



City Council Minutes The City of Cortland February 5, 2008

Council Meeting #2
February 5, 2008
Regular Business Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Alderman VanGorder, Benedict, Dye, Tobin,
Quail, Feiszli, Partigianoni and Michales

Staff Present: Director of Administration and Finance Andrew Damiano,
Corporation Counsel Lawrence Knickerbocker and
City Clerk John O. Reagan

Mayor Gallagher calls the second Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Mick presented a signed petition against the Conifer Project. More signatures are being obtained.

Mike Dexter complimented the Mayor and the last Common Council for passing legislation to get back taxes to be paid and get properties back on the tax rolls. He complimented all those who paid their taxes. He attended the Pendleton Street neighborhood meeting regarding the Conifer Project. He thinks this housing project will be good for the City, but there are a lot of questions that have to be answered. He urged this Council to do their homework regarding the PILOT project. He noted that it will be an improvement to what is currently on the property and taxes haven't been paid on the property, but he urged the Council to do their homework and get a good result for the City. He also went to the hospital expansion meeting. He brought up the idea of a parking garage. He's unsure of the cost of building one, but the hospital said it was too expensive. He wants to know dollars and cents, exactly what is prohibitively too expensive. He knows they are putting up a twenty-six million dollar expansion project, which doesn't seem to be too expensive for them. They haven't gotten their certificate of need for this project to be built, but they're pretty sure that they're going to get it. He also knows that there are at least five (5) houses that the hospital owns that are still standing in that area and those houses have neighboring houses that probably also will

be owned by the hospital; probably for parking. He asked that the hospital pay some consideration to landscaping. He asked that they landscape the parking lots in a manner that the neighbors can live with. People in that area deserve to at least have an area that is aesthetically pleasing to them. He doesn't live in that neighborhood, but he is participating in this because it is his community. He has lived in Cortland all of his life and just because he doesn't live next to the hospital, why should he not go to a meeting to support his neighbors.

He then went on to report on his walk through of the City trees with Jim Maloney and Chuck Harrington from National Grid and also a representative from Nelson Tree Company. They will be in the Community trimming the locust trees on Church Street soon. Jim Maloney has been bending over backwards to do what is right for the City. This will be better trimming than what was done five (5) years ago. If anyone has any questions, he asked that residents contact him and he would get answers to their questions.

Minutes of January 15, 2008

RESOLUTION #11 OF 2008 – Approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 as amended.

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Bills were reviewed and received.

Mayor's Report

He attended the CRMC Annual Meeting and the United Way meeting. He spoke to Hage Real Estate group. He attended the CBN meeting at Cortland High School as well as the SUNY College Council meeting. He attended the Planning Commission meeting.

He participated in search for SUNY Vice President. He attended Governor Spitzer's Upstate Economy presentation and the Ward meeting for Dan Quail and Tom Michales on the Conifer Project. He met with Rochester group appointed by the Governor to study merger/consolidation issues with the Town of Cortlandville. He attended City Comprehensive Plan meeting and the reception at the Armory for the volunteer firefighters. He met with representatives from the Town of Cortlandville regarding the Starr Road Park.

Alderman Partigianoni asked if there was anything to report to the Council regarding the Rochester group and their merger/consolidation study. The Mayor noted that the report would be ready in two to three weeks and Director of Administration and Finance

Damiano noted that it would only be a preliminary report. The Mayor noted that they still had to talk with some people yet.

Alderman Partigianoni asked for an update on the Starr Road Park with Cortlandville. The Mayor noted that the City is trying to see how the Youth Bureau can help them out and Cortlandville will pay the City for their service. This is a big project for Cortlandville. They don't have the manpower or the ability to handle all of the scheduling, so the Mayor and John McNerney met with them today to find out exactly what Cortlandville needs. They will get back to us. Alderman Feiszli asked how much time City employees would spend on this project. The Mayor noted that they just spoke today and he has nothing to report. Mr. McNerney has to do some research now that he has obtained a list of what Cortlandville needs. He will be determining what is needed for the City parks and what can be done for Cortlandville. We will not lose any money on this project, he guaranteed that. There probably will be several more meetings regarding this project. Cortlandville will pay for additional manpower, if additional manpower is needed. There is more building and work to be done up there.

Ward 1 – Alderman VanGorder

She had a Ward meeting about the hospital. She thanked John Laubscher, Vice President of Support, who set up the meeting and Dave Hardy, CFO, and Don Davis from their Buildings and Grounds Department. There was a lot of discussion regarding several issues and she thanked Mike Dexter for being there and bringing up a lot of good points. One of the main concerns was the lack of notification to the neighbors about when demolition was happening and just the lack of notification about their plans to the neighbors. The hospital did take responsibility for that and they apologized. They noted that they should have had a meeting like that a month or more before that to discuss what was going on. She and other attendees pleaded with the hospital representatives about the smoking in the neighborhood. They are a non-smoking campus and visitors and employees and patients who smoke, walk the neighborhood and smoke and discard their butts on people's lawns and it's been an unhappy situation for the surrounding neighbors. They pleaded with the hospital to find a spot on their property to accommodate the smokers and they said that they would do their best to resolve this.

Privacy fencing and parking lot landscaping to include trees to make the parking lots aesthetically pleasing to the neighbors, was also a priority that was discussed. The hospital representatives did refer to the project on 281, indicating that is the type of job they are striving to do with their parking lots here in the City.

She did receive some e-mails about the Library, but she did get many calls, e-mails and people approaching her about the Conifer Project. She has not had one person approach her that is in favor of this project. She is overwhelmed by this controversy and response to this project. Everyone is very negative about this project. She thanked Rob Avery, too. She had a couple of street lights out in the Ward and he got right out there and he got them attended to. She spoke with Superior today, because she had

several complaints about their trash pick up and the recycling. The recycling bins do not seem to be put back anywhere where they belong and the recycling material spread around. It has been windy, but when she spoke with Superior, the gentleman indicated that the general manager tries to cruise through town every night to keep an eye on what's going on and they would take that into account.

She also congratulated the Cortland High Girl's Basketball team for clinching their league title this week, in spite of losing to West Genny last night. They are seventeen (17) and one (1) now and they are playing JD tomorrow night and then going on the sectionals.

Ward 2 – Alderman Benedict

Many people from his Ward are concerned about their neighborhood and would like new codes or changes in the zoning to keep large secondary buildings from being added to the primary building in residential areas. He asked that they put this on their Top Ten list. He attended the Ukrainian immigration program put on by the East Community Center. Alderman Partigianoni was the MC and he did a fine job. Alderman Benedict attended Alderman VanGorder's Ward meeting at the hospital and learned a lot about the hospital building and the parking lot expansion which he did not know about before. He also learned about the neighborhood concerns and the need for more communication from the hospital. He thanked Alderman VanGorder for hosting that.

He spoke with City School Superintendent Larry Spring regarding the Conifer Project and the Library need for funding. He visited the Conifer complex in Ithaca and he was impressed with how neat it was and clean. They have rules about what can be placed on a patio or balcony so that it doesn't have a cluttered look. He visited Thoma Development Consultants and learned more about the Conifers Project as well as the progress of the new Comprehensive Plan. He attended Alderman Michales and Alderman Quail's Ward meeting at Randall School. He noted that Conifer put out a very good presentation about their project. Many area residents expressed their displeasure about locating another low income housing complex in the section that has several already. Others expressed the need for such housing and how Conifer residents might add to the neighborhood. Of major concern was the low interest loans and the PILOT program that would reduce Conifer's taxes. He shares those concerns. He feels that will give Conifer an unfair advantage over the local landlords and place a burden on the taxpayers. People will move from his neighborhood to the Conifer complex and to the student housing up by Rt. 281, leaving many vacancies and perhaps defaulted loans and possibly abandoned buildings. He is opposed to the project. He thanked Aldermen Quail and Michales for holding that meeting and he would like to add the Conifer Project to the agenda, if it's not already on there.

He attended the Loaves and Fishes annual dinner dance at Grace Episcopal Church and had a chance to see the remodeled facilities used to serve the meals. They did a wonderful job with their remodeling project. He spoke to many people involved with the Library and spoke about the endowment. An endowment is like seed corn. If you use

up a lot of the seed corn during the winter, then you won't have the corn to plant in the spring and no harvest in the fall. They made it clear that they were not hoarding their money, but spending a large share of the interest on maintenance and upkeep on the building, as well as buying books, periodicals and materials for the Library. He believes that the Library adds so much to the community and should be supported. The Library trustees have worked hard to find other sources of funding and he feels that the Council should do all that they can to support them as they transition to other funding sources. It will be probably be years before they can take on the full funding.

