

September 18, 2001

A meeting of the Common Council was held on September 18, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 25 Court Street, Cortland, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Tytler  
Council Members Smith, Tobin, Abdulla, Strangeway, Hansen, Hyde and Hennessy  
City Clerk, William J. Wood  
Deputy City Clerk, Jodi M. McLyman  
Asst. Corporation Counsel, Stacey Whitney  
Director of Admin. & Finance, Andrew J. Damiano

EXCUSED: Council Member Lissberger

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Muka speaks on behalf of the Planning Commission. A copy of same is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

### MINUTES

On the motion of Council Member Abdulla, seconded by Council Member Strangeway, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 BE APPROVED FOR FILING.**

### BILLS

On the motion of Council Member Hennessy, seconded by Council Member Hansen, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,742.86 BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.**

### MAYOR'S REPORT

The support from the Community with regard to the recent tragedy has been incredible. Bob Gambetta will be going down to NYC this week. The rescue workers need things like masks, flashlights and batteries, torch tips for cutting steel and of course money as well. We will be storing things in the Mayor's Office for him to take down. The Mayor again voices his appreciation for the way this community has responded to this tragedy. We are trying to get back to the business at hand although it will take time.

The Mayor reads a Proclamation declaring the week of September 16-22, 2001 Chamber of Commerce week in the City of Cortland.

The Mayor wants to add one item to the agenda. He would like to appoint Mary Kay Hickey to the ZBA Board. Mayor also contacted NYSEG and they agreed to come in and repair the sidewalks and reseed in Council Member Tobin's ward.

Ward 1 – Council Member Smith

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Things are very quiet. He would like to extend his sympathies to the victims of the tragedies of last week.

Ward 2 – Council Member Tobin

Everything is quiet in the second ward.

Ward 3 – Council Member Abdulla

No ward report.

Ward 4 – Council Member Lissberger

Excused.

Ward 5 – Council Member Strangeway

There will be an October 3, 2001 ward meeting at 7:00PM at the Youth Bureau.

Ward 6 – Council Member Hansen

There is a sixth ward meeting on Wed. Sept. 26, 2001 at Cortland Care Center. It is a meet the candidate's forum. She has not heard back from NYMO regarding the North Church St. light.

Ward 7 – Council Member Hyde

It is great to see so many American flags flying in the City of Cortland. As a past vet, he hopes the flags fly forever.

Ward 8 – Council Member Hennessy

People have been involved in the tragic events of last week therefore it has been pretty quiet. She would like to echo what other people have said regarding the outpouring of support for the people that have been harmed by these events.

## AGENDA

Item No. 1 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$3,720,000. in bonds for various purchases and projects.

On the motion of Council Member Abdulla, seconded by Council Member Strangeway, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE SHORT FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY.**

On the motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Hennessy, voted and carried,

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The Mayor clarifies a statement and he feels that he does not remember specifically saying that it would be up to the next administration to determine whether the study is done. If this passes and we can move forward on this, it would be up to the next administration to see if the study is implemented.

Council Member Smith	Yes	Council Member Strangeway	Yes
Council Member Tobin	Yes	Council Member Hansen	Yes
Council Member Abdulla	Yes	Council Member Hyde	Yes
Council Member Lissberger	Excused	Council Member Hennessy	Yes

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND AUTHORIZED VARIOUS OBJECTS AND PURPOSES AT A TOTAL MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,720,000. AND FURTHER AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,720,000. SERIAL BONDS TO PAY THE SAME.**

Item No. 2 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the following actions in conjunction with the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest, which will be held on October 13, and 14, 2001:

- A. The use of Court House Park for the festivities; including the Micro Brew Tasting event;
- B. The use of City streets for hayrides and a parade;
- C. The closure of a portion of Court Street; and
- D. Permission to put up promotional signs at the entrances to the City.

On the motion of Council Member Hennessy, seconded by Council Member Hyde, voted and carried,

The parade will start at Lincoln Ave. coming down Main St., turning down Court St. and marching into the park. Council Member Hennessy explains it would be a trial run. This would be a very short parade. A brief discussion ensues.

**RESOLUTION APPROVED AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COURT HOUSE PARK FOR THE FESTIVITIES INCLUDING THE MICRO BREW TASTING EVENT. THE USE OF CITY STREETS FOR HAYRIDES AND A PARADE. THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF COURT STREET AND PERMISSION TO PUT UP PROMOTIONAL SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CITY.**

Item No. 3 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor’s appointment of Mary Kay Hickey to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (To fill John Steedle’s term)

On the motion of Council Member Hennessy, seconded by Council Member Tobin, voted and carried,

**RESOLUTION APPROVED AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MARY KAY HICKEY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

On the motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Abdulla, voted and carried,

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**RESOLVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.**

On the motion of Council Member Abdulla, seconded by Council Member Hennessy, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 PM.**

On the motion of Council Member Hansen, seconded by Council Member Smith, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED TO GO BACK INTO THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING.**

On the motion of Council Member Hansen, seconded by Council Member Hyde, voted and carried,

**RESOLVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.**

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were presented to the Mayor in the time required and were approved by him.**