

ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 20, 2012

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Council President McLaughlin.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith.

Also present were the following staff: Cashawna Parker, Nala Woodard, Barbara Samel and Patrick Jordan.

Council Member Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk to the Common Council Nala Woodard read the notice of the public hearing on ORDINANCE NUMBER 32.91.12 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF DALE PLACE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY)

There were no speakers. Council President McLaughlin declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President McLaughlin commented about voters being disenfranchised during the primary elections and several mistakes made with voters names not being in rosters at voting sites where they have voted in previous years. She encouraged Council Members to speak with constituents prior to the November elections.

1. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (Lack of Trust in Government);
2. Jonathan Jones, 9 Ten Broeck Street, Albany, NY 12210 (Proposed Brewery at St. Joseph's Church).

There being no further speakers, Council President McLaughlin declared the Public Comment period closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

President Pro-Tempore Conti made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 and July 16, 2012 meetings, which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS

The remaining local laws on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro-Tempore Conti.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety – Chairwoman Smith stated that the Committee met on August 23, 2012 to receive a mid-year budget update from the Albany Police Department. She stated that the Department is close to what was projected for 2012 and even though the department is short 11 officers, they are anticipating more retirements. The department will be near their overtime target by the end of this year. Chief Krokoff stated that the Department has a rotation for replacement of department vehicles and have reduced the fleet by 30 cars. The Department anticipates a cost savings by working with other local agencies and police departments. She stated the Committee was supposed to meet on September 19, 2012 to interview candidates for the vacancy on the Citizen Police Review Board, but the meeting was cancelled due to the recent emergency involving an underground fire. The Committee will be rescheduling a meeting in the near future.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Member Sano offered ORDINANCE NUMBER 32.91.12 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF DALE PLACE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY), which had been previously introduced, and asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon.

The ordinance passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 13 Negative 0 Abstain 0

The remaining ordinances on the pending agenda were held at the request of Majority Leader Herring.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

President Pro-Tempore Conti asked and received majority consent to add RESOLUTION NUMBER 57.92.12R to the agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Sano introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 57.92.12R, and asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING STEVEN P. BOYLE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIRMENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ST. PETER'S HEALTH PARTNERS

WHEREAS, Steven P. Boyle, chief executive officer of St. Peter's Health Partners, will be retiring from his position on October 1, 2012. Mr. Boyle has spent 24 years in executive leadership at St. Peter's. In October 2011, he became Chief Executive Officer of St. Peter's Health Partners (SPHP), northeastern New York's largest health care system formed by the merger of three smaller regional systems — St. Peter's Health Care Services, Northeast Health and Seton Health; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership St. Peter's has grown from a high-quality community hospital to become the center for tertiary care of one of New York state's largest health care systems; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at St. Peter’s, Mr. Boyle succeeded in strengthening the institution’s position across every important benchmark: sustained financial stability; national rankings for quality; enhanced the reputation of an award-winning cardiac program; major capital projects as part of a comprehensive master facilities plan; restructuring of the institution’s board and transition to lay leadership; and, finally, a historic and complex merger of three organizations into the largest health care system in northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, Steven Boyle created an award-winning cardiac program and the hospital was named to the national Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospitals by Thomson Reuters, an independent health research group, 10 times in the past 12 years. Twice during his tenure, St. Peter’s Hospital earned the most prestigious designation for nursing achievement and excellence with accreditation as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. It is nursing’s highest honor and is considered the “gold standard” for nursing care in hospitals. The hospital has also become one of the region’s leading comprehensive treatment facilities for complex cancers and the orthopedic surgery program has become one of the state’s leading institutions in joint replacement, and offers the most advanced orthopedic procedures available; and

WHEREAS, he established a comprehensive Master Facilities Plan at St. Peter’s Hospital, including the September 2011 grand opening of a new six-story Patient Care Pavilion & Diagnostic and Treatment Platform, the centerpiece of a \$258 million modernization and expansion that is the largest project of its kind since the hospital was founded in 1869; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyle has left the City of Albany and the region with an important piece of the region’s infrastructure that has literally been redesigned and rebuilt for our community’s future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany pauses in its deliberations to honor Steven P. Boyle for his years of dedication and service to the quality of life of those in the Capital Region and to the future sustainability of the City of Albany.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council wishes to thank Mr. Boyle for over twenty years of diligent service and commitment in the health care field and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 13 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Sano offered RESOLUTION NUMBER 55.91.12R (RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENACTING A HOME RULE MESSAGE TO THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. 7606--A / ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10578--A ENTITLED: “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ALBANY TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF CERTAIN LANDS AS PARK LANDS”), which had been previously introduced, and asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 13 Negative 0 Abstain 0

The remaining resolutions on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro-Tempore Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Calsolaro stated that he also had an incident in the First Ward where a citizen had been voting at the same polling site for 33 years and they received a Albany County Board of Election card changing their polling site to one in the Second Ward. He stated that he has called the Albany County Board of Election to check into this but has not received a call back. He discussed having an election district with more than 1000 people, which is against the law. He stated that he had received a report from SNUG, and that gun violence has gone down 61% compared to the same time last year when SNUG was not operating.

Council Member Bailey stated that he had issues in his ward during the primary elections with rosters missing pages and names that were not listed. He discussed a party at St. Joseph's Church with music, which made parking difficult. He discussed putting something of value that would benefit the community into St. Joseph's Church instead of a brewery.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pro-Tempore Conti made a motion to adjourn. President McLaughlin, hearing no objections, stated that the meeting was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of September 20th, 2012.

CASHAWNA PARKER
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE
ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL