



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
November 16, 2010

Council Meeting #27
November 16, 2010
Regular Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Feiszli, Aldermen Craig, Hayes, Tobin, Quail, Ferrer, Ferguson and Michales

Absent: Alderman Dye

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ronald Walsh, Assistant Director of Administration and Finance Lori Crompton and City Clerk Carol Tytler

7:00 P.M. Public Hearing regarding Adoption of Local Law No. 6 Regarding Licensing, Identification and Control of Dogs in the City of Cortland

Mike Dexter spoke in support of proposed Local Law Number 6.

Mayor Feiszli called the twenty-seventh Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Former Alderman Harold Hyde spoke about the annual Christmas lighting contest. The program started years ago in the seventh ward and later expanded to the entire City. He stated that in the past, each alderman would choose a winner in their ward and then a citywide winner would be selected from that group. In the past, Aldermen and members of the Landscape and Design Committee have served as judges. The ward with the most entries will be listed on a plaque that hangs in City Hall.

Mr. Hyde asked about the level of interest in holding the contest again this year. Alderman Quail stated that in the past, people were unhappy with the decision from the judges and were very critical of them. Mr. Hyde stated that he was aware of these issues as well.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she would send an email to the Council members and the Youth Bureau and contact the paper about the contest. She stated that judging could be anonymous if they chose. Aldermen Ferguson, Ferrer, and Craig stated that they supported the contest and had no problem serving as judges.

Mike Dexter shared information with the Council about the emerald ash borer bug which is coming into the western areas of New York State and New York City. He stated that this bug has devastated many green areas in the United States and the City of Cortland has over one hundred ash trees in the City right of way. Mr. Dexter stated that National Grid will be holding a

workshop on December 10 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm which will include foresters from the region and representatives from Cornell. The workshop will be held at the DEC offices on Fisher Avenue. He encouraged members of the Council and City employees to attend the workshop.

Anne Doyle, a member of the blue bag committee, stated that Council members had selected a bag, but the committee had not selected that style bag. She stated that the committee would go along with that selection and get back with the Council next year. Alderman Ferguson stated that Alderman Hayes and Ferrer had not had an opportunity to see the sample bag, but other Council members had agreed upon the selection.

Minutes of November 2, 2010

RESOLUTION #229 OF 2010 – Approve the minutes of November 2, 2010.

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Ferrer announced that there would be a 6th Ward meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Alderman Quail stated that at the last meeting there was a question about the process regarding a City Manager. He stated that he went back through the minutes from last year and he would be happy to share with anyone what was recorded, although some of the discussions were in Mayor Gallagher's report. He didn't have copies of those Mayor's reports from mid-January 2009.

Alderman Quail congratulated SUNY Cortland on their Cortaca Jug win and thanked the students, noting that the level of trash was much less than last year. He stated that there was a lot of student movement on Saturday and into Sunday morning, but he did not see many arrests.

Chief Catalano stated that there were almost two hundred (200) arrests and thousands of people were out.

Alderman Quail stated there was much less trash and he gave kudos to Brian (Tobin) and the swim team for getting out early to clean up any trash.

Alderman Michales stated that he was the guest speaker at Alderman Hayes environmental committee meeting the other night. He stated that the Seven Valley Aquifer Summit is in the planning stages now. He thanked Alderman Hayes for inviting him to the meeting.

Alderman Tobin discussed the clean-up efforts on Sunday. He thanked Monica Norris for helping with the project by taking the bags down to the YMCA for use by the volunteers. He thanked the YMCA and the Blue Frog for serving as drop off locations for the bags.

Alderman Tobin stated that the 4th Ward meeting was being rescheduled due to a conflict with another meeting. It will now be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30 pm in the Beard Building.

Mayor Feiszli stated that Thoma Development had provided waiver of conflict of interest letters for disclosure. Mayor Feiszli read the letters to the Council and members of the public. Brian Zoll, who will be participating in the HOME Program through Thoma Development, was the first disclosure read. Mr. Zoll has a relative employed by the Mayor's firm. Rosa Salamino has been prequalified to participate in the Community Block Grant Program in the East End home rehabilitation program administered by Thoma Development. Ms. Salamino has two (2) relatives employed by the City of Cortland. Official conflict of interest letters may not be necessary in both these cases, but Thoma Development has sent letters to the City to confirm this, but has requested that the City openly discuss Mr. Zoll's and Ms. Salamino's intended participation at a Common Council meeting and minutes of this discussion be forwarded to Thoma Development for their files. There were no questions or further discussion by Council members.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she would like to add an item to tonight's agenda for a resolution to set December 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm for three (3) public hearings for the proposed 2011 budgets.

Mayor Feiszli thanked the SUNY students for the efforts with the clean-up. She stated that that the City was a mess on Saturday night, but by late Sunday morning you would never have known. She also recognized students and children of area landlords who participated in the clean-up efforts as well as the landlords themselves including Mick Pace, Gary Seales, Steve Muka, Gerry Ruggiaro, his children Kaitlin and Daniel, Ward Dukalo, Ray Oliver with U-Haul It and his daughter, Kiara. She thanked Ray Oliver who paid for the trash to be hauled away and the tipping fees.

Alderman Quail asked about the public hearings. Mayor Feiszli explained which funds and the guidelines. She explained by the Charter, the City must have public hearings for the proposed budget for the General Fund, the Waste Water and the Water Funds and it must be done between December 1 and December 15 and she would like to set to set the public hearings for December 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Alderman Tobin asked about the process if there are changes after December 7. Corporation Council Walsh stated that if the Council increases the overall appropriation, it would require an additional public hearing. He stated that if the Council changed the allocation of funds within the budget with no change to the overall appropriation, it does not require another public hearing.

Mayor Feiszli stated that the Council then has until December 31, 2010 to pass the budget.

RESOLUTION #230 OF 2010 – Resolution to set December 7, 2010 at 6:30 PM for the three (3) Public Hearings for the General Fund, the Water Fund and the Waste Water Fund for the proposed budgets for 2011.

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

AGENDA:

Item No. 1 - Presentation by Larry Fisher (Benefit Consulting Group) to discuss alternate health savings account overview.

Mayor Feiszli provided background information. The health insurance for City employees had been renewed last year with Excellus before it was necessary to do so, resulting in a seven percent (7%) increase in costs. Mayor Feiszli stated that she had learned that the City could look at alternate health savings plans. She stated that Larry Fisher from Benefit Consulting Group is the consultant working with the City and due to his efforts; the City has saved ten percent (10%) off our health insurance benefits for next year.

Mr. Fisher provided Council members with an overview of the alternate health savings account. He suggested that the City get a health insurance committee in place which includes Council members, Mayor Feiszli and representatives from the unions.

Mr. Fisher stated that they have been meeting regularly since the summer and began planning a long term discussion about the betterment of the plan and the bottom line for the City. The initial goal was to look at where they were at with the health insurance plan, how it was financed and negotiations with health insurance providers. They are looking at short term, midterm and long range solutions.

Mr. Fisher stated that he was updating the Council on health savings accounts as an alternative plan for City employees and retirees. He stated that he would be introducing it conceptually, not getting into numbers. He noted that one part of the plan was a qualifying high deductible plan and another part was establishing a health savings account with a qualifying bank.

Mr. Fisher listed benefits to the program, including lower medical plan premiums, promoting consumer driven health care, providing freedom of choice in selecting health care providers, and the potential to accumulate funds on a tax free basis. He noted that in a basic plan for health savings accounts, the premium was half of what the City is paying today. This would involve buying into a deductible concept; managing that deductible up front and if there are out of pocket expenses that exceed a certain limit, the insurance kicks in at one hundred (100) percent. Contributions to these accounts can be made by the employer or the employee or a combination of both. He noted that pharmacy benefits, co-pays and all of the insurance benefits are still in place, but by introducing the front end deductible and the employee managing that limit, it lowers the insurance premium.

There were no questions from Council members following the presentation.

Mayor Feiszli stated that the next step would be for Mr. Fisher to meet with department heads and labor representatives to outline the program and educate people over the next few months.

RESOLUTION #231 OF 2010 - Resolution adopting a Local Law No. 6 regarding Licensing, Identification and Control of Dogs in the City of Cortland. (Corporation Counsel Walsh/City Clerk Tytler)

City Clerk Carol Tytler stated that there would be no changes to the current fees and there was a nominal impact on the City budget for taking over the program.

By: Alderman Hayes
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #232 OF 2010 - Resolution to adopt the dog fees schedule for the licensing, identification and control of dogs in the City of Cortland. (City Clerk Tytler)

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #233 OF 2010 – Request to approve the request for Council to recognize and appropriate the remaining auction proceeds. (Lori Crompton)

By: Alderman Michales
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #234 OF 2010 - Request for Council approval of contract for professional services for GASB45 Actuarial Valuation from Armory Associates, LLC. (Lori Crompton)

Alderman Michales stated that if he was reading it correctly, it was a year to year cost. Assistant Director of Finance and Administration Lori Crompton stated that there was a full valuation every other year and also an interim valuation done every other year (done in alternating years). She noted that the unfunded liabilities are large and further stated that the financial statements reflected this liability.

Alderman Quail stated that there are a number of significant issues coming forward as people retire. He further stated that in the audit report that the Council received it was close to forty million.

By: Alderman Hayes
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #235 OF 2010 - Resolution designating Lori Crompton and Elaine Doe as the signators on all accounts. (Lori Crompton)

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Hayes

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #236 OF 2010 - Resolution to lift the hiring freeze for the Department of Public Works to fill two (2) vacant positions. (Chris Bistocchi)

Alderman Hayes stated that when Mr. Bistocchi had come before the Council in October, he said there were six (6) vacant positions and now he is asking for two (2). She asked if these were in the budget. Mr. Bistocchi stated that they were in the 2011 budget.

Alderman Quail asked how long the two (2) positions have been vacant. Mr. Bistocchi stated October, July, June and February noting that there had been two (2) retirements and two (2) resignations in 2010 and two (2) retirements in 2009.

Alderman Quail asked what classification were the positions. Mr. Bistocchi stated laborer.

Alderman Craig noted that this was not going to change your budget at all. Mr. Bistocchi stated he was correct.

Alderman Quail asked if this would put him to full staff. Mr. Bistocchi stated that it brings him to full staff according to the budget.

Alderman Hayes stated that if we put the two (2) in you'll be at full staff according to the budget. She asked if he anticipated coming back for the other four (4) positions.

Mr. Bistocchi stated if we can't complete our tasks he'll budget in 2012 and be back next year. He further stated that the 2011 budget shows the two (2) employees that he wants to hire. He stated in fact, he is showing a surplus. He stated that he would like to hire as soon as possible to get them trained before the snow starts.

By: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #237 OF 2010 - Resolution authorizing the closure of Main Street from Court Street to William Street from 6:00 PM December 31, 2010 until 1:00 AM January 1, 2011 for First Night. (Adam Megivern)

Mayor Feiszli stated that Mr. Megivern had notified her that he would not be able to attend the meeting, but he had met with department heads. She further stated that the City is going to have a First Night Celebration and to do that; we will need to close the street.

Alderman Quail asked about the cost. Mayor Feiszli stated that there was no cost for the fireworks which would be held over by CVS and the Youth Bureau parking lots. She stated that the ball drop would be from the new Clock Tower Building. She stated that she had talked about police protection with Chief Catalano and there probably will be some overtime incurred. She stated that she is looking to fire department volunteers to help keep people back from the fireworks.

By: Alderman Ferrer

Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item No. 9 - Resolution to accept new blue bag specifications. (Alderman Ferguson)

Motion to Discuss:

By: Alderman Ferguson
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Alderman Quail asked if this agenda item had to be done by resolution.

Alderman Ferguson stated it is only a recommendation. She further stated that fortunately, when they had a meeting, six (6) Council people agreed to the same bag. Aldermen Ferrer and Hayes did not have an opportunity. Alderman Ferguson thanked Wilma VanDee for her work on the project to obtain information about the choices and specifications for the various bags.

Alderman Ferguson stated that the bag that they came to agreement on was sixty-six (66) grams with side gussets. She further stated that this bag does not have the star at the bottom nor side seams like those that broke in the past. She stated that from 1992 to 2004, the City had this model and we didn't have problems with the design, people were just unhappy to pay for the bags.

Mayor Feiszli stated that the cost may be higher than what we are paying now.

Alderman Ferguson stated that in the future, it will be a specific bag they are bidding on. She stated that since we don't know what the price will be, we can't say right now.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she thinks the public will be happy with it.

Council members determined that this agenda item did not need a resolution.

The motion was withdrawn and no vote was taken.

RESOLUTION #238 OF 2010 - Resolution to lift the hiring freeze at the Police Department for one (1) part-time Parking Enforcement Officer who is resigning effective November 19, 2010. (Chief Catalano)

Alderman Michales asked if we really need to (hire). Chief Catalano stated that in order to cover five days, yes. Alderman Quail asked how many hours of work. Chief Catalano stated that this was part time; under twenty (20), maybe nineteen and a half (19 ½).

Alderman Hayes stated that a few months ago we lifted the hiring freeze and hired someone. Chief Catalano stated that the individual had obtained more hours with his other job and had to resign. He further stated that he could not do both jobs.

Alderman Craig asked if the position was already budgeted for. Chief Catalano indicated that it was.

By: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item No. 11 - Discussion regarding filling the vacancy of Director of Administration and Finance.
(Alderman Michales)

Alderman Michales stated that it has been three (3) weeks since we lost our Director of Administration and Finance. He stated that it was a good time to get the ball rolling on how we want to proceed with filling this vacancy. Alderman Michales provided the Council with information about the duties of a comptroller and a city manager. He stated that he could not find examples of comptroller duties that fit the City. These positions were more geared toward factories. He stated that he did find that duties of city manager do fit with what we have for Director of Administration and Finance except they have more power.

Alderman Michales stated that it looks like many, many cities are leaning in that direction...to have a city manager. He further stated that some chose to keep a director of administration and finance, but those duties are limited to overseeing the finance portion of the city and overseen by the city manager. He stated that Dan's (Quail) and Brian's (Tobin) committees have looked into this.

Alderman Quail stated that they haven't looked at the technical aspects of it. He stated that they are looking more into the long term strategy. He stated that we have HR and personnel issues, financial issues and legal issues. Alderman Quail asked where the description came from.

Alderman Michales stated that he Googled "city manager" and came up with this one. He further stated that he believes we want to turn this over to our personnel committee to take the lead on. He stated that the committee wouldn't have to do as much research since he had started it.

Alderman Quail stated in the long term, the Council needs to make a few decisions regarding where we are going with it. He asked what is the role that person is going to perform. He further stated that right now, the Director of Administration and Finance does not have all of the department heads reporting to him and in the role you've given us, it indicates that they do.

Alderman Michales stated it was an option that could be discussed through a workshop.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she has spoken with a few people and we will start having informational meetings. She further stated that NYCOM will come to discuss the pros and cons of having a strong mayor versus a city manager type of government and implications of revising our City Charter. She stated that she spoke with the Maxwell School and they're also interested in taking this on as a project and working with the City to look at what works and doesn't work for our current form of government.

Mayor Feiszli stated that Mr. (Skip) Chapman had also recommended Cornell as a resource. She stated that right now it is a fact finding effort. She stated that she definitely feels we need to revise our Charter and the description for the Mayor, that of Director of Administration and Finance as well as for the Council. She stated that those are the steps being taken so far and

she will continue to update the Council and the public when these informational meetings begin. She stated that right now, just fact finding. She added that the City of Oneonta is going through this as well.

Alderman Hayes stated that in the mean time, discussion needs to be had. She asked about the plan of action.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she has been meeting with every department head to see what void has been made by the absence of the Director of Administration and Finance. She stated that at this time, Lori (Crompton) is looking into a BAN for the fire truck and she is looking into this with the finance advisory committee. She stated that there is nothing significant that we are not already aware of. She noted that at this point, it is not an immediate crisis. She stated that if we do need to hire a consultant, or an HR firm to help, we could. She stated that she has also been working with County Personnel regarding an ongoing issue with Civil Service and they have been very helpful. NYCOM has also been very helpful.

Alderman Hayes stated the Mayor's recommendation is to not fill the position.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she would not recommend filling it as a vacancy. She stated that it is a perfect opportunity to look at how we can restructure our government.

Alderman Hayes stated that her major concern is about the length of time to restructure. She stated that looking at health insurance and how many months...this is a much bigger change. She further stated that with not filling that position, she is getting a little nervous about that long term and what the impact will be.

Mayor Feiszli stated that the Council can look at having an interim Director of Administration and Finance.

Alderman Hayes asked if Alderman Quail had things from the hiring before. Alderman Quail stated that Nick Mazza did a lot with the orchestration of the process. He further stated that he (Mazza) worked with NYCOM to make certain we got as much exposure for the position. He stated that twenty-three (23) people applied and they went through all the resumes, brought in six (6) and a final interview process with three (3).

Alderman Tobin stated that they narrowed down to a field of six (6) and brought four (4) to town for the actual interviews. He stated that Nick was instrumental in getting to that number.

Alderman Quail stated that Nick did all of the phone screening which saved a lot of time. He stated that a lot of investment bankers had applied with resumes that just didn't fit. He stated that the important part is getting the information out. He stated that we need to decide what our strategy is and where we want to go with the position. He noted that they didn't want to advertise for a Director of Administration and Finance and then decide to go to a City Manager.

Alderman Hayes stated right.

Mayor Feiszli stated that if the Council wants further discussion she is meeting with Nick Mazza on Thursday. She stated that she could talk about having him come back. She stated that when he was here, he did make a tremendous amount of difference and pushing the in rem process forward with the auction and making recommendations for policies and procedures that

we are implementing now. She asked for those interested in meeting with him (Mazza) to contact her after the meeting.

Alderman Tobin stated that in interest of disclosure, he (Mazza) is with the group now doing our audit and didn't know what type of conflict of interest this may involve. He further stated that he has been working with them for less than a year.

Mayor Feiszli stated that we will disclose any potential conflict of interest, noting that Mr. Mazza is not directly responsible for the auditing process.

Alderman Quail stated that it is still a conflict of interest. He further stated that he agrees with bringing him in, but we have to be careful about mixing consulting with auditing. He further stated that you can't have the same auditing firm that is doing your consulting.

Mayor Feiszli stated that we can discuss it. She added that if it is a conflict of interest, we'll disclose it.

Alderman Quail asked if any process had been set up with the Maxwell School.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she is starting with contacting people who are going to meet with her. She stated that she wants the public and department heads involved at this point. She stated that she was not prepared to talk about this tonight; to talk about restructuring. She stated that this is going to be a totally transparent process involving the Council and Department Heads.

Item No. 13 - Discussion regarding laying out the process for information requests from the Strategic Planning Committee.

Alderman Quail asked what process the Mayor would like Council to follow when people want information. The Mayor asked for examples. Alderman Quail stated say we want to look at overtime...is there one contact person such as the Mayor or approach Lori Crompton

Mayor Feiszli stated that she preferred that Council contact her for specific requests and she will transfer it to Lori Crompton so she can get it together and give a realistic answer about whether she can get the information ready in the time frame requested.

Alderman Quail stated that he didn't have a specific request; he just wanted to talk about the process. Mayor Feiszli stated that all requests should go to her office entitled Strategic Planning Request. She asked Council to identify the topic in the title of their email message and she would get the information for them.

Alderman Hayes stated that timely is a very relative term. She had been used to calling Bryan Gazda asking for information.

Mayor Feiszli asked for other examples of information needed.

Alderman Hayes stated that in general, what does overtime look like in this department, how many people were in the department and how is it being computed. She stated that she had trouble getting this information from Bryan (Gazda) in the past.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she would do the same thing that Bryan would have done. She stated she would go to the appropriate person to get the information. She stated that she would like to have at least a week to get the information.

Alderman Ferguson stated that she, too, would go to a particular department in the past and further stated that what you are saying now is not to go to a department head, but to go to the Mayor.

Mayor Feiszli stated that right now during the budget process.....she would bring this up to the staff during a department heads' meeting, but if the Council needed to ask about something of an urgent nature re: trash or snow removal they could contact a department head, but if the Council asked for a five year budget projection from Lori, it should go through her.

Alderman Ferguson stated that she was confused because we are being asked to partake more in the department head's goings on, but then you're saying don't call them.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she was just talking specifically about the strategic planning committee not a generalization.

Aldermen Ferguson and Hayes noted that they now understood.

Alderman Quail asked to add a thirteenth item to the agenda about budget review. He further stated that the Council accepted the Mayor's budget, but we know it is short by \$170,000 in the fire department.

Mayor Feiszli noted that the budget as adopted, the Council has until December 31 to add or delete. It can't go from one fund to another, but it can go from one department to another.

Alderman Quail stated that he was unable to attend some of the budget review sessions. He noted that there was an item he did not agree with such as a ninety-five thousand (\$95,000) dollar contractual amount in the Law Department and he would like to schedule another workshop to understand more. He felt that there was about one hundred forty thousand (\$140,000) that he would like to see taken out of the budget and noted some concerns regarding the fire department and the health insurance savings not reflecting the savings figure discussed earlier.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she did put a cushion in there on health insurance. Mayor Feiszli asked Alderman Quail how many budget meetings he made with the department heads. Alderman Quail stated he made one.

Alderman Tobin stated that he did his homework and would like a meeting at 7:00 pm at the earliest. Alderman Quail suggested next Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm for the meeting. Corporation Council Walsh stated that was reasonable notice for a public workshop.

Mayor Feiszli stated that there was no change to the tentative budget for the last month, which is now the proposed budget. She noted that at this point, they were going to schedule work sessions and felt that an area needed more justification then we would need to bring Lori Crompton and department heads to get further information. Alderman Quail stated he had received an email from Chief Glover saying that the budget was short. He further stated that he just wants to make certain that there is no other communication from any other department heads that the budget is inadequate from their perspective at this point.

Mayor Feiszli stated that other than the salary can't be projected at this point because they are going through negotiations. She pointed out that the Fire Department, when she sent out her tentative budget, had not resolved their negotiations and her reflection for the code office and fire department did not have accurate information from the negotiations because that happened after the fact, after October 15, 2010.

Alderman Quail stated that he is still concerned regarding the budget.

Alderman Hayes stated that we did ask for the fire department to then submit, and the next day we did get something from Chief Glover. She further asked if every department head felt confident with the budgets they had submitted.

Mayor Feiszli stated that she would need to ask them. She further stated that, of course, they would want more money, but this is what you need to discuss. She added that it is a very tight budget and the department heads did a great job cutting back on overtime and coming up with creative ideas to save money. She suggested that Council discuss concerns with them directly.

Alderman Tobin stated that Chief Glover recognized that there were several positions not in the budget, and we did have that discussion during one of the workshops, and mistakenly he was under the impression that they were going to be included in the budget.

Mayor Feiszli state that what she reflected for the Code Office is what she thinks is best. She further stated that Chief Glover's request doesn't necessarily reflect her thoughts regarding salaries and filling a position.

Alderman Hayes asked if this wasn't contractual.

Mayor Feiszli stated the he asked for an additional administrative assistant and she took that out. She stated that he asked to have the position for the Zoning Officer to be increased to full time to \$40,000 and she put the salary back down to \$17,500. She stated that we have two (2) fire code officers retiring and she replaced them with entry level personnel at a lower cost. She stated that she supports what she put in there and Chief Glover may not agree with her. She added that it is up to the Council to decide which figure to go with.

Alderman Hayes asked if she had missed something with regards to the Zoning Officer getting twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars for the part time position.

Mayor Feiszli noted that there was a twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollar stipend added to the seventeen thousand five hundred (\$17,500) dollars, but it's not forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.

By: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #239 OF 2010 – Resolution to reject the lowest bid for refuse collection services for the City of Cortland for the period of time from January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2013 received September 17, 2010 as a non-responsible bidder based upon negative references from existing and former customers of the low bidder which include, but are not limited to, the Town of Salina, New York, The Village of Jordan, New York and the Village of Elbridge, New York and the Council further resolves to authorize the Mayor to enter in to a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

BY: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #240 OF 2010 – Resolution to set a Public Hearing for a SEQR review for the Vacant Building Registry for December 7, 2010.

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Adjournment

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

I, CAROL TYTLER, 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 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

CAROL TYTLER – CITY CLERK

MAYOR SUSAN FEISZLI