



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
June 10, 2014

Council Meeting #11

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Special Session

City Hall

5:45 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Alderman Dye, Bennett, Bird, Dutcher and Ferguson, Silliman

Absent: Alderman Tom Michales, Alderman Carlos Ferrer

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Richard Van Donsel, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, City Clerk Ray Parker

Mayor Brian Tobin called the special session of Common Council meeting of the year to order at 5:45 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION #115 of 2014 – Authorizing the City of Cortland to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 2003, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Cortland for (Roof repairs and window replacement) and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation/public access covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett

Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution # 116 of 2014 – Resolution to waive the Sound Device Permit for an event to occur on June 14, 2014 at Gator's in support of the American Cancer Society from 3:00pm to 9:00 pm.

Fred Cutia owner of Gators. This event is sponsored annually and there have been no issues in the past.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman

Seconded By: Alderman Dutcher

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution # 117 of 2014 – Resolution to in support of New York State Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014. (Mack Cook)

- Whereas,** the City of Cortland is coping with the growing problem of vacant and abandoned residential properties known as “zombie houses”,
- Whereas,** these zombie houses fall into disrepair and contribute to neighborhood blight;
- Whereas,** these properties cause a decline in the City’s real estate market and increase the likelihood of crimes such as vandalism and arson, and pose a financial hardship to the City and its taxpayer;
- Whereas,** these properties represent a clear and present threat to the safety, health, and welfare of the entire community;

Therefore Be it Resolved; that the City of Cortland Common Council, meeting in special session this tenth day June 2014 due to the severity of the problems these properties cause the community hereby supports the adoption and enactment of the New York State Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014. (A9341, S7350)

Adopted this tenth day of June 2014 in Special Session.

(To show our support to legislation for next week).

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 1 (Alderman Dutcher)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

I, RAY PARKER, CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2014. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HIS CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

RAY PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN