yonkers, the County of Westchester has submitted a renewed agreement commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2015 for the transportation of prisoners between the City of Yonkers and the Westchester County Department of Correction; and

WHEREAS, this agreement, a copy of which is attached, is pursuant to Sections 500-c and 500-d of the Corrections Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, Section 119-o, authorizes municipal corporations and districts to enter into agreements for the performance of various functions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prisoner Transportation Agreement between the County of Westchester and the City of Yonkers for the transportation of prisoners between the City of Yonkers and the Westchester County Department of Corrections for the years 2014 through 2015 is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect as of January 1, 2014.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

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RESOLUTION NO.22-2014

3. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, PINEDA, SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RELATING TO THE POSTING OF SIGNS PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-156 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS.

WHEREAS, FC Yonkers Associates, LLC (hereinafter the "applicant") has submitted a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan for that certain development commonly known as "Ridge Hill Village"; and

WHEREAS, Section 43-156 (A) of the Yonkers City Code provides, among other things, that unless otherwise provided for by resolution of the City Council, the property subject of the application shall have notices posted by a rate one sign per 300 linear feet of frontage on each street upon which the property fronts; and

WHEREAS, due to the configuration of Ridge Hill Village, it is in the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare to provide for ten signs situated on the locations marked on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the applicant is required to provide for ten signs situated on the locations marked on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that such notice shall satisfy the requirements of Section 43-156 of the Yonkers City Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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4. BY COUNCILMEMBER PINEDA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers ("City") through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("Yonkers Parks") owns, operates, and maintains Untermyer Gardens, located at 945 North Broadway, Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, Untermyer Conservancy ("Conservancy") is a domestic not-for-profit corporation created for the purpose of assisting and supporting Yonkers Parks in the restoration of Untermyer Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Conservancy have determined that it is in the best interest of both entities to formalize an agreement outlining the relationship between the two entities and, as such, a Memorandum of Understanding has been presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Untermyer Conservancy, which shall formalize the relationship between the two entities and which the City Council acknowledges is in the best interest of the City of Yonkers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the execution of the Agreement by all necessary parties.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

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RESOLUTION NO.24-2014

5. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, PINEDA SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
COMMEMORATING THE 59th ANNUAL YONKERS ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE ON McLEAN AVENUE

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick's Day is a time for people of all nationalities and generations to assemble and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Irish people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, a Saint Patrick's Day parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the City of Yonkers and Ireland, and provides opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 59th Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue, to be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014; this auspicious occasion will be organized by the Parade Board and Parade Committee of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue's parade season begins with its annual flag raising event, to be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2014, at Yonkers City Hall, and its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, to be held that same evening, at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue is comprised of representatives of many Yonkers organizations; the parade is the largest cultural event in Yonkers and is also the biggest single-day celebration in Yonkers; the parade, which will be 59 years old this year, is expected to draw 10,000 plus spectators; and

WHEREAS, a fitting choice to serve as a Grand Marshal of the 2014 Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue, Fr. Thomas Collins, President of Archbishop Stepinac High School, embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great City; and

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WHEREAS, Grand Marshal Collins will be ably assisted in his duties as by his aides, Seamus Clarke, of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association; Agnes Delaney, of the Aisling Irish Center; Scott Griffith, of the Yonkers Police Department; Kevin Hartnett, of the Yonkers AOH Division I; Thomas Hewitt, of the Yonkers Fire Department; William Mooney III, of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; Allison Mosher Burke, of the Yonkers Ladies AOH and the American Irish Association of Westchester; and Nuala Purcell of the Irish Voice and the County Tipperary N&B Association; and

WHEREAS, this parade would not be possible without the support and dedication of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue Parade Board, chaired by the honorable Arthur J. Doran, and its board members, James J. Landy, Lawrence J. McCrudden, Ursula McIntyre, Deirdre O'Mara, Ralph J. Puma, and Michael C. Quaid, as well as the Parade Committee and Dinner Committee, who will celebrate their patron, St. Patrick, on this most festive day; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is not, as many believe, a celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland's birth, but of his death; and

WHEREAS, it was Pope Celestine I who named him Patricus, and sent him to Ireland where he tangled with the Druids over religious beliefs, and where his efforts to convert the Irish to the Catholic faith were untiring, as seen today in the significant observance of God in Irish life; and

WHEREAS, in every walk of life, in the arts, in the sciences, in the political world, in every manifestation of the human spirit, the Irish people have excelled; and

WHEREAS, a spiritual people, the Irish have ventured across the sea to this great City and Nation; throughout the ages, they have left their cares forgotten among the lilies; from the mode and texture of that endowment, the cathedrals and colleges of our nation were built; a heritage largely formed, our City's character greatly forged, a unique strand in the diverse tapestry that is the City of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, each year as we honor St. Patrick, whose life mirrored a deep and abiding example of the challenges of sainthood, we are mindful of the history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression, religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and

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WHEREAS, through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Yonkers bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 59th Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue, to be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue Parade Board and Parade Committee.

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RESOLUTION NO.25-2014

6. BY COUNCILMEMBER PINEDA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCLAUGHLIN, MAJORITY LEADER LARKIN, MINORITY LEADER SABATINO, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHNSON, SHEPHERD AND BREEN:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
MEMORIALIZING MAYOR MIKE SPANO TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2014
AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is traditionally observed in March of each year; and

WHEREAS, the month of March observes the vital role women have played in our great City and Nation; and

WHEREAS, a public law was passed by Congress in 1981 authorizing the President to designate the week starting on March 7, 1982 as the first ever Women's History Week, "to commemorate and encourage the study, observance, and celebration" of the role women have played in American history; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress passed a law extending the week-long observance to the entire month of March in order to have enough time to hold celebratory programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions made by women to our society, which at times are overlooked and not acknowledged as they should; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month seeks to emphasize that Women's History makes up American History; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month acknowledges the achievements of women in the Military, the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, women reflect a proud legacy of courage and dedication that has helped to guide our Nations' success and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend women for their contributions and for continuing to develop American society in meaningful ways;

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RESOLUTION NO.25-2014 (CONTINUED)

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause for its deliberations to commemorate the March 2014 celebration of Women's History Month in the City of Yonkers.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:11PM