

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Mark W. Blanchfield at 7:10 P.M. in Room 209, City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mr. Blanchfield called upon Rev. Franklin Wright, affiliated with Faith United Methodist Church, to deliver the Invocation.

Mr. Blanchfield then called upon Jim Jamison to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy City Clerk called the roll and the following members of the City Council answered to being present:

Present – Councilmembers Joseph L. Allen, Frank J. Maurizio,
Barbara Strangfeld, Gary R. McCarthy, Margaret C. King,
Barbara Blanchard and Mark W. Blanchfield

Absent - None

Also Present – Mayor Brian U. Stratton, Deputy City Clerk Eileen M.
Versaci and Corporation Counsel Alfred L. Goldberger

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Blanchfield asked Councilmember Joseph Allen to please take the Chair so he can take the floor.

Resolution No. 2006-202 Adopted Unanimously

Mr. Blanchfield called upon Councilmember Barbara Strangfeld to come to the rail to accept a resolution honoring her for the extraordinary service and commitment to the City of Schenectady. President Blanchfield recognized the Mayor and he gave Mrs. Strangfeld the presentation and made her a “Patroon”. She thanked the Mayor and the City Council for the resolution.

At this point, Mr. Blanchfield asked if there were no objections, he would like to take Agenda Items #10, #11, #11A and #9 out of order. There were no objections.

Resolution No. 2006-203 Adopted Unanimously

Ms. King called upon Rev. Carlos Calibalos to come inside the rail to accept a resolution declaring September 15 through October 15 as “Hispanic-American Heritage Month” in the City of Schenectady. Rev. Calibalos thanked the City Council for the resolution.

Resolution No. 2006-204

Adopted Unanimously

Mr. Maurizio called upon Rev. Emmanuel Adams to come inside the rail to accept a resolution declaring the week of September 25th – 29th, 2006 as “Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week” in the City of Schenectady. Rev. Adams thanked the City Council for the resolution.

Resolution No. 2006-205

Adopted Unanimously

Mr. Allen called upon the “Tri-City Cricket Club” to come inside the rail to accept a resolution congratulating them on their 6th wicket victory in the 2006 Mayor’s Cup. They thanked the City Council for the resolution.

Resolution No. 2006-206

Adopted Unanimously

Mrs. Strangfeld invited Ahmad Yusufi Jason Planck and Mrs. Kelley to come inside the rail to accept a resolution proclaiming October, 2006 as “Disability Awareness Month” in the City of Schenectady. They thanked the City Council for the resolution.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Related to applying for Restore NY funds for the properties listed to revitalize our downtown area.

Mr. Blanchfield invited all who wished to speak on Public Hearing #2 to come forward (7:30 P.M.). It has been revised to remove the word – demolition to rehabbing of all the properties on State Street. Seeing no speakers, Mr. Blanchfield declared the public hearing closed (7:33 P.M.).

2. Regarding the following: Pursuant to Article VIII of Chapter 264 of the City Code, to designate certain properties along and in the vicinity of Jay Street as a Historic District.

Mr. Blanchfield invited all who wished to speak on Public Hearing #1 to come forward. (7:35 P.M.). The following speakers rose to be heard and their remarks are summarized:

Robert Ramson said – I am in favor of making Jay Street a Historic District because I would like to see Jay Street to stay the way it is.

Beth Petta said – I live in the Stockade District in Schenectady and I am in favor of the Jay Street Historic District. I think preservation does not harm, but, it helps a business district. We have to keep the integrity of the City and this is one way of doing it. I think that it is a great project and I am all for it.

Gloria Kishton, 207 Union Street, said – I am the Chairperson of the Schenectady Heritage Foundation and it is very supportive of the Jay Street Historic District coming into being. In this morning's paper, the one negative thing is having to go before the Historic Commission for any changes in the exterior of a building. To my way of thinking – that is a positive way and is usually very helpful because it is a wonderful Board of Professionals that we have. Our Chairperson is an architect that helped design the New York State Capital, you must go to the Commission and get wonderful free architectural advice. Jay Street is a unique and wonderful place and it should be preserved.