He will be having his Ward meeting at the Library on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM and he invited everyone to attend. The Director of the Library will be there to tell about the changes they have made at the Library, services and materials that they provide and a trustee will explain about their endowment and their search for other funding.

Ward 3 – Alderman Dye

He noted that he received e-mails and phone calls regarding the Conifer Project in the past week. Another concern was the Homer Avenue Hospital expansion. People in his district are concerned, even though the hospital is not in this Ward. They were concerned about what was going on and how much was going to be tax exempt. He spoke with the police chief about the traffic on Groton Avenue. Last Wednesday, he sat in his car at the end of his street and during a forty-five (45) minute period, six (6) tractor trailers passed up Groton Avenue, two (2) log trucks with no local delivery and some other ones.

Ward 4 – Alderman Tobin

He attended the Rochester NYCOM meeting in January. It was very helpful. He also has received e-mails and calls regarding the Library and Conifer Project. He has had several meetings and he has been over to Ithaca to visit the Conifer Project over there. He attended Aldermen Quail and Michales Ward meetings and he thought that was very informative to get the public's point of view. He and Alderman Benedict went down to Thoma Development and spoke with Bernie Thoma to try to get more background on this project. He asked that the Conifer Project be added to the agenda for tonight. The Mayor indicated that it was on the agenda for the next meeting. Alderman Tobin noted that he had been on the IDA/BDC's website and one (1) of his concerns was that their mission statement on the website indicated that they were to solicit input from the Pendleton Street property's taxing entity and they will be having their meeting next week. His concern was that they would go in to that meeting without having the City Council's opinions regarding this project. The Mayor indicated that they would not do anything until they had received an opinion from the City Council.

Alderman Tobin asked the Mayor to confirm that there was nothing going to be voted on at that meeting and the Mayor confirmed that. Alderman Tobin then took the opportunity to share a letter with the Council that he was planning on also sharing with

the IDA/BDC. Copies were distributed and he read the letter. There were many questions raised in the letter that he would like to have answered about the PILOT and the Conifer Project. There were other questions asked and discussion regarding how this property was to be assessed. Mayor Gallagher stated that Tax Assessor Briggs would be in attendance at the next Council meeting to explain and go over that. Alderman Tobin stated that he would be submitting this letter to the IDA/BDC and he asked if anyone else would like to sign on to the letter. Mayor Gallagher asked if Alderman Tobin had spoken to the IDA/BDC about the PILOTS. Alderman Tobin noted that he had gotten his information from their website and he hoped that was accurate information. He also noted that he had spoken with Thoma. The Mayor noted that the City did not approve PILOTS, just whether or not they were worth while. Alderman Michales noted that any item could be placed on the agenda, only a second motion was needed to do so. Alderman Feiszli noted that she had researched that and anyone could place an item on the agenda at anytime they would like without a second.

Alderman Tobin stated that the reason he had brought this up, was because the IDA had a meeting next week and he thinks that there are too many concerns and he felt that the public needed to know that the Council is discussing this and there are multiple opinions on the Council and he wanted to be sure the IDA was getting feedback before their meeting. Obviously, hopefully, they would be coming to some conclusions and he understood that the Conifer Company was under some timeline in terms of when they need to get everything done and he wanted to state that the most important statement he had made was that there needs to be some things done that can better benefit the City. If one company is willing to do this, he thinks they can find another company that may be able to do it better for the City. Alderman Partigianoni asked him what he was basing that on. Alderman Tobin stated, "Capitalism". Mayor Gallagher stated that the IDA/BDC spent a lot of time bringing people into this community and that there was not a pool of people waiting out there to come in. Usually, when they get a project, that looks pretty good to them, that's what they base their proposal on. Everyone is doing the same thing, trying to promote their community. Director of Finance and Administration Damiano noted there is very stiff competition out there. The Mayor noted that the Pendleton Street property in question had been sitting there for twenty-two years with no taxes being paid on it. He knows that four (4) developers had looked at it and they weren't interested at all. He noted that the City could do what has been done in the past, which is to do nothing and hope that in the next twenty-two years someone will come along and think that's a great spot. Director of Finance and Administration Damiano noted that it sounded like Alderman Tobin was opposed to the PILOT. Alderman Tobin felt that they needed to see more reports and more information gathered, but if it came up at this point, he would have to be opposed.

