



City Council Minutes  
The City of Cortland  
December 20, 2011

Council Meeting #27  
December 20, 2011  
Regular Session  
City Hall  
7:00 PM

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

Absent: Alderman Craig and Alderman Hayes

Staff Present: Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, Corporation Counsel Patrick Perfetti and City Clerk Judith Chamberlin

Mayor Feiszli called the twenty-seventh Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:10 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comment

Anne Doyle thanked all the Council members as well as the Fire, Police and Code Departments for the great job done in the past two (2) years. She especially thanked Mayor Feiszli for all her hard work.

Jo Schaffer spoke about the SUNY Cortland Building and emphasized that there is supporting case law that the State has to adhere to the local laws of a municipality in what they do. She also thanked the Mayor and the Council for the great job they had done.

**RESOLUTION #255** OF 2011 – Approve the minutes of December 6, 2011.

By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #255 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills were presented and approved.

## Reports of Officer, Board and Standing Committees

Alderman Ferguson wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Alderman Quail announced that gas lines were being put in on Lansing Avenue without notification to the residents. He noted that there is an ongoing crow issue with garbage in his Ward. He would like to see enforcement of the use of garbage cans. He cited an example of twenty (20) to thirty (30) bags being put out at one time and noted that was not necessary.

Alderman Michales agreed with Alderman Quail's comment. He further noted that private haulers had removed thirty-seven (37) bags from a residence on Pendleton Street.

Alderman Tobin commented on the signage issue, noting that size is still a contention. This would be on an agenda in January.

Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook gave an update on the Corrective Action Plan. Mayor Feiszli stated that he is doing an excellent job and she's happy that he has been asked to stay on.

Mayor Feiszli read a prepared statement. She noted that the past two years of being Mayor has been the most challenging job of her life. She is proud of the accomplishments made during her administration and has no regrets and makes no apologies for any of her decisions. She outlined some of the problems encountered with her attempts to turn City government in the right direction, but noted that she persevered and made the needed changes for long-term success. She is proud of the City and every department within it. She outlined her accomplishments and thanked all those who contributed to and supported her efforts.

Mayor Feiszli noted that agenda item No. 1 was being removed and No. 4 was going to be for discussion.

Item No. 1 – Consideration of a resolution authorizing the closure of Main Street from Court Street to William Street from TBD December 31, 2011 until 1:00 AM January 1, 2012 for First Night (Adam Megivern)

Mayor Feiszli noted that Adam Megivern had asked that this be removed from the agenda since there will be no fireworks and there is no need for the show mobile and there is no need for a street closure request. Police Chief Catalano agreed that is the case and there is no need to close the street. He will try to find out further information regarding the ball drop.

**RESOLUTION #256** OF 2011 – Consideration of a resolution to reappoint the following: Charles Wood, Anthony Camilli, Jacqueline K. Henry, Philomena Brady and Wilma VanDee as Commissioner of Deeds for a term commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2013. (Common Council)

By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #256 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #257** OF 2011 – Consideration of a resolution to contract with Alliance Energy upgrading lighting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Bruce Adams)

Alderman Michales spoke about the project and provided updated research information he had done regarding the upgrade.

By: Alderman Michales  
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #257 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Item No. 4 – Consideration of a resolution to contract with the State of New York for Arterial Road Maintenance. (Corporation Counsel)

Corporation Counsel Perfetti gave an explanation of this twelve (12) page document and he also noted that the Stockton Place issue could easily be added to this document before passage.

Alderman Ferrer stated that he has presented this to the Public Safety Commission and it will be brought up at their next meeting. Corporation Counsel Perfetti noted that passage of this resolution can wait until the Public Safety Commission's recommendation.

Alderman Michales had concerns for local businesses that might be affected by these changes. Alderman Tobin asked that Mack Cook have Tom Tobin of Public Safety be present at the meeting that this will be resolved at.

**RESOLUTION #258** OF 2011 – Consideration of a resolution adopting a Fund Balance Policy for the year ending December 31, 2011. (Mack Cook)

Mack Cook noted questions by Alderman Quail and Alderman Michales and stated that this met 2011 GAP requirements, but this definitely should be revisited again next year.

By: Alderman Tobin  
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0



**RESOLUTION #261** OF 2011 – 6d) Consideration of a resolution to approve a transfer of funds from Utilities to Operating Supplies for the Fire Department. (Mack Cook)

Chief Glover explained the need for this transfer.

By: Alderman Dye  
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #261 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #262** OF 2011 – 6e) Consideration of a resolution to approve a transfer of funds from Retirement to Professional Services for the Fire Department. (Mack Cook)

Mack Cook explained this software and its compatibility and how it corrected deficiencies noted in the State Comptroller's Report.

By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #262 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #263** OF 2011 – 6f) Consideration of a resolution to approve a transfer of funds from Contingencies and Various budgets to various budgets for the Water Department. (Mack Cook)

By: Alderman Dye  
Seconded: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Resolution #263 Adopted by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION #264** OF 2011 – 6g) Consideration of a resolution to approve a transfer of funds from Personal Services – Beaches & Pool to Personal Services – Storm Sewers for the Youth Bureau. (Mack Cook)

By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0



Nays – 0

Motion to come out of Executive Session

By: Alderman Tobin  
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Adjournment

By: Alderman Tobin  
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**I, JUDITH CHAMBERLIN, CITY CLERK OF 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 20th DAY OF DECEMBER 2011. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HER CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.**

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JUDITH CHAMBERLIN, CITY CLERK

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MAYOR FEISZLI