Paul Tocker, Attorney, 14 Jay Street, said – I am in support of this Historic District. A lot of people put a lot of work into bringing the project into fruition, particularly Louise Lowe; many of you know her – she was an architect with Synthesis. Louise has passed away, but, she would have been proud of her work and the people who were advocating for establishing the district.

Frederick Killeen, Attorney, 174 ½ Jay Street, stated that he is not in favor of Jay Street Historic District. A letter from the Cohn Family Investment Partners, L.P. states: As the owner of 416 Franklin Street, Schenectady, N.Y., we are aware of tonight's Public Hearing concerning the Planning Commission's recommendation that the City Council create a Historic District Overlay at 12 through 175 Jay Street, 426 and 427 Franklin Street, 433 Liberty Street, 435 State Street and 115 North Broadway. While in general, we support the concept of historic preservation, at this time, we are opposed to the imposition of additional restrictions with respect to the above property. We believe the goals could be better addressed through positive incentive programs, such as façade grants and tax relief. We hereby authorize attorney, Frederick Killeen to appear and to present this letter to express our strong opposition at the Public Hearing to be held September 25, 2006 in Room 209 of City Hall, 105 Jay Street, Schenectady, N.Y. at 7:00 P.M.

A letter from Frederick W. Killeen states: As a substantial and longtime property owner in Downtown Schenectady, State and Jay Development, has serious concerns about the impact that the proposed imposition of an historic overlay district will have upon the redevelopment efforts that are now beginning in downtown Schenectady. It is also of significant concern that the property and

business owners who will be directly impacted by this proposal have, as of this date, been given very little specific information about the proposed district and have had little, if any, input into its development. Thus, although the proposal has limited support within the proposed district, it is also opposed by a significant number of substantial district property owners. Accordingly, as the owner and operator of 175-77 Jay Street, 179-185 Jay Street, 435-39 State Street and 453-55 State Street, State and Jay Development submits this letter as an expression of serious concern and strong opposition to the proposed creation and imposition of an Historic district Overlay at 12-175 Jay Street, 426 and 427 Franklin Street, 433 Liberty Street, 435 State Street and 115 North Broadway. Although few people will disagree that the preservation of Schenectady's history and its' historic buildings is a desirable goal, you must recognize that this goal has to be balanced with the future economic viability of our city and the tax base. Not every building viewed or characterized by some as "historic" can necessarily be preserved, maintained or operated in an economically viable manner. The proposed blanket imposition of an historic overlay district fails to comprehend this fundamental economic reality, especially in the core of the City's downtown commercial district. The properties owned by State and Jay Development have been family owned and operated for nearly a century. Thus, it is clear that we have a long standing commitment to and relationship with downtown Schenectady, and it is not anticipated that this relationship will change. However, now that some significant progress toward the revitalization of downtown Schenectady is underway, it is our view that the unnecessary imposition of additional restrictive conditions upon that process will have a potentially detrimental impact upon the continued redevelopment of downtown Schenectady. While State and Jay Development is generally supportive of historic preservation and restoration efforts, we strongly believe that such efforts are more effectively encouraged by positive incentives such as Façade Improvement Programs, the development of an interior/infrastructure improvement program and tax relief initiatives, rather than by the imposition of additional arbitrary and restrictive regulations. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that at this time, you disapprove the proposed imposition of a Historic District Overlay for Jay Street. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Sammansco, 162 Jay Street, said – I am a property owner and partner in Synthesis with property at 162 Jay Street. I am a member of the Historic District Commission for over 5 years and I also live in the Historic District at 1300 Union Street and I am in favor of the Jay Street Historic District. Being in a Historic District enhances the property value and it is clear that in the city, the properties that have the highest value are in the Historic District.

Julia Stone, 1129 Morningside Ave., said – I am in favor of the Historic District and I belong to many organizations that are here for this legislation, but, I want to do this for myself. I love Schenectady and enjoy the city living very much and another city that I enjoy is Portland, Maine. In Portland, Maine – there are many Jay Streets and they are thriving.

Greg Solomon, 1162 Rugby Road, said – I am the owner of Ambitions Coffee House. I live in the Historic District – up in the G.E. Plot and I think that it has benefited the City in so many ways; one of them is an economic standpoint for the city.

Katherine Delain, 214 Liberty Street, said –I have been weaseling with my conscience on this issue, even though I am in favor of historic preservation. My main concern, of course, was the SACC Building. I came by here tonight to this meeting and some of these buildings are outstanding and some are so-so. We do need Historic Districts to preserve the integrity of this city.

Dana Swalla, 1017 Phoenix Ave., said – I believe that you have just about heard everything in favor of this Historic District, but, I'm going to tell you a little bit about my background with my experience with the Historic District. I lived in Atlanta, Georgia with 6 Historic Landmark Districts; we all know that Atlanta is a very thriving city. In fact, when I first started looking for a place to live, I chose Schenectady because of its Historic flavor.

Linda Scott, 1183 Stratford Road, said – I own 2 properties on Jay Street – 169-173 Jay Street and 167 Jay Street and I also run a retail business – “Orion”. I am concerned about the effects of a Historic District on Jay Street. I do not want to see more buildings torn down, but, the implication of guidelines put more hardship on the property owner, such as paint color cannot be changed without the approval of the Historic Commission; a property can still look good if kept in the historic character without a committee controlling it. We have restored 169 Jay Street and have done it by melding old and new. Properties can be made nice and to keep historic character without undue hardship placed on the owner. At this time, I think you should look closely at this legislation and do not pass this.

Jim Jamieson, 1336 Lowell Road, said – I do live in the G.E. Realty Plot, another Historic District. I have been before you to talk about other districts and what an economic development these districts have; it is a proven fact that these districts have increased in value and development of this city. The Historic Commission has met and would like to recommend to remove the SACC, Channel 16 from this Historic District, but, we still fully support the proposed district.

JoAnn Kress, 12752 Greeley Street, said – I am in favor of the Jay Street Historic District; the way to economic development is through historic district and preservation. I am not in favor of taking buildings down and I am in favor of restoring. Our heritage is what we need to go forward with our economic plan.

Elaine Willi, 1571 Bradley Street, said – I was first attracted to Schenectady by the beautiful, historical architecture throughout this city. I support the designation of not only this section of the city because, if any building is kept in as good condition as possible and as many buildings can be preserved, the better. Neglect, deterioration and destruction only denotes shame of heritage and originality. I do support this Jay Street designation. I also believe that, in keeping within the original character throughout the city; it shows special care and pride to preserve the original heritage of a city. I would love to see more of this happening throughout the rest of the city. Thank you.

Seeing no other speakers, Mr. Blanchfield declared the public hearing closed at 8:15 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Maurizio moved that the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 11, 2006 be approved as submitted by the City Clerk. It was seconded by Mr. Allen. Hearing no objections, Mr. Blanchfield declared the minutes approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Official –

From the Mayor, a list of appointments.

From Schenectady Metroplex, a letter of intent to serve as lead agency for the Nott Street Industrial Park Project (ALCO) Part I, of the full Environmental Assessment.

From the Department of Engineering, a letter accepting the bid of and awarding the contract to Callanan Industries, Inc. for the “2006 Street Paving Program” in the sum of \$3,100,285.00 for a revised Part “C”.

From the Department of Development, a letter accepting the bid of and awarding the contract to Dan's Hauling and Demolition, Inc. for "Demolition of 563 Summit Ave. and 1005 Glendale Place" in the sum of \$30,150.00; and

From the Department of Development, a letter accepting the bid of and awarding the contract to Albany Environmental Consultants for "Air Monitoring for the Demolition and Asbestos Removal of 563 Summit Ave. and 1005 Glendale Place".

General – None.

PETITIONS:

With 76 signatures from city residents stating that the people of Woodlawn would like to propose a skate park for the Woodlawn Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Blanchard stated that the Governmental Operations Committee met . I made note that I had spoken to the people who tape our meetings and it is a program on Channel 16 on the subject of changing our meetings to 6:00 P.M. permanently. It is not possible for them to be here at 6:00 P.M. to tape our meetings, so for the future, our meetings will remain at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Strangfeld said – I would like to briefly review the items on the Finance Agenda – Item #1, we are authorizing the Mayor to apply for Restore NY funds – this could be a maximum of \$5,000,000.00. This is to restore and for the reconstruction of the downtown area. Agenda Item #3 is a resolution that we have talked about at the last meeting and it is the Operation IMPACT Grant. We are just putting it into the appropriate budget line. Agenda Item #4 is for Veolia to perform additional improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Agenda Item #5 is our annual resolution applying for a grant to Re-Tree Schenectady Program. Agenda Items #12 and #13 has to do with our Demolition Program. Agenda Item #14 is our finishing up for the year on our Paving Program and we are delighted that our CDBG funds of just over \$820,000.00 was made to finish our paving. Also, I would like to congratulate the Mayor on a very fine budget.

Mr. Maurizio said – First of all, I would like to comment on the grant application for Restore NY, as you pointed out, this is money that we are very confident in getting with the package that we submitted. We ordinarily don't hold a public hearing and pass legislation on the same night, but, on this matter, I believe no one spoke on this and our deadline is the first of next month which is a few days away. Agenda Item #2 refers to 134 State Street which is, in fact, Mill Lane Apartments, in fact, they owe over \$2,000,000.00 and they never made payments on that loan and the new developers have agreed to this generous settlement. Agenda Item #6 involves the very unique building at #312 Broadway, the old Weigh Station Building; we are authorizing Metroplex to put our Requests for Proposals. Agenda Item #8 is calling for a public hearing to discuss the much discussed Adult Business Zoning Ordinance, which is on Tuesday, October 10th because of the Columbus Day holiday. Finally, I would like to ask Dick Purga, our Acting Development Director, to come up to the rail to briefly talk about our Consolidated Annual Performance Review; he has a public hearing scheduled this week and he is going to tell us about it.

Richard Purga, Acting Development Director, said – I am here to announce the 2005 Consolidated Annual Performance Review Report. It is available for review. "CAPER" provides money for "Shelter Grant, Home Program, the Community Development Block Grant Program" – money for our fiscal year starting on July 1st, 2005 through June 30th, 2006. As Mr. Maurizio said – we will be holding a Public Hearing on the "CAPER" on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 P.M. in Room 110 in City Hall.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

Mr. Blanchfield invited all who wished to address the City Council on any item of the Legislative Agenda to come forward. The following speakers rose to be heard and their remarks are summarized:

P.D. Voorhis, 132 Jay Street, said – I would like to comment on Agenda Item #8; more time has been spent on this issue than on the CDBG reduction and the proposed Glendale Incinerator Plant. No neighbors, only the neighborhood has presented a negative position on the activities there.

Katherine Delain, 214 Liberty Street, stated that the Restore NY list of properties that you have mentioned – none of them are slated for demolition and I find that encouraging. The putting of the Weigh Station, out for bids, is also very

encouraging. I hope if you do not receive anything which is satisfactory, that you will put it out for bids again. I see a trend here – something that I have been encouraging for a long time and that is opposing demolition.

Mr. Blanchfield said – I just want to make it clear that in respect to some of the College Park projects, which includes the Big N property, there will be some demolition there, but, none of the properties on State Street.

Seeing no other speakers to come before the City Council, Mr. Blanchfield declared the Privilege of the Floor on the Legislative Agenda closed.

INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda –

Resolution No. 2006-207	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-208	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-209	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-210	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-211	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-212	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-213	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-214	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-CS35	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-CS36	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2006-CS37	Adopted Unanimously

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Blanchfield invited all who wished to address the City Council on any matter of city business to come forward. The following speakers rose to be heard and their remarks are summarized:

Jason Planck spoke in regard to Disability Civil Rights. Note – As of 2005, the Disability population is estimated over 54 million. The Unemployment Rate for Person with a disability is 69.6% - New York State is the 10th highest in the Nation. The City of Schenectady has no Affirmative Action Officer or ADA Coordinator but has the money to appoint someone to this position. The money was authorized by the city through C.D.B.G. of over \$50,000.00 in May of 2006. The City of Schenectady has no Disability Evaluation done as required by the American with Disability Act of 1990; this evaluation was supposed to be done by January, 1993. The City of Schenectady needs plans on how to deal and support equal access to all government programs, services and activates.

Robert Klein, 2182 Daisy Lane, Niskayuna, NY, said – I would like to talk to you about Central Park, parking for the handicapped is not set up for vans with lifts; the people park too close if the lines are not there to separate the cars. There is not enough benches for people to sit and rest. I like to walk in Central Park and I can only walk a short distance and I need to rest and I know that others need to rest also.

Pat McBride, 207 Delaware Ave, Albany, NY said – Tonight, the Council passed two Resolutions – one – on Disability Awareness and the other on Community Inclusiveness, both of these resolutions has to do with the participation of all citizens. I just want to urge you to keep this in mind in all of the dealings with the city.

Harry Brand, 2108 Van Rensselaer Drive, said – I heard about the Mayor's new budget and I was really surprised. The taxpayers are going to get a 1% tax reduction in taxes and a 6% increase in our sewer rate. Let's have a party – what are we ending up with, about a \$1.00? You give all these tax breaks to all these businesses and what does the taxpayer get – nothing?

Pat Zollinger, 150 Clement Ave., said – I was at the presentation of the Mayor's budget. I thought the Mayor's presentation was really great and the power point presentation was great. I would like to comment on the city's web site – it is looking very good too and I think that the city should put the entire budget on

the web site and it would be a great service to the people of this city. The Mayor presented a budget of hope to the taxpayers – a 1% decrease in our tax rate, which was cancelled out by the sewer rate. Congratulations to Mr. Goldberger on his retirement and to Mr. Van Norden on his raise and we know that he worked hard for that. At the meeting, he used the chopped up dollars, as he did before, to show how our tax dollars are going to the schools and we, meaning me, should look to the School Board to lower our taxes. Why are you not lobbying the School Board? Why do I have to do it? That should be your job – not mine.

Marion Porterfield said – I am the Weed/Seed Coordinator and I live in Hamilton Hill. One of the things that is needed in Hamilton Hill and Vale is restoration and seeing that we are next to downtown with all the restoration going on, maybe next time, you do a grant, you could include us. We would like to have Ray Gilland and Steve Strichman to come to our next meeting to see how we can be ready for the next round of funding and we want to be part of this.

