APPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on September 3, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor ANDREW C. BALL MACK CUNNINGHAM PAULA J. GAMACHE CATHERINE F. PARKER GEORGE S. PRATT (arrived at 8:08 p.m.) JOSEPH A. SACK Councilmembers

ABSENT: None

1. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

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

2. <u>Roll Call</u>

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

3. <u>Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda</u>

John Carey, 860 Forest Avenue, spoke about three topics: (1) the New York State Attorney General has sent 15 interrogatories to Verizon stemming from hazards discovered in Fios installations that involved improper grounding/bonding of their equipment, and has been made known to the Public Service Commission. He said Verizon has published a Network Review Plan that he thinks the City Council should study to determine if the City should join in any meetings held by the Public Service Commission (PSC). (2) Cable Channels 74, 75 and 76 will go "dark" for many residents before the next Council Meeting because Cablevision is elevating those channels to a digital tier. He believes this is a very serious legal issue and the Council should take action. (3) He questioned the City policy of disposing of surplus equipment. He said he did not believe equipment should be given away and that there should be a mechanism to decide the fair market value of equipment. In connection with disposal of video equipment he referred the Council to the Alliance for Community Media. Response to Mr. Carey's concerns included: (1) The City is a party to the PSC action on the Verizon Fios installation; it will be participating in the process and will report back to the Council if there is any potential impact on the City. (2) Approximately 2% of Cablevision subscribers are still analog only customers and Verizon is entirely digital. The Mayor called the Cablevision Government Service contact person to complain about the transfer and learned that they are offering people who want to receive channels 74, 75 and 76 only, a free digital box. Since all television is going digital in February 2009, the City could ask Cablevision for their changeover schedule over the next few months and get a list of City residents who only have analog boxes. (3) The City is fiscally responsible in the way it disposes of surplus equipment. The practice is to try to sell it and get the best prices possible. Councilman Sack pointed out that he had recently discovered that it was a best practice of Westchester County to dispose of their materials via online auction and Councilman Ball asked the staff and received confirmation from them that a multi page memo detailing practices for disposing surplus material had been given to John Carey. The City Manager was asked to look into what the professional standards are for disposing of certain types of equipment.

Robert Schubert, Forest Avenue, again came to discuss the issue of the lack of water going to the pond on his property. He said he disliked coming to Council meetings month after month but believes his problem stems from the City and his neighbors, the Gates Family, not from anything he did. (Later in the meeting, in response to a statement by Mr. Schubert that he has been trying to reach the Police Commissioner for weeks without success, Councilman Ball pointed out that the Police Commissioner has been out of the office for several weeks recovering from major surgery.) Mayor Otis said the Council has offered Mr. Schubert great respect and patience over the last several months but reiterated that the City does not have a remedy for Mr. Schubert and that he should try to work his problem out with his neighbors. (The Mayor called a five-minute recess at this time.) (Later in the meeting Mr. Schubert asked that the record reflect that Chapter 195 of the City Code empowers the City to compel the restoration of an affected wetland and watercourse to its previous condition.)

4. <u>Bid award for Dredging and Ancillary work at the Municipal Boat Basin</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that the City Council feels very strongly about the preservation of the Boat Basin and that the Boat Basin Commission and Boat Basin Supervisor were in attendance at this meeting. He asked City Comptroller Genito to give an overview of the financial situation. Mr. Genito said that the Boat Basin has been reserving funds over the years for dredging but, unfortunately, dredging has become almost an unaffordable project. Not too many years ago dredging used to cost about \$200,000 and is now in the area of \$1.8 million. An analysis of Boat Basin funds has determined that with their current cash balance as well as what will be available at the end of the year from the revenue and expenditure budgets they should have approximately \$1.7 million and the City has been able to negotiate with FEMA to obtain \$300,000 in funding, which should cover the cost of the project. If the project goes over what has been anticipated, the Boat Basin Commission may come back to the Council to ask for a loan from the General Fund to cover the additional costs until the Boat Basin can recover the funds.

Boat Basin Supervisor Peter Fox introduced the members of the Boat Basin Commission who were in attendance: Dick Dempsey, George DeFilippo, Bob Rispoli, Ken Dahlgren and Bill Blake. He said for the past two years the Commission has been focused on the issue of dredging. Members of the Council praised Mr. Fox for his dedication to the Boat Basin. He then introduced Mike Ludwig from Ocean Coastal Consultants, who has been working with the Boat Basin for many years on various issues. Mr. Ludwig said that he wanted to explain the project and how it fit within a bigger project. In the 1960's the City benefited from a federal navigation project in Milton Harbor that included dredging activity into the community boat basin. It is the failure of the Federal government to continue maintaining that navigation project that has resulted in the problems that face the Harbor today. Half of the dredging that is necessary is located in that federal navigation channel in order to bring it up to a level that provides service access to and from the marina. The 100 foot wide channel is supposed to be maintained at a depth of six feet but in a number of places the channel has been shoaled in, resulting in about one-third of the navigable depth of the channel being lost. Although the Federal Government no longer maintains the federally authorized navigation channel, maintenance dredging should be done approximately every ten years to maintain navigable water depths. The dredging project should be done this Fall. There are four permits required, one from Connecticut DEP, one from New York State DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), the third, a New York State Department of State Federal Consistency Authorization that is issued to the Army Corps of Engineers, which allows the Army Corps of Engineers to issue the fourth permit. The City has received all four permits, which will allow maintenance dredging for approximately 23,000 cubic vards of dredge material between October 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009 or any calendar period along that line. A clamshell dredge will be used and the material will be placed on barges that will transport the sediment to the Central Long Island Sound disposal site off of New Haven where the material will be placed and capped with clean material that is coming from three projects being done in Connecticut. Ocean Coastal will offer any support the City needs in managing the project. In response to a question about the actual work time of the project, Mr. Ludwig said that most dredging companies work on an 8 to 10 hour shift. The barges are loaded during the day and during the evening hours the dredged material is removed to the disposal site. The work is done according to the schedule of the tides.

City Manager Shew said that no additional funds were being requested at this time but there was a possibility that additional funds would be requested in the future. Mr. Genito said he believed the FEMA funds should carry the project through. Members of the Council noted that the cost of dredging could become prohibitive in the future and long-range plans should be made to deal with that possibility, including reexamining the business model of the Boat Basin.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Contract #2008-04, Dredging and Ancillary work at the Municipal Boat Basin be awarded to R.B. Conway & Sons, Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$1,845,000.00, subject to completion of due diligence and approval by the City Manager.

CONTRACT #2008-04

BIDDER SECURITY **ALTERNATE 1** ALTERNATE 2 AMOUNT BID Newborn Construction Bid Bond 1,887,000.00 856,000.00 856,000.00 1,908,000.00 Cashman Dredging & Bid Bond 1,112,000.00 1,112,000.00

Marine Construction

DREDGING & ANCILLARY WORK BOAT BASIN

ROLL CALL:

AYES:Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker,
Pratt and SackNAYS:NoneABSENT:None

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$1,600,000 from the Boat Basin Fund Balance to the current 2008 Boat Basin operating budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$317,000 from FEMA flood recoveries to the current 2008 Boat Basin operating budged to fund the project.

ROLL CALL:

 AYES:
 Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack

 NAYS:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

5. <u>Two appointments to the Boat Basin Commission, by the Council, for two-year terms</u> <u>expiring January 1, 2011</u>

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the appointments of William Blake and Greg Gavlik to the Boat Basin Commission for two-year terms expiring on January 1, 2011.

6. Designation of one member to the Boat Basin Nominating Committee

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to appoint George Szczerba to the 2009 Boat Basin Nominating Committee for a one-year term expiring on January 1, 2010.

7. <u>Resolution to transfer \$275,000 from undesignated fund balance to contingency</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that this item was necessary to replenish the Contingency Account. Councilman Sack said that so far this year the Council has transferred approximately \$550,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Contingency Account and asked if this was a typical amount? City Comptroller Genito said that this was not typical and that the purpose of the Contingent Fund (1% of the operating funds) is to cover unanticipated expenses

that occur during the course of a year. In the past decade the City has rarely used much of the Contingency Account but in the last two years it has been necessary to refund the Contingency Account during the year, usually due to legal expenses or to fund studies not anticipated when preparing the budget. When the Contingency is not used it becomes part of the surplus. The Undesignated Fund Balance, by policy, should remain at 5% of operating revenues. The City is well over that amount.

Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the amounts required for various expenditures during fiscal 2008 will exceed the amounts originally budgeted for such expenditures, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the General Fund Contingent Account be increased in the amount of \$275,000 with an appropriation of Undesignated Fund Balance.

ROLL CALL:

 AYES:
 Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack

 NAYS:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

8. <u>Resolution to transfer \$150,000 from contingency to Bowman Avenue sluice gate design</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that this item identifies the funding source for an action previously approved by the Council. Andy Goodenough, 25 Mohawk Street, commended the Council and City staff for the work that has been done since the April 15, 2007 flood. He said his concern is that flood mitigation at Bowman Avenue is listed as a future consideration in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mayor Otis said that projects are listed in the Capital Improvement Plan when an exact price is known and a funding source has been identified. This does not mean this is not a priority project. The design study previously funded should give the City a better idea of what the sluice gate project should cost and by the time the budget is adopted in December, the City should have a better idea of what funding should be coming from the County. Councilman Sack asked if the City Manager has been able to ascertain the requirements about the structure of the dam that were required before moving forward with the project. Mayor Otis said that at the last meeting the Council had authorized the Manager's Office to proceed with the project in phases, the first of which deals with the structural analysis of the dam. City Manager Shew said that the project would stop if any structural problems were detected. This phase is underway. Completion of each phase of the project is required before moving to the next. Councilman Pratt asked that the City investigate how potential downstream development would create possible requirements for the dam to be reengineered. Mayor Otis said this would be done as part of the permitting process for the sluice gate. In response to a question from Councilman Ball, Assistant City Manager Pickup said the City is in an application process with FEMA for flood mitigation money that will require a 50% match from the City and it is hoped that \$125,000 of this \$150,000 would be eligible. Councilman Sack said that since the City had originally hoped to get the funding for the sluice gate from FEMA and now hopes to obtain the money from the County, he wanted to make sure that the Council was not voting to approve the sluice gate at this meeting. Councilman Ball said that the Council was only committing to the study at this point. In response to a question from Councilman Cunningham about the necessity of obtaining permits from other municipalities for this project, Mayor Otis said that this was required because none of the land in question was in the City of Rye.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2008 the City Council authorized a detailed engineering design of a sluice gate for the Bowman Avenue Spillway (dam) in the amount of \$150,000; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned design is a new capital project requiring funding; and

WHEREAS, the City Comptroller has estimated that there are sufficient funds available in the fund balance of the General Fund; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$150,000 of fund balance in the General Fund be appropriated for the Bowman Avenue Sluice Gate project.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

9. <u>Resolution to transfer \$65,000 from contingency to law department for consultant</u> <u>expenses related to Beaver Swamp</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that these expenses were for two consulting firms being overseen by the Corporation Counsel in connection with the Beaver Swamp project. Mayor Otis said the City is involved in a dispute with the Town of Harrison over Beaver Swamp Brook and offered a brief overview of the four categories the consultants are involved with: (1) An administrative law process relating to a permit request by Harrison to deposit additional fill in Beaver Swamp; (2) A challenge of the DEC's "sanctification" of prior work by