Director of Finance and Administration Damiano noted that the City staff has met extensively to talk about this project and he doesn't foresee any extraordinary demands on public services because we are adding some houses, although a report will be issued prior to the next Council meeting. Preliminarily, he didn't see adding any people to the City payroll because some housing was being put up. He didn't foresee purchases of more supplies, equipment, etc., and he didn't see the City making any

expenditures to take in this twenty-one thousand (\$21,000) dollars of additional revenue, but that's preliminarily. A written report will be prepared and distributed on that. Alderman Michales noted that many people had lost sight as to why the IDA/BDC was formed and that was to look into bringing manufacturing jobs to this community and this project, unfortunately, will only bring in one (1) or two (2) jobs at the most.

Ward 5 – Alderman Quail

Alderman Quail took the opportunity to welcome the new Aldermen and hoped that they enjoyed their terms. He congratulated Alderman VanGorder on her appointment to Acting Mayor. He noted that he had received a number of calls supporting Library funding. He also received a number of calls and e-mails not supporting the Conifer Project. He did speak to a County Legislator with his concerns about taking over of property by the County and asked him about the County's opinion. The Legislator noted that the County was not in favor of taking any more property off of the City tax rolls. He asked Alderman VanGorder if she had spoken with the hospital in regards to their not taking any more properties off of the tax rolls. Alderman VanGorder noted that she had spoken with them and what they had said was that they had brought in Doctor Garcia's building and they felt that was probably bringing in more tax revenues for the City than the five (5) properties that they just tore down. They also mention Dr. Sproule's office which was just redone and the dental building on the corner. What the hospital is trying to show is that they are bringing in doctors offices in other buildings that want to be located near the hospital, that will generate quite a bit of tax revenue in the long run. They felt that the net effect, at this point, was about \$8,000. There is also a big office building going in on the corner, which might be partially taxable. They're trying to offset any houses that they take off the tax rolls, by having other taxable buildings come in close to the hospital.

Alderman Quail referred to the joint Ward meeting held with Alderman Michales and he thanked him for organizing it. He thanked the Mayor and other elected officials who attended. He felt it was an informative meeting. He felt that Conifer did an excellent presentation. They provided information about past projects, they showed the layouts for the proposed Cortland project. He felt that there were some positives and some negatives associated with this project. He still hasn't made up his mind on the overall project and feels that there is still a lot of information that needs to be understood. He feels that the question and answer session next week and the next meeting is the best place to go through all that. He noted that most of the people in attendance at the Ward meeting were against the project. There were probably sixty (60) people there. He noted that the Council had to understand, that they were not voting personally, on that project. If they meet all of the zoning and planning requirements and they wish to wait for the PILOT or the loan, the Council didn't have the say to stop this project. The Mayor agreed, that was correct; but noted that if they did not get the PILOT or the loan, they probably would not go ahead with the project.

Alderman Feiszli asked then why the IDA was waiting for the City Council to make their decision. The Mayor noted that the IDA wanted the City's input and to give them a position paper on whether the City is for the PILOT or against the PILOT or what we are going to do with the \$150,000 loan. We could approve the loan and disapprove the PILOT. We actually don't approve the PILOT, but it's a position paper indicating our approval or disapproval.

Alderman Quail also noted that he had seen some additional student housing signs going up on Tompkins Street. He is going to contact Code about that signage and noted he found that disappointing.

Ward 6 – Alderman Feiszli

Alderman Feiszli asked that her name be added to Alderman's Tobin's letter. She felt that after reviewing the IDA's mission statement on their website, she did not feel that this project was appropriate use of PILOT money, but she did feel that it was appropriate use of Community Development Loan money. She noted that there was less than Conifer was asking for in the fund at this time and she asked for an explanation and how that would work. Mayor Gallagher noted that he thought there was \$128,000 in there and that there were loan payments coming in all of the time. This loan would not deplete the fund. She asked for a copy of documentation on how this loan fund worked and of how much money has come in and gone out over the past two (2) years. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano asked that she contact Linda Armstrong, Thoma Development, as they maintained a list of participants.

She also would like to have a top five (5) list of priority items for 2008 to be placed on the agenda for discussion giving new Council members as well as incumbents an opportunity to discuss these topics and also to get the opportunity to get feedback from constituents.

She noted that the City recently received the Storm Water Management Study for Otter Creek. This was the City/County \$20,000 FEMA engineer's report. She reviewed the report and asked if this was a draft, or if this was the final report. She asked Director of Administration and Finance Damiano if he had received anything more. He indicated that he had not seen the report. She asked him to please find out if there was going to be more information and if this is the final report, she wanted to know what their bill was going to be. She wanted to know if they were going to deplete the entire \$20,000. Alderman VanGorder asked if they would come in to sum up the report for the Council and it was noted that they would.

Alderman Feiszli noted that through Barbara Lifton's office, she had been contacted asking for a copy of this report and Lifton's office had indicated that there was a flood mitigation project under way and our report could possibly be used for State and Federal funding. So if there was money left out of the \$20,000 funding, those engineers could use that to seek funding to assist us. She hasn't asked the County, but she wondered if they would help the City out with funding if the City couldn't do it

themselves to get estimates of cost of these three (3) options listed in the study. She noted that if the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) was used up on this preliminary report that a technician basically did..... Director of Administration and Finance Damiano felt that they were supposed to provide cost estimates. Alderman Feiszli noted that at that point, they would go to their assemblywoman's office along with the report, so that when the flood mitigation grant money becomes available, we will have the information which is required.

She requested to reduce the speed limit on Clinton Avenue to thirty (30) miles per hour. That was denied by the Department of Transportation, last week. They studied the area and determined that the decrease was not necessary at that time. She also put in a request for street lighting in front of Wendy's at the crosswalk from the Riverside Plaza entrance to Locust Avenue. The DOT told her that they plan to place four (4) new light poles to light the area and they would be placing one (1) light at the corner of Wendy's driveway and McDonalds, one (1) at Wendy's Rt. 13 crosswalk and one (1) light kitty-corner northwest former of the intersection at the Riverside Mall crosswalk and one (1) new light in front of Wendy's near their exit only. This will make a big difference, as a lot of people cross the street in that area at night. The new sidewalk will be right in front of Friendly's, but it will run from the Mobil station to I-81 Southbound on/off ramp. She was told when she requested this, that there was a possibility of continuing it to Locust Avenue, but not at this time.

Finally, she is continuing to work on the vacant gas station issue in the front of the Ramada Inn. This is not her Ward, but Alderman Partigianoni was nice enough to let her work on it. She contacted the contractor, who is working on the bridge, and if the owner of the gas station agreed; could the contractor demolish the gas station after the bridge project was completed, with the understanding that it could be used by the contractor as the field office during the bridge construction. Seems that the contractor and the owner of the property have come up with an agreement and they have asked if the County would waive the tipping fee for dumping the debris. She has spoken with the County Administrator and the Chairman of the Legislature and they told her it has to go to the highway committee and then to the full legislature for approval, but it looks like there might not be a problem. If it all works out, it will be a win win situation for everyone.

Ward 7 – Alderman Partigianoni

He has received numerous contacts regarding the Conifer Project and the Library. What he finds is that many people are basing their opinion on misinformation. He has heard that this is a load on the taxpayers. He wanted to have it explained to him how the taxpayers are paying \$7,500 today and we're going to realize a \$21,000 profit and how this is going to be a load to the taxpayers. He can't understand it. He has heard constantly from those who are opposed, that property is being taken off of the tax rolls. He wants to tell the public that it is NOT coming off the tax rolls. The assessment is going up five (5) times, that is NOT taking property off the tax rolls.

I also attended the Planning Commission meeting where Tim Hortons' was approved on Clinton Avenue. Most people were for this project and he feels that it's going to be a plus. He noted that the Ukrainian story was well attended and received. More than one hundred (100) people participated. Professors came from Ithaca, SUNY Cortland, and Brockport, etc. It was televised and tapes are being made and will be available to the public. Please contact the Youth Bureau. He also received a reply from the Department of Transportation regarding a residential concern about a dangerous intersection at the corner of Greenbush and Clinton and changing the flashing signal to a three-color signal. The DOT did not feel that was warranted as a result of their review of the intersection.

He attended the Volunteer Firemens' Super Bowl gathering at the Armory. He received a tour of the facility. Another issue important to the 7th Ward, is the concern for St. Anthony's Church. There will be more on that later. He also has a Community Center announcement. Thanks to the BOCES apprenticeship program they will now man the center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ward 8 – Alderman Michales

He thanked all those who attended the January 30 informational meeting at the Randall School. He thanked them for the use of the school library. A lot of concerns were brought to his attention. Aldermen Benedict and Tobin have put together a very informational questionnaire pertaining to a lot of the issues to the IDA's pilot program. He also noted that there was still a lot of truck traffic in the Pendleton Street area. They're having trouble negotiating the intersections of Pomeroy and Pt. Watson as well as Pendleton and Pt. Watson. Last week a truck down the walk/don't walk sign on the corner of Pomeroy and Pt. Watson. It's obvious that these trucks are going toward one of the Marietta facilities or trying to get to Rt. 81. These corners are not made for these large trucks.