Elaine Willi, 1571 Bradley Street, said – I would like to speak on a few issues tonight. First, as I understand the Mayor's budget – the property owners will receive a (1%) one percent property tax decrease equating on an average of \$18.00. Then, I read that this budget also includes an increase in sewer fees, leaving property owners receiving the huge relief of \$2.00 – Two dollars! I am also skeptical about the timing of this good-will budget with next year being an election year. With the city's plan for re-assessment of city properties, what awaits the property owners in 2008? And will this re-assessment include those property owners whose property was targeted for full assessment a few years ago? Commercial property has not been re-assessed since 2000! Next, I attended and participated in the meetings for the City's Comprehensive Plan. I would like to know when the final copy is due out. Also, before the city undertakes any and all projects, I would like to suggest that it presents the plan to whatever neighborhood in which the project is for in order to get residents input on these projects. In particular, at present, I am speaking about the project that has been discussed for Bradley Street on which a greenway will connect Central and Vale Parks. Hopefully, each plan will be presented to the residents there before the city starts each project. Finally, I would like to announce that the Central State Street Neighborhood Association will meet on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room of Trinity Lutheran Church on Furman Street. The City Council candidates, Peggy King and Vince Riggi will be our guests. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Donna Musella, 519 Seneca Street, said – I have changed my agenda tonight - while listening to what has been going on before me, I am a replant into Schenectady from Albany. Mayor Jennings lost me. I listened tonight, I think that historical Schenectady is a very important part for this city. I spent the day down on Jay Street and I was not impressed on what I saw later in the evening. The crime rate in Schenectady has raised quite a bit and we can pave our streets in gold and it is not going to do a bit of good until we do something about the crime and about the kids on the street. I tell everybody that – not everyone that lives in Schenectady is a drug dealer or a bad person. I happen to be a very good person and I live on Seneca Street and it is not what it all used to be. I rent from a wonderful Italian man and I am happy here in Schenectady, but, I am not happy with the crime all around me and I am not happy with the drug dealers on my street. I have a suggestion – I would like to have the Mayor come to our streets and talk to us and maybe, we can all make it better together.

Fred Clark, 1262 Parkwood Blvd., said – I am an employee of H & K Towing and I am here to speak on the issues concerning their suspension. A couple of weeks ago, you heard from 2 gentlemen with bogus allegations on how we overcharged them. One of these gentlemen owed the city over \$300.00 in parking tickets and the other – the police failed to notify him that they recovered his stolen vehicle, plus he never notified DMV and the Post Office of his address change. As a result of the complaints of these 2 gentlemen, the administration chose to undiplomatically suspend H & K from all city police towing duties. All attempts to notify this administration of our side in this situation were ignored and the suspension was put in effect, leaving the city's towing in the hands of Bobars which has the same towing rates as ours. I would hope that this being brought to your attention that we can work together to address this situation for the benefit of the city.

Dennis Kugler, 127 Erie Blvd., said – I am the owner of Holmes and Kugler Towing. I am deeply troubled by the actions taken by this administration and I am here to bring it to your attention and the public. As it was mentioned earlier, my company has been suspended from police tows. This was down because of allegations of overcharging on a contract that expired 9 months ago. The contract that expired in 2005 has not been renewed. My company has been under attack by this administration and I would like to settle this matter.

Katherine Delain, 214 Liberty Street, said – I am upset about almost getting killed at Liberty Street and Erie Blvd. Signs have been place there, but, no one is paying attention. Someone is going to get killed and this city is responsible. This Civil War Day which was held on September 16th – I am thrilled to say was a

tremendous success. I am sorry to say that only one City official was there – Ms. Blanchard –. Finally, I wish Ms. Strangfeld success in the future. I hope you think long and hard about Ms. Strangfeld’s successor, remember you are our employees.

Beth Petta, Front Street, said – I want to talk about the Film Festival hosted by SACC-TV 16 and Union College on December 2nd, 2006 in the Reamer Auditorium in the Union College Campus Center from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

- * **GENRE:** Documentary. Two categories: long (20+ minutes) and short (5-20 minutes).
- * **TOPIC:** Film celebrating – the story or history of a person, institution, architecture, neighborhood, place of natural beauty, invention, event, period of time, sports legend or the like, that is directly related to the City or Towns of Schenectady County, Examples include: The invention of radio or television; The Underground Railroad through Schenectady County. The Plotter-kill Preserve; Elizabeth Gillette; Thomas Edison; The Nott Memorial; Our County’s rural beauty; The Stockade; The G.E. Plot; Erie Blvd. as Erie Canal. Films should be very specific and well researched.
- * **FESTIVAL:** A nine-hour day, showing all Finalists, divided into two segments: Long and Short Film, Prizes awarded at the end of each section. Every Film entered will be aired on Channel 16 in Schenectady at least once. Food and beverages available at the Campus Center.
- * **JUDGING:** A volunteer panel of members of the community who are distinguished in the field of Arts will select the finalists and winners.
- * **COPYRIGHT:** Please reference written, film, photographic, internet-site and music material used the credits at the end of the film and submit written release for any copyrighted music used.
- * **SUBMISSION:** All Entries must be completed and dropped off at SACC-TV16, 115 N. Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305. There is a \$15.00 handling fee that must be paid at the time of entry. Films will be accepted from August 1st through 5:00 P.M. on November 1, 2006.

PRIZES

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On another issue, Ms. Petta spoke on the Union College sidewalk. I am really hoping that Union College, next to the Ramada Inn which is so beautifully rehabbed, is going to be paid for by Union College. I paid for my sidewalk and everybody else should pay for their sidewalk. We spent a bundle of money on Seward Place, granted that they did additional things, but, a lot of properties came off the tax rolls, so I think that it would be fair if they did the sidewalk next to the Ramada Inn.

Pastor Ted Ward, 1090 Forest Road, stated that it has come to my attention that prostitution is at its highest in Hamilton Hill. The reason that this is that prostitutes have big drug problems. My solution would be to have the “Johns” arrested and eliminate the people doing business with these prostitutes.

Cathy Lewis, 1164 Van Curler Ave., said – I want to wish Barbara Strangfeld all the success and luck in her future in Pennsylvania. I want to thank her for the help that she gave me when I was on the City Council. Barbara and I had many like interests and we belonged to the same organizations and she was always a pleasure to work with.

Seeing no other speakers to come before the City Council, Mr. Blanchfield declared the Privilege of the Floor closed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. McCarthy said – I want to wish Barbara and her family all the luck in their new home in Pennsylvania. Also, I want to remind everyone that the Schenectady County Civil Service will be giving the Police exam and the last day to sign up is October 24, 2006.

Ms. King said – I would like to commend the Mayor on his 2007 Budget. I know that there were many hours of hard work for you and your staff. A reminder that this Saturday, September 30th is the Stockade Walk About – the tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 that day. I also want to wish Barbara “Good Luck” in all future endeavors.

Mr. Maurizio said – God has blessed us for having Barbara Strangfeld; running with her back in 2003 was very educational. We thought that we could teach Barbara how to do things, but with all her experience, we learned from her. Barbara always had Schenectady’s best interest in her heart. Thanks for being with us, even for this short time; you will be missed by all of us.

Mr. Allen said – I want to thank Barbara for all she has done. She was great to campaign with. Most candidates do not want to go up in the Hamilton Hill area, but, Barbara was right there with me and sometimes, she got there first to campaign. I want to wish you and your family well.

Ms. Blanchard said – Sorry, Barbara, you won't be a member of the club, United Barbara's for Schenectady. You will be missed and I still had so much to learn from you. I want to wish you and your family well and all the luck in the world.

Ms. Strangfeld said – I am quite overwhelmed by this evening. I will miss our Mondays together and all the employees of City Hall that I have come in contact with; they all go that extra mile. “God Bless You All” – I will miss you all.

The Mayor stated that it is hard to follow such a speech. Barbara, we will miss you – you were a huge help when it came to finances and you were always there when needed. When people come to the rail with any kind of suggestions, of course, we cannot answer the question that they ask. I want Rev. Ward to know that the Police Department make extensive prostitution sweeps and pickup the “Johns” and the like. It is something that the Chief and I are very watchful of.

Mr. Blanchfield stated that the Finance Committee is setting up 4 sessions for the budget hearings – the First will be Revenue/Undistributed Funds; Public Safety; General Services and then all other City Business related departments. We all have great affection for Barbara and she will be missed, especially for her expertise with finance – she was a great help.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Blanchfield declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD

**BY EILEEN M. VERSACI
DEPUTY CITY CLERK**