

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 4, 2019

Chairman Tesoriero called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in the 2nd floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

Councilor McBrearty was excused from the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Tesoriero and Councilor Corradino.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor DeMassi; Councilor Hill; Councilor Wilmott; Councilor Gosek; William Barlow, Mayor; Nancy Sterio, Personnel Director; Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; Justin Rudgick, Director of Community & Economic Development; Susan Deary, City Assessor; and Caroline Anderson, Animal Control Officer.

MEDIA PRESENT: Steve Yablonski, Oswego Daily News; Benjamin Kail, Palladium Times.

A motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 was made by Councilor Corradino and seconded by Councilor Tesoriero; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

I. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization:

1. The City Clerk's Office has received a request from Brad Payne, Director of Sales, for CountryMax Stores to lower the minimum amount of chicks sold from the current number of 25. Brad Payne said New York State requires a minimum of 6 chicks purchased which is the highest threshold in the country. He said they would like to request to sell just six chicks to customers who are looking to purchase poultry in the City of Oswego. He said that doesn't necessarily mean they are raising them in the City of Oswego. Caroline Anderson said she is not opposed to this. She said the law is because people were buying them in much smaller quantities and keeping them as pets. She said she believes the majority of the sales are not to city residents. She said they get very few chicken complaints. She said the main complaint they get about them is regarding roosters. She said if someone in the city wants chickens they are going to get them elsewhere. Mr. Payne said 99% of the chicks they sell are female. Mr. Caraccioli said since this is a committee of three members and one is absent any vote in the affirmative must be unanimous.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Corradino made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting approval for CountryMax Stores to lower the minimum amount of chicks sold from the current number of 25. Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.

2. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr. requests the approval of the Common Council to authorize a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, providing a partial real property tax exemption and water rents exemption for senior citizens based on their income. Mayor Barlow said there are two on the agenda and the third is the Cold War exemption. He said the first exemption is the senior citizen exemption that is already on the books. He said it hasn't been updated since 1995. He said they are going to stay with the same structure but they are going to raise the income threshold so that it expands and collects more senior citizens. He said this exemption coincides with the STAR program. He said this covers property taxes and water fees. He said the other two proposals speak to our military veterans. He said the first is the Gold Star Parent exemption. He said this is for residential purposes only. He said the second is the Cold War exemption. Mr. Caraccioli said the Mayor brought #4 off the floor tonight. He said they will provide the text of it on Monday. He said the text will be virtually identical to what the county has already adopted so now the residents will have a county and city tax exemption should they qualify.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Corradino made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, providing a partial real property tax exemption and water rents exemption for senior citizens based on their income. Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

3. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr. requests the approval of the Common Council to authorize a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, in relation to the Alternative Veteran's Exemption.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Corradino made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, in relation to the Alternative Veteran's Exemption. Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

4. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr. requests the approval of the Common Council to authorize a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, in relation to the Cold War Exemption.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Corradino made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a Public Hearing regarding amending provisions of Chapter 224 of the City Code, in relation to the Cold War Exemption. Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:08 p.m. by Councilor Corradino. A second was made by Councilor Tesoriero, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M. Annal
Recording Secretary