Alderman Feiszli asked if there was an alternate route for these trucks. Alderman Michales noted that it was probably just a changing of the times and they were probably just dealing with these large trucks. He doesn't know if a traffic study should be done to widen these intersections. He felt that this would be worth looking in to. He imagines the insurance company will pay for the sign. Alderman VanGorder asked if the City had recommended a route for the trucks. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano indicated that they had met with Marietta numerous times in regards to truck routes and specific routes to use. The Mayor noted it meant that they would have to acquire some pieces of property and Marietta didn't want to do that.

Alderman Michales expressed his thanks to the volunteer firefighters for inviting the Council members to watch the Super Bowl with them. There was plenty of food to go around. He asked the Mayor to explain the property back tax procedure that the City has put into place. The Mayor explained that it was enacted in January 2007 and we have to let it go three (3) years in arrears before the City can start the interim process. It was not grandfathered by the State, so we had to start from the beginning. At the end

of 2009, there will be an auction process for 2010 for the properties that are three (3) years or more behind in their taxes and then they will be auctioned. We are hoping that maybe there will be an amnesty period towards the end of 2009 to give the people an opportunity to pay their back taxes before their property gets auctioned off. Alderman Michales thanked him and noted that this will be sooner than we think and this will prompt delinquent property owners to act.

Alderman Partigianoni noted that there was a serious problem with the trucks and Marietta. In that parking lot on Court Street there are over one hundred (100) trailers and they constantly come day and night into that area. We have an industry, we all want jobs and industry. We've contacted Marietta and they're looking into it. I feel its growing pains.

A work session was scheduled for February 19, 2008 at 6:00 pm on the Conifer Project.

RESOLUTION #12 OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in order to refinance the 1996 Public Improvement Serial Bonds (Roll Call Vote Required).

John Shehadi from Fiscal Advisors was present to explain this process, the savings to the City and to answer questions. The initial savings is \$12,000 to \$15,000 year and will accrue to the Water Fund and will help to keep the rates down. This is not for the General Fund.

By: Alderman Dye
Seconded: Alderman VanGorder

Roll Call Vote: Alderman VanGorder – Aye
Alderman Benedict – Aye
Alderman Dye – Aye
Alderman Tobin – Aye
Alderman Quail – Aye
Alderman Feiszli – Aye
Alderman Partigianoni – Aye
Alderman Michales – Aye

RESOLUTION #13 OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of five (5) exotic pet permits for ferrets (Alderman Michales).

By: Alderman Michales
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 1 (VanGorder)

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to create a “No Parking Anytime” zone on both the east and west sides of Dio Way, from Central Avenue to East Court Street (Recommendation of the Public Safety Commission).

By: Alderman Partigianoni
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #15 OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from Account No. A1990.400 (Contingencies) to Account No. A3010.415 (Public Safety-Contractual) to repair a traffic signal on Groton Avenue.

Alderman Tobin had questions regarding this transaction as well as the costs of the actual repair and concerns for spending down the contingency fund. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano answered questions regarding the appropriation transfer and putting this out to public bid and interim liability and safety concerns. Alderman Michales and others asked if guide wires could be used in the interim and further inspections be done and perhaps a replacement plan put in place. Further discussion took place regarding pole deterioration and the replacement process.

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #16 OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the transfer of \$30,000 from Account No. A1990.400 (Contingencies) to Account No. A1620.415.00 (Buildings & Grounds-Contractual) to fund various emergency repairs to City facilities.

Part of this was for the radon remediation project for the fire hall. The tests came back positive. These are for emergency repairs that have not been put out to bid. It was noted that the City tries to buy locally first, but that is not always possible. Unused money stays in the contingency fund if costs come in lower. The money won't be transferred until the actual bills come in. This is for authorization to transfer the funds when the bills do come in.

By: Alderman Partigianoni
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Adjournment

By: Alderman VanGorder
Seconded: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

I, JOHN O. REAGAN, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

JOHN O. REAGAN – CITY CLERK

MAYOR THOMAS GALLAGHER