

CITY OF RYE

NOTICE

There will be a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall. *The Council will convene at 7:30 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.*

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. General Announcements.
4. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held November 3, 2010 and the special meeting of the City Council held November 8, 2010.
5. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda.
6. Presentation of the Citizen's Budget.
7. Mayor's Management Report
 - Legal Update
8. Consideration to set a Public Hearing to modify selected parking ticket fines.
9. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rye and the Rye CSEA Local 1000 Department of Public Works Unit.
10. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department.
11. Acceptance of Grant Award from Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$4,500 for participation in the "Selective Traffic Enforcement" program.
- 11A. One appointment to the Governmental Policy & Research Committee, for a two-year term, by the Mayor with Council approval.
12. Miscellaneous communications and reports.
13. Old Business.

14. New Business.

15. Adjournment.

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The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The City Council will hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, November 22, 2010.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 4

DEPT.: City Clerk

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Dawn F. Nodarse

AGENDA ITEM: Draft of the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held November 3, 2010 and the special meeting of the City Council held November 8, 2010 as attached.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER
SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the draft minutes.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:

Approve the Unapproved Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held November 3, 2010 and the special meeting of the City Council held November 8, 2010, as attached.

DRAFT UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of
Rye held in City Hall on November 3, 2010 at 8:00
P.M.

PRESENT:

DOUGLAS FRENCH Mayor
RICHARD FILIPPI
PAULA J. GAMACHE
PETER JOVANOVIH
SUZANNA KEITH
CATHERINE F. PARKER
JOSEPH A. SACK
Councilmembers

ABSENT: None

The Council convened at 7:34 p.m. Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache and unanimously carried to immediately adjourn into executive session to discuss attorney/client matters. Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously carried, to adjourn the executive session at 8:10 p.m. The regular meeting convened at 8:18 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor French called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor French asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. General Announcements

Announcements were made by Councilmembers regarding dates for upcoming meetings, events and ceremonies sponsored by the City, County or private organizations that may be of interest to City residents.

Mayor French acknowledged the presence of Assemblyman George Latimer, congratulated him on his reelection and invited him to address the meeting. Mr. Latimer said that now was the ideal time to identify any Home Rule Bills that the Council believes are needed for Rye. He does not require that the Council pass a resolution, but only requires a letter from

the Mayor or City Manager reflecting the wish of the Council for legislation to be drafted. He added that the State Budget should be proposed to the Legislature on or about January 15th and suggested that if there were any assumptions that the Council must make in adopting the City's budget that would require input from the State, he would try to get information in advance, if possible. He said he would continue to seek input from local officials when the State budget is released. He also said he appreciated the input from the City Manager and Council members on State grants for the Sluice Gate and Bird Homestead that were moving slowly in the State. He was able to advocate on behalf of the City and is told that the grant process has begun to move faster. Mayor French said the Council might reach out to Assemblyman Latimer regarding the State process in connection with a Playland FAQ being prepared. In light of the recent exorbitant water rate increases received without notice by City residents who receive their water from the Westchester Joint Water Works, Councilman Sack asked Assemblyman Latimer if new legislation could be adopted that would require that residents receive notice of such increases. Mr. Latimer said he would meet with Councilman Sack and look for direction from the Council on any actions they would wish him to take.

4. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held October 20, 2010

Councilman Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on October 20, 2010, as amended.

5. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

Barbara Beals, 131 Purchase Street, spoke about parking permits for residents of Highland Hall in the City-owned lot on Highland Road. She said she had heard that permits for the lot were not being renewed for residents of Highland Hall. City Manager Pickup said there was a cap in that lot for the number of all/day all/night permits, which will only be issued one per unit. If there is need for a second permit, it will only be an all night permit, which requires that the car is removed from the commuter lot by 7:00 a.m. He said he understands that some residents find the need to move their car by 7:00 a.m. to be inconvenient, but the City must balance the needs of residents with those of the commuters. He added that the City has sent a letter to the Management Company asking them not to market apartments with the idea that there is guaranteed all/day all/night parking available.

6. Mayor's Management Report

- Legal Update

Interim Corporation Counsel Kristin Wilson reported on the following matters:

- Schubert v. Planning Commission, et al. This Article 78 proceeding is pending before Judge Barbara Zambelli in Westchester County Supreme Court. The City has served its reply papers in further support of its motion to dismiss. The matter is now fully submitted.
- Beaver Swamp Brook. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has asked the Town of Harrison for further information on how "Project Homerun" as amended

meets certain legal standards under the Environmental Conservation Law. Ms. Wilson said she believes the DEC staff is trying to make as complete a record as possible.

7. Consideration to set a Public Hearing to repeal Chapter 76 “Dogs” and replace it with a new Chapter 76 “Dogs”, now that the State has relinquished enforcement to the City

City Manager Pickup said that the State has relinquished their responsibility for licensing of dogs to the local municipalities, which requires the current law to be updated.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Keith and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to repeal Chapter 76 “Dogs” of the Code of the City of Rye and replace it with a new Chapter 76 “Dogs”; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on such proposed amendments to the law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on December 1, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such proposed local law.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF RYE**

Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed local law to repeal Chapter 76 “Dogs” of the Code of the City of Rye and replace it with a new Chapter 76 “Dogs”.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Rye on the 1st day of December, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, at which interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard concerning a proposal to repeal Chapter 76 “Dogs” of the City of Rye and replace it with a new Chapter 76 “Dogs”.

Copies of said local law may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk.

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk
Dated: November 19, 2010

8. Public Hearing on the proposal to increase the fees on meters and pay stations

City Manager Pickup said that two suggestions that came out of the budget discussions that began in March were to increase the day rate for meters used by commuters from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day and to change the rate for parking at pay stations in the Central Business District from \$.25 per half hour to \$.25 per twenty minutes. Revenue from these proposed changes have not been incorporated into the budget.

Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously carried, to open the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Gerry Seitz, 141 Kirby Lane, said he believed the best idea was to increase user fees from non-Rye residents and the City should look at all opportunities to address costs by making user costs as high as possible. He said parking is limited and belongs to the community. Although not a part of this agenda item, Mr. Seitz also suggested that the fees for Merchant Parking Permits should be increased. He said that Rye residents should not be subsidizing merchants at the cost of parking in the downtown and encouraged the Council to consider this in budget discussions.

Robin Jovanovich, 647 Milton Road, suggested that the City put a camera on the corner of a building at the entrance or exit to parking lots #1 and #2 in order to send out tickets to people who enter and exit these lots the wrong way.

Sally Wright, 633 Milton Road, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said that the merchants want the residents to be able to park and shop downtown, but also need their staff to be able to park, and that increasing merchant parking fees would defer them from obtaining permits. She said there should be more enforcement in the lots to encourage employees to park farther away and purchase permits. She added that the current proposed rate increase for the pay stations for the shoppers is more palatable, but the merchants are not in favor of the proposal to increase Merchant Permit fees.

Bill Lawyer, 15 Hillside Place, spoke in favor of the proposed increases, saying parking is a limited resource that will be abused if adequate fees are not charged.

Council Comment:

- The City must recognize that it is in competition with other communities that offer free parking and must not develop a reputation of being unfriendly to shoppers and merchants.

- Both shoppers and staff should be encouraged to walk and bike into town, especially in the warmer weather.
- Would merchant employees be willing to park at Playland and take a bus to town? (Ms. Wright indicated that although a good idea it was not realistic.)
- If the fee for merchant permits is too high, it may become too burdensome for people to work here.
- This public hearing is not about merchant parking fees, which may be discussed as part of the budget workshop process.
- If commuter permits were increased, why isn't it fair to increase merchant permits. It should be considered a cost of doing business.
- It should be determined what the amount of the merchant permit fee should be in order to deter employees from feeding the meters all day.
- Parking should be at market rate.
- Other shopping areas such as Rye Ridge or Costco that don't charge for parking are in direct competition to the City.
- Going forward there should be more of a cost/benefit analysis done regarding increasing fees.
- Will these fees be part of the annual fee schedule discussion? (Yes)

City Comptroller Gribbins was asked to provide an estimate on how much more revenue would result from adopting the proposed resolution. She said that the increase in pay station fees could yield an additional \$113,000 and the increase in parking meter fees at the Metro North lot could yield an additional \$4,300.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache and unanimously carried, to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jovanovich, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2011 there will be an increase in the rates charged for commuter meters from three dollars (\$3.00) per day to four dollars (\$4.00) per day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2011 there will be an increase in the rates charged at pay stations from 30 minutes for twenty-five cents (\$.25) to 20 minutes for twenty-five cents (\$.25)

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich, Keith and Sack
NAYS:	Councilwoman Parker
ABSENT:	None

The resolution was adopted by a 6-1 vote.

9. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. to outsource the collection of parking ticket payments

City Manager Pickup said that in response to comments from the Council at a previous meeting, City Comptroller Gribbins sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seven firms and received one response. City Comptroller Gribbins said that the City has benefited from the process. A proposal was received from Complus Data for a three-year contract, which will reduce the City's cost to process the parking ticket collections by \$85,000 in 2013 as compared to the cost in 2010. The terms call for the outsourcing to be implemented in 45 days of the date the contract is signed. The cost will be 17% of all tickets collected, plus postage on delinquent notices and Complus will buy the ticket stock. Complus provided references and Ms. Gribbins spoke with several of them, who indicated they have been very satisfied with Complus and the services they provide.

Council comment:

- Why didn't other vendors reply to the RFP? (They were not able to offer the services and meet the terms.)
- Is the new deal with Complus a better deal than the prior one due to possible competition from other vendors? (The additional competition was helpful, but it is a better deal because it is a three-year contract and Complus has implemented some in-house changes since the original deal was negotiated that have helped cut the cost.)
- How are the savings reached from collecting more money or spending more money? (The City will spend less money for collecting the tickets.)
- Corporation Counsel should review the contract.
- Will the person in the Finance Department be moved to a different department? (The position will be eliminated and positions will be adjusted based on contract rights of persons with like titles.)
- Is there a way that Complus's numbers on tickets can be audited? (They will provide a report showing ranges of ticket numbers issued and collected.)
- People like having a person in City Hall that they can come to.
- If people can still get the discount for paying online that they would get from coming into City Hall, the change is acceptable.

Jerry Seitz asked what percentage of tickets results in payment to the City. City Manager Pickup said 94%, but the City periodically writes off some tickets as bad debts after several years. He added that Complus will only be paid for paid tickets.

Councilwoman Gamache made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. to outsource the collection of parking ticket payments as a cost-saving measure.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,
Keith and Sack

NAYS: Councilwoman Parker

ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted by a 6-1 vote.

10. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead to manage the Meeting House

City Manager Pickup said that a follow-up meeting was held with representatives of the Save the Bird Homestead Committee (the Committee), Councilmembers Parker and Filippi and himself and modifications were made to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which addressed concerns raised by the Council at the previous meeting. A clause was added that added a contingency to the project, at the City's expense, in order to guarantee that the project will move forward if unforeseen damage was found. An additional clause establishes the City's right to bring in a building agent, who will work with the Committee on the restoration. Additional language was also added specifying that the City encourages the Committee to reach out as much as possible to incorporate volunteer effort into the renovation process.

Council comment:

- An RFP process should be expanded to reach other not-for-profits who might be interested in developing the site. Other groups have expressed interest.
- There may be other donors willing to donate even more than \$50,000, without the strings of a 50-year lease.
- Other more established not-for-profit organizations might be better at raising money than the Committee.
- There is still money outstanding to the City for the purchase of the Bird Homestead.
- The Bird Homestead purchase money is unrelated and should not be tied to the Meeting House.
- If other not-for-profits are interested, why haven't they contacted the City? (City Manager Pickup said he had preliminary meetings with two organizations. One is no longer interested in the space and the other has not come back with a written proposal.)
- The long-term lease is necessary in order to obtain grants.
- The Council needs to act quickly in order to save the State funding.
- Any proposals received should have been in a Council packet.
- The City needs to look forward and a group has come forward offering to help.
- This agenda item should be put over for another meeting to allow other organizations who have expressed interest time to come forward with proposals.
- The Council has been discussing this property for months. Why aren't the other interested organizations at this meeting?
- The Committee should agree to terminate the agreement at the end of five years if they cannot raise the money they hope to raise.

Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Committee to Save the Bird Homestead to manage the Rye Meeting House.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor French, Councilmembers Filippi, Gamache, Jovanovich,
Keith and Parker
NAYS: Councilman Sack
ABSENT: None

The resolution was adopted by a 6-1 vote.

11. Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

12. Resolution to establish a City of Rye Sustainability Committee

Councilwoman Keith said that the goal of sustainability is to enhance the quality of life and protect the environment in Rye. It is hoped that this will be a fully-integrated community activity.

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Rye (the “City”) are working towards becoming a more sustainable City; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to identify ways for Rye to be a more sustainable community while at the same time implementing practices that are also economical; and

WHEREAS, as recommended in the “Sustainability Plan for Rye” presented to the City Council on or about September 27, 2010, the City desires to continue reviewing ways in which it can become a more sustainable City; and

WHEREAS, The City wants to have a temporary committee to provide guidance to the City Council, as well as other boards and committees within the city, to implement more sustainable practices that also provide a cost savings to the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rye Sustainability Committee is hereby established; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the City Council and that one member shall be designated by the Mayor as Chairman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall have the following duties and powers:

1. Establish Committee rules and procedures for meetings;
2. Evaluate and make recommendations to the City regarding the best sustainable practices for the City along the theme of “Going Green to Save Green”;
3. Provide cost benefit analyses regarding implementing some of the proposed sustainable practices;
4. Reach out to the community and other user-groups regarding the benefits of sustainable practices;
5. Work on finalizing and/or updating a sustainability plan for the City.

13. Nine appointments to the Sustainability Committee by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Keith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to appoint Mimi Bateman, Paul Berte, Suzanne Clary, Sara Goddard, Melissa Grieco, Marci Raab, Analise Stack, Birgit Townley and Gretchen Kaye-Crowley to the City of Rye Sustainability Committee. Mayor French designated Sara Goddard as Chair of the Committee.

14. One appointment to the Recreation Commission to fill a term expiring on January 1, 2011, by the Mayor with Council approval

Mayor French made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Caroline Surhoff to the Recreation Commission to fill a term expiring on January 1, 2011.

15. One appointment to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2015, by the Mayor with Council approval

Mayor French made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to appoint Robert Byrne to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2015.

16. Miscellaneous Communications and Reports

Councilwoman Parker reported that there will be a forum on November 18th held by the Playland Strategic Planning Group and the Rye Historical Society on Playland. The next meeting of the Group will be November 29th. At the last meeting of the Strategic Planning Group held on October 26th, a presentation was made by Howard Kahn, a consultant to the amusement park industry, regarding successful models for an amusement park. Two models in

particular were discussed (1) a large amusement park entity such as Six Flags and (2) parks that are family-owned and operated and have been for generations. Many parks have turned to the water park model which is less expensive to run. Playland is a state park and if any of the property were to go through the alienation process, there would be a defeasement fee of \$11 million on tax free bonds that have been issued in the past. Mayor French added that a resident meeting had been held regarding Playland and residents have been coming up with ideas they would like to see at Playland and that there have been questions about what protections are in place. He said that the City has local zoning authority through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). He also encouraged residents to go to the meetings mentioned by Councilwoman Parker.

Councilwoman Keith noted that the Shared Roadways Committee would be meeting on November 10th. They are working to come up with the next set of pedestrian safety projects for the City to consider, such as 'Complete Streets'.

17. Old Business

The City Clerk provided a brief update on the General Election, which had been held the day before.

Mayor French asked City Manager Pickup for an update on the water lines on the Boston Post Road. Mr. Pickup said that the actual cleaning and lining is completed and they are now in the process of filling in the holes that have been created and restoring the right-of-way. The project will probably last through Thanksgiving.

Councilman Filippi said that work is done by City staff that the public does not always see in order to get projects completed.

Councilwoman Keith asked for an update on the Central Avenue Bridge. City Manager Pickup said the project has been tied in with the Theodore Fremd Wall project but has been submitted and that the City inquires about it every week. Ms. Keith also asked what the City could do about citizen complaints about cleaning up downtown. Mr. Pickup said that there is ongoing maintenance in the downtown. The City has cleaned up the parking lots, painted the lines and cleaned the sewer lines. The trees in the downtown are trimmed every two years and the City is diligent about monitoring the trees regarding safety issues. He said there is always a concern about the downtown when there is high level of activity for events such as Window Painting on a weekend. He added that Sunday is a difficult day for the City to operate cost effectively. Councilman Jovanovich asked if another trash receptacle could be put on Elm Place.

Councilman Sack said that the use of cameras for traffic enforcement makes sense. He said he would like to see an agenda item to approve the use of cameras on traffic signals for red lights. City Manager Pickup said that if the Council was interested they would need to do a Home Rule Message to be sent to the Legislature for action. Red light cameras are currently only designated for municipalities of a certain population level. Councilwoman Keith asked what the return on investment was on Red Light Cameras. Mr. Pickup said the literature was not conclusive. Ms. Keith also asked about the possibility of a Home Rule Message to change the law requiring drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks to requiring drivers to stop for

pedestrians in crosswalks. Interim Corporation Counsel Wilson said that any proposed legislative items for the City of Rye should be discussed now and forwarded to Assemblyman Latimer. City Manager Pickup noted that the Government Policy and Research Committee is working on the idea of changing the Gross Receipt Tax, which would also require a Home Rule Message.

18. New Business

There was no business to be discussed under this topic.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss Councilman Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk

DRAFT UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the
Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of
Rye held in City Hall on November 8, 2010 at 8:00
P.M.

PRESENT:

DOUGLAS FRENCH Mayor
RICHARD FILIPPI
PAULA J. GAMACHE
PETER JOVANOVICH
SUZANNA KEITH (Arrived at 8:06 p.m.)
CATHERINE F. PARKER (Arrived at 8:10 p.m.)
JOSEPH A. SACK
Councilmembers

ABSENT: None

Before starting the meeting, Mayor French asked for a moment of silence in honor of Police Officer Scott Antinozzi, who passed away last week after a long illness.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor French called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor French asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official city business.

3. Presentation of the FY 2011 Budget by the City Manager

Mayor French began by saying that the economic situation in the Country has affected everyone for the last year and a half. The public has spoken out about reducing spending and providing tax relief. This Council has looked at sustainability and structural changes that can be made for the long-term while making short-term decisions for the 2011 budget. The process was begun in March, when staff was asked to provide recommendations, which were presented in June. The Finance Committee and Boards and Commissions reviewed the suggestions and the Council provided feedback. The Council must now make decisions.

City Manager Scott Pickup said the 2011 budget continues a challenge that was not the City's choosing, but one that the City is up to. One of the key goals for the City is to build the right foundation to make sure the City has a stable future. The budget outlines how the City

proposes to get there. The 2010 budget was a difficult budget that reduced expenditures and kept the tax rate stable. The 2011 budget continues the process.

City Comptroller Jean Gribbins said that the proposed tax increase for 2011 is 2.16%. The median home in Rye with a market value of \$1,140,000 will see a City tax increase from \$3,069.44 to \$3,135.78 or \$66.34. For their tax dollars residents receive services that include: fire and police protection, parking enforcement, refuse removal, sewage collection and preventative repair; maintenance of streets, street lights and traffic signals, ambulance service, snow removal, parks and playgrounds, recreation programs, animal control, Rye TV, library services, City staff that administer the day to day functions of running the municipality and a City Council that adopts legislation and reviews the raising and appropriation of funds. Ms. Gribbins said that reducing appropriations means reducing the resources that provide these services. The proposed budget keeps the General Fund fund balance at 9.33%, which maintains the City's safety net at about \$1.3 million. The level of Fund Balance has been maintained in part because staff deferred expenses in 2010, but there is a limit to how long expenses can be deferred before service levels decline. It takes \$190,000 in additional revenue or reduced expenses to change the tax rate by 1%.

Ms. Gribbins then outlined areas of concern that have been under discussion since March. She provided the Council with a chart that compared a presentation made in June showing inherent cost increases and potential ways to bring the increases down to a 0% tax increase with what is proposed for the 2011 budget. In connection with increases that had been anticipated: (1) Health insurance was expected to increase \$948,000 from 2010, but through negotiations with the City's health insurance carriers the amount has been lowered to \$577,000, which is still an increase over last year; (2) the New York State Retirement expenses were estimated to increase by \$417,000 but is now estimated to increase by \$437,744; (3) the City's assessed valuation decreased by \$610,625, which reduced the City tax revenues by almost \$90,000; (4) Salary increases of \$172,000 are proposed for 2011; and (5) Debt refunding will save the City \$88,000 in 2011 but the debt service will increase by almost \$300,000 due to 2010 borrowing for a net increase of \$212,000. In order to offset the anticipated increases: (1) Increases in Recreation expenses offset budget increases by \$230,000; (2) Funding to the Rye Free Reading Room was reduced by \$100,000; (3) Increases in parking permit, parking meters and pay stations could generate an additional \$305,000 in revenue; (4) changes in solid waste collection will help save \$285,000; (5) satisfying the outstanding debt on 1037 Boston Post Road will save \$267,000 in interest expense; and (6) reorganization of uniformed services will help save \$150,000. Additionally, building revenues are expected to increase by about \$102,000 in 2011 and outsourcing the parking ticket collection process and leaving one position unfilled in the City Manager's Office will save another \$115,000. Increases noted on the chart include: (1) Risk Fund fund balance will not be used to reduce the tax rate for 2011 and, therefore, represents an increase of \$255,000; and (2) local retirement incentives of \$125,000 have been included. The combination of all these items results in the 2.16% proposed tax increase.

There is a very small Capital Plan for 2011 and most projects have been carried over from prior years. Many projects will be funded by grants and aid in order to keep the City in a positive cash position. The annual street resurfacing will be reduced by \$100,000. Sidewalk and curb replacement, sewer and drain work and vehicle replacement plans will remain at 2010 levels. \$250,000 of equipment purchases will be funded through fund balance.

Ms. Gribbins said that bringing costs down in the future will require outsourcing functions currently performed by City staff and increasing revenues will require increases in user fees. She said that projections for 2011 revenues for sales tax, occupancy tax, utilities gross receipts tax and mortgage tax were held at 2010 levels. State Aid is budgeted to come in \$27,000 less than 2010 which reflects a reduction of \$89,706. She added that even though the City is diligent in controlling expenses and generating non-tax revenues, if New York State decides to cut aid to municipalities or CHIPs funding the City will not be able to absorb the cuts.

Council comments included:

- Does the decrease in assessed value reflect tax certiorari settlements? (Yes. There is a designated reserve and the City is within the historical range with the reserve.)
- When will the change in solid waste collection start? (The process is underway but it will begin in January. The days of collection will remain the same, the times may change.)
- Could information be provided comparing last year's budget vs. this year's forecast?
- What happened to the \$95,000 additional contribution from the Golf Club? (It has not been included in the 2011 proposed budget. Due to the Club's use of Fund Balance and membership renewal issues the case was made that it would not give them the incentive to meet their target going forward.)
- Why was there no increase budgeted for mortgage tax? (Since there is no month to month trend in mortgage tax revenues, the conservative thing is to hold the projections at 2010 levels.)
- The economy is growing at a 1 -2% rate, will that translate into an increase in sales tax levels? (Sales tax revenues may go down based on new census numbers.)
- It would be helpful to get more details regarding health insurance. (Premiums are based on utilization and the City is currently over premium based on utilization, which means there may be substantial increases in premiums or major modifications. The City has obligations through labor contracts that make unilateral decisions in health insurance difficult.)
- If Recreation and the Library are taking hits, why has the increase for the Golf Club been eliminated? (The Golf operation returns more than debt service to the General Fund. There are other charges that are allocated back to the General Fund. They have a higher budget impact currently than any of the other changes proposed.)
- Will the Council be provided detail on increasing snow removal and parking fines? (The reason for increasing fines must be determined. If fines are increased to stop behavior, it will not increase revenue.)
- What can be cut from the 2011 budget to reach the same 1.56% increase as last year? (Staff took a hard look at what could be accommodated taking into account the service level expectations of the Council and community. Another \$100,000 reduction could impact public safety.)
- If all the figures that were suggested increases outlined in June were added back in, it could equal a tax decrease.
- Give projected mortgage tax revenues a second look.
- What is the tipping point for fines and compliance? We might not loose as much as we anticipate by increasing fines.

- If the projected increase in building revenue is based on a volume increase, raising the rates would yield additional revenue.
- Did mortgage tax revenue trend down after the first time buyer credit expired? (There was not much impact.)
- This is the first time that employee cuts are anticipated. The Council must make the decision to reduce service levels or keep the tax rate where it is.
- The Council must keep staff recommendations in mind because they have provided their best estimate of how much can be cut.
- What is the proposed increase for merchant parking permits? (There is no increase budgeted for 2011.)

Members of the Finance Committee were also in attendance. Their questions included:

- Will service levels be maintained? (There are no service level decreases anticipated in this budget.)
- How many employees will be let go? (There are five positions targeted, which includes vacanted positions.)
- When will the quarterly statement be available? (The Citizens Budget report must be completed first. There is also a budget forecast in the proposed budget of where the City anticipates being at the end of the year, which is more relevant than the results as of September.)
- Why are the proposed increases in healthcare costs lower than had been anticipated? (One of the two carriers came in with a better than anticipated rate.)
- How much is outstanding on the 1037 Boston Post Road property? (It has been paid in full.)

A brief discussion was held about what topics might be covered during budget workshops, including debt, fund balance issues, revenue assumptions and opportunities, the Citizens Budget Report, public safety, the Library, the Golf Club and Recreation.

4. Set public hearing on 2011 Budget for December 1, 2010

Councilman Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution to set a Public Hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget for December 1, 2010.

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule law and the Charter of the City of Rye, New York, a public hearing will be held by the Council of said City on December 1, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall, Boston Post Road, in said City, for the purpose of affording interested persons an opportunity to be heard concerning such budget.

Section 2. Such notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF RYE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Council of the City of Rye on Wednesday, the 1st day of December, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1051 Boston Post Road, in said City, on the Proposed Budgets of the General Fund, Cable TV Special Revenue Fund, K.T. Woods Permanent Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Boat Basin Enterprise Fund, Golf Club Enterprise Fund, Risk Retention Internal Service Fund, and Building and Vehicle Maintenance Internal Service Fund of the City of Rye for the ensuing fiscal year, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and at such time and place any person interested in said Proposed Budgets will be given an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on any and all of the aforementioned budgets.

CITY OF RYE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGETS

<u>Fund/Program</u>	<u>Proposed Budgets</u>
General Fund	\$30,075,470
Rye Cable TV Special Revenue Fund	322,711
K.T. Woods Permanent Fund	-0-
Debt Service Fund	273,720
Capital Projects Fund	515,000
Boat Basin Enterprise Fund	662,223
Rye Golf Club Enterprise Fund	7,832,681
Risk Retention Internal Service Fund	694,069
Building and Vehicle Maintenance Internal Service Fund	<u>4,291,879</u>
TOTAL - All Funds	<u>\$44,667,753</u>

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk
Dated: November 19, 2010

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss Councilman Jovanovich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Filippi and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 6

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation of the Citizen's Budget.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

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RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:

A presentation will be made on the Citizen's Budget.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 7

DEPT.: City Council

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Mayor Douglas French

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Management Report

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Manager provide a report on requested topics.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: The Mayor has requested an update from the City Manager on the following:

- Legal Update



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 8

DEPT.: Finance

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Jean Gribbins, City Comptroller

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration to set a Public Hearing to modify selected parking ticket fines.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council set a Public Hearing for December 1, 2010 to modify selected parking ticket fines.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental x Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:

A proposal has been put forward to modify the following parking ticket fines:

	Fine as of 11/10/10	Proposed Fine	Increase
No Handicapped Permit (includes \$30 NYS Surcharge)	65	80	15
Fire Hydrant	35	50	15
Beach Area	35	50	15
Violation of Snow Ordinance	25	50	25
Parking in Crosswalk	25	50	25
 Snow Shoveling	 10	 50	 40



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 9

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Scott D. Pickup

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rye and the Rye CSEA Local 1000 Department of Public Works Unit.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the resolution and enter in an agreement for the contract period of 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2011.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: The City of Rye and the Rye CSEA Local 1000 DPW Unit have reached a Memorandum of Understanding. The Union ratified the proposed MOU, and the City is requesting the Council to act as follows:

WHEREAS, The City of Rye and the Rye CSEA Local 100 Department of Public Works Unit have negotiated a new Memorandum of Understanding which will replace the agreement which expired on December 31, 2009, and:

WHEREAS, The CSEA DPW Unit ratified the proposed terms of the MOU, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the City Council approve the two year contract MOU between the Rye CSEA Local 1000 Department of Public Works Unit for the contract period of 01/01/2010 to 01/01/2011.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
C.S.E.A – PUBLIC WORKS/RECREATION
AND
THE CITY OF RYE, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, The City and the CSEA are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which expired on December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the authorized representatives for the City and the CSEA met in good faith to negotiate a successor agreement under the Taylor Law; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a tentative agreement which is subject to ratification by the City council and the membership of the CSEA it is stipulated and agreed as follows:

- A. All provisions of the expiring contract, which are not modified by this memorandum of understanding, are continued and will be incorporated into the successor agreement.
- B. All proposals not addressed in this memorandum of understanding are dropped.
- C. The following changes will be made:

Article III Salaries and Wages

- Effective June 30, 2010 the salary schedule will increase by 2.0% at all steps
- Effective June 30, 2011 the salary schedule will increase by 2% at all steps

Article XII Tuition Reimbursement

Effective January 1, 2011 tuition reimbursement will be modified to reflect no tuition reimbursement available for members of the bargaining unit.

Article XXVIII Uniforms

Effective January 1, 2011 the voucher program of \$350 for worn uniform replacement and the \$100 annual boot allowance will be suspended and no reimbursement will be available for members of the bargaining unit.

Signed: _____
CSEA unit Alisa Cagle, CSEA Scott Pickup, City Manager



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 10

DEPT.: Police

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: William R. Connors, Police Commissioner

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

November 17, 2010

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RECOMMENDATION: Approval of revisions to General Order #103.10, "Deployment of Electro-muscular Disruption Device (Taser)."

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

Enhancement of the operational effectiveness of the Department.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed revision of General Order #103.10 revises guidelines for the deployment of Electro-muscular Disruption Devices, most commonly referred to by the brand name Taser. The electro-muscular disruption device is a conducted energy weapon that may be used to immobilize and control dangerous or violent subjects when it is reasonable to expect that it will be unsafe for officers to approach within contact range, or attempts to subdue a subject by other means have been or will be ineffective.

The revision introduces an accessory to the device known as the "Taser Cam." The Taser Cam is a recording device for use with the Taser X26 that does not change any of the existing functions of the weapon. The Taser Cam, with its microphone and sensitive camera, adds to the Taser X26 the capability to record audio and video, even in low light environments, powered by a rechargeable battery. The audio/video files are stored in a searchable library within the Taser Cam that can be downloaded from the device to a computer. Under the revised guidelines, Tasers used by the Department will be equipped with Taser Cams unless otherwise authorized by the Police Commissioner or Patrol Commander.

We believe that the Taser Cam will offer an additional level of protection to officers by documenting the events occurring before, during, and after a Taser deployment.

A copy of the proposed order is attached in “strike and replace” format. It has been provided to the Rye Police Association for review pursuant to the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. The Association has not provided comments regarding the proposed revision.

A copy of the manufacturer’s brochure describing the features of the device is also attached.

CITY OF RYE POLICE DEPARTMENT

General Order #103.10		New [x]	Revised []
		Supersedes: <u>G.O. #103.10 (6/18/09)</u>	
Subject: Deployment of Electro-muscular Disruption Device (TASER)			
Date Issued	Date Effective	Page 1 of 4	
Issuing Authority: William R. Connors, Police Commissioner			

PURPOSE:

To establish uniform procedures for training, deployment, use, and aftercare regarding the electro-muscular disruption device (TASER).

BACKGROUND:

The electro-muscular disruption device is a conducted energy weapon which may be used to immobilize and control dangerous or violent subjects when it is reasonable to expect that it will be unsafe for officers to approach within contact range of a subject, or attempts to subdue a subject by other conventional tactics have been or will be ineffective.

The X26 ADVANCED TASER, which is the device currently utilized by this Department, is a handheld electrical immobilization device that uses compressed nitrogen to fire two probes up to a distance of 21 feet. These probes are discharged from a replaceable air cartridge and are connected to the weapon by insulated wire. When the tool is deployed and the probes are discharged from the cartridge, the X26 ADVANCED TASER transmits electrical impulses along the wires, through up to two inches of clothing and into the subject. The pulses send 26-watt electrical signals along the wires to the subject to temporarily override the central nervous system and directly control the skeletal muscles. This causes an uncontrollable contraction of the muscle tissue, allowing the Taser to cause temporary physical debilitation to a person, regardless of pain tolerance, mental focus, or intoxication. There are no long-term effects from the electrical impulses of the Taser.

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The Taser is also equipped with 2 contact probes at the front of the unit, and can be used as a contact device to give an immobilizing electrical shock to a more limited area of the subject or to a subject who is actively resisting arrest.

Tasers used by this Department will be equipped with Taser Cams unless otherwise authorized by the Police Commissioner or Patrol Commander. The Taser Cam is a recording device for use with the Taser X26 that does not change any of the existing functions of the weapon. The Taser Cam, with its microphone and sensitive camera, adds to the Taser X26 the capability to record audio and video, even in low light

environments, while powered by a rechargeable battery. The audio/video files are stored in a searchable library within the Taser Cam that can be downloaded from the device to a computer.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of this department to use only the level of force that is reasonable and necessary to control or otherwise subdue violent, potentially violent, resistive, or unlawfully fleeing individuals. Electronic control devices have been proven effective in furthering this policy, and are authorized for use in appropriate circumstances by trained personnel.

PROCEDURE:

A. Authorized Users

Only officers who have satisfactorily completed the department's Taser training program, or who have completed the manufacturer's certification course of instruction, are authorized to carry and deploy the Taser.

B. Weapon Readiness

Under normal circumstances, the Taser will be secured in the supervisor's vehicle or on his or her person, or as otherwise authorized by the Police Commissioner. When the Tour Supervisor is not assigned to patrol duty, he or she will assign the Taser to a trained and authorized police officer. The device shall be carried by authorized officers or supervisors in an approved holster on the support side (opposite side of the firearm) or secured and stored with the safety on, in a carrying case in close proximity to the user, so as to be readily available for deployment. The device shall be carried with an air cartridge affixed, safety on, and one spare cartridge at the ready. It will also be equipped with a properly charged Taser Cam at all times. It shall be the responsibility of the supervisor or his or her designee at the start of each shift to insure that the device is in working order, is properly charged, and is equipped with 2 air cartridges and a Taser Cam.

C. Display

Simply displaying the Taser or initiating a cycle without firing the probes will not constitute a *use* of the device. However, the officer or supervisor will document the circumstances surrounding the display of the Taser in a standard incident report.

D. Deployment

The purpose of the Taser is to minimize injuries to police officers, members of the public, or persons who are actively resisting or may resist arrest. The Taser is considered to be on the same level as OC spray on the department's use of force continuum and decisions to deploy the device

should require the same level of justification. The decision of the officer to use either a Taser or OC spray will be based on the totality of the circumstances, together with the benefits and capabilities of each tool. If OC spray has already been deployed on a subject, the Taser **SHALL NOT** be deployed on that subject.

Note: As the Taser causes temporary physical debilitation, contact or confrontation with a subject who gains possession or control of an officer's Taser, or engages an officer with such a device, would be deemed a deadly physical force situation.

Tactical Considerations in the deployment of the Taser:

- The Taser should be used in conjunction with verbal commands unless circumstances make it tactically inadvisable.
- Point laser sight at subject prior to firing.
- When practical, have backup present to prepare to arrest the subject or use other force or restraint options as appropriate.
- Avoid use where the subject is at risk of falling off an elevated location such as a roof, high platform, or staircase.
- Avoid use where the subject is in deep water, or may be in danger of falling into water and runs the risk of drowning.
- Avoid use on obviously pregnant females, elderly persons, or young children.
- DO NOT deploy the Taser near flammable or combustible liquids or materials or where OC spray has been used.
- NEVER intentionally aim the Taser at the subject's face or eyes.
- Announce the word "Taser" to alert other officers or persons on the scene when deploying the device except in situations where this may compromise officer safety.
- When loading and unloading the Taser, or when handling the Taser, point it in a safe direction, such as at the ground, with the safety on.
- DO NOT deploy the Taser on a subject in control of a moving motor vehicle.
- The Taser SHALL NOT be deployed if a subject is handcuffed or otherwise safely in custody unless the subject continues to pose an imminent threat of harm or injury to the officer, the public, or him or her self.
- When it is tactically appropriate, the officer deploying the Taser shall announce to other officers on the scene that the Taser is about to be deployed.

After the Taser has been deployed, and has run through its five (5) second duty cycle, the deploying officer shall re-evaluate the situation as a whole, with consideration to both officer safety and the safety of the subject. If

the subject continues to resist arrest, refuses to comply with verbal commands, and continues to present a threat to officers, the Taser may be applied again. Each subsequent application of the Taser should be accompanied by an evaluation of the situation.

Consistent with this Department's policy regarding the use of force, application of the device shall be limited to only the minimum number of cycles necessary to take the subject into custody.

The Taser may also be used in a "Touch Stun" mode. The air cartridge is removed and the unit is pressed firmly into an appropriate area such as the abdominal region, hips, thighs, side of the neck, or pelvis girdle.

E. Aftercare

Once the Taser has been effectively deployed and the subject has been secured in handcuffs or other restraints, the officers on the scene shall ensure that appropriate medical care is administered. The Taser officer shall remove the air cartridge from the device and EMS shall be summoned to the scene (whenever practical) to examine the subject and determine whether they can remove the probes at the scene, or if hospital transport is necessary. Universal precautions should be used when contacting subjects where probes have penetrated the skin and when handling the spent cartridges due to the potential biohazard.

E. Evidence and Reporting

Photographs of the affected area should be taken once the probes have been removed by EMS personnel. The wires are to be wrapped around the cartridge casing and the sharp ends of the probes shall be placed in the portals. Tape should be placed over the portals to secure the probes and the air cartridge and probes shall be retained and submitted as evidence. The evidence bag shall be clearly marked "Biohazard" and secured in an evidence locker. The probes shall be kept in evidence for one year from the date of deployment.

Each discharge of the Taser shall be investigated and documented. This shall include all discharges except those occurring during authorized training conducted by a certified Taser instructor. If a supervisor is not present, one will be notified without delay. A use of force report will be completed after each discharge, along with a supplementary report detailing the circumstances of the discharge. Each use of the Taser will be reported through the chain of command consistent with the Department's current use of force policy as set forth in General Order #120.4. The

officer will have the Taser and Taser Cam downloaded by a supervisor or designee as soon as practical after the discharge. The data from a Taser deployment shall be saved in both electronic form on a disc and hard copy (printed) form, and attached to the incident report and use of force report. All reports from the deployment will be forwarded to the Patrol Commander.

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F. Training

Personnel authorized to carry and deploy the Taser shall be re-certified in the use of the device annually. Personnel issued Taser Cams will also receive training regarding the proper operation, care, and charging of that device.

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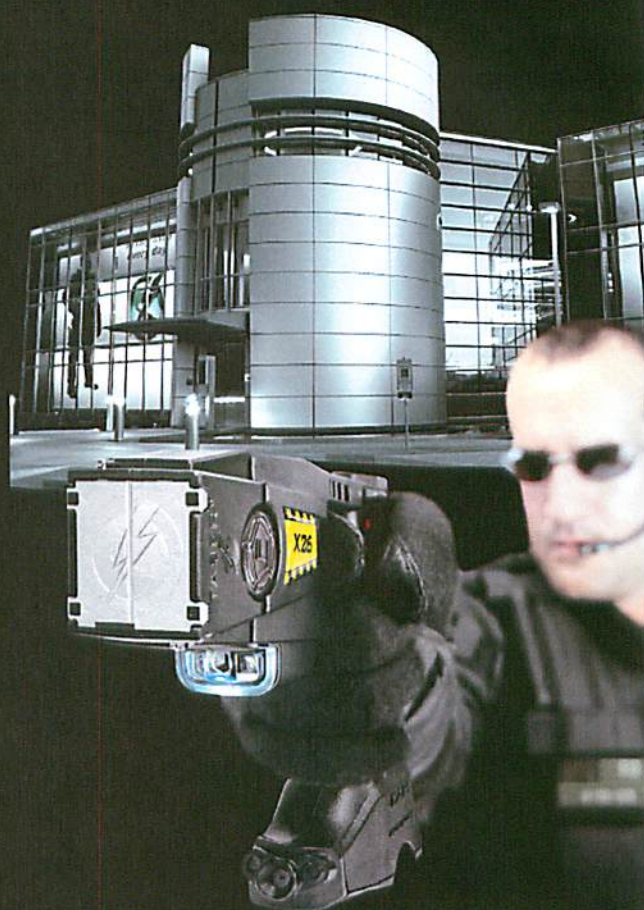
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- Records subjects in complete darkness using an infrared illuminator
- Rechargeable power supply compatible with all TASER X26 devices
- Central Information Display (CID) provides a warning if the camera lens is blocked
- Comes complete with USB download cable, download software and wall charger*
- Storage bay for a spare TASER Cartridge



Uploading to a PC from the TASER CAM



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 11

DEPT.: Police

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Commissioner William R. Connors

AGENDA ITEM: Acceptance of Grant Award from Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$4,500 for participation in the "Selective Traffic Enforcement" (STEP) program.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Manger be authorized to accept the Grant Award from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$4,500.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: The City of Rye Police Department has been awarded a grant of \$4,500 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the "Selective Traffic Enforcement" (STEP) program. The goal of the program is to reduce crashes, fatalities, and injuries by targeting aggressive/unsafe driving.

See attached.



William R. Connors
Police Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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November 5, 2010

Memorandum for: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

Subject: **FY 2011 STEP (SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM) GRANT**

I am pleased to report that the City of Rye Police Department has been awarded a grant of \$4,500 by the Governor's Traffic Safety Council to participate in the statewide "Selective Traffic Safety Program" (STEP). The program's goal is to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries by targeting aggressive/unsafe driving, including speeding, red light and stop sign violations, unsafe lane changes, following too closely, failing to yield, and other violations related to aggressive driving. In past years, this funding has allowed the Department to conduct such projects as speed enforcement initiatives and to enhance enforcement in school zones at the beginning of the school year. The program is administered by the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board.

A copy of the grant award letter is attached for your information. The grant is subject to a five-year Inter-Municipal Agreements that was executed in 2008, so a new agreement is not required; the County will require a current Certificate of Insurance.

William R. Connors
Police Commissioner

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cc: Jean Gribbins, Comptroller
P.O. Jason Washco
Thomas Scappaticci, Accountant



Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

Department of Public Works

John J. Hsu, P.E.
Commissioner

November 3, 2010

*****FY 2011 STEP Grant (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program)*****

Dear Chief of Rye Police Department:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of the FY 2011 STEP Grant (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) by the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC). As you know, Westchester County Traffic Safety administers this grant program.

For the period 10/1/10 to 9/30/11, your police department is authorized to spend the following \$ 4,500.- for increased traffic safety enforcement. The GTSC's funding is based on a formula using criteria such as previous performance and crash rates. As a result, police departments have been awarded different amounts.

A five year Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) was already processed by your municipality to participate in this program so it will not be necessary to process the IMA this year. However, your agency is required to submit a current Certificate of Insurance stating that the County of Westchester is the Additional Insured for the 2011 STEP Grant. Please forward this document to our office as soon as possible.

Please be prompt about sending us your reimbursement forms immediately after enforcement details take place. The current STEP reporting forms will continue to be used, such as, county payment vouchers for payroll reimbursement listing the number of violations and hours worked with hourly rates, county reporting forms listing types and numbers of summonses, and your signed payroll sheets listing hourly rates for each officer as a back-up attachment. Please send completed forms to Westchester County Traffic Safety, 148 Martine Avenue, Suite 400B, White Plains, NY 10601. In addition, semi-annual reporting forms are required in April and October 2011. These forms will be emailed to you prior to April.

The goal of the STEP Program is to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries in the county by targeting speeding and aggressive/unsafe driving. The funds may also be used to promote Operation Safe Stop, the school bus enforcement campaign scheduled for March 30, 2011, and other announced campaigns throughout the year. Please make every effort to schedule traffic safety enforcement details throughout the year.

We commend you and your department for past commitments to traffic safety enforcement. Let's all work together to ensure the success of the 2011 STEP Program. If we can be of any assistance with the implementation of this program, please do not hesitate to contact the Traffic Safety Office.

Sincerely,

Barbara Peters-DeMeo
Project Director
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 11A DEPT.: City Council

DATE: November 17, 2010

CONTACT: Mayor Douglas French

AGENDA ITEM: One appointment to the Governmental Policy & Research Committee, for a two-year term, by the Mayor with Council approval.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the appointment of Andrew J Curtin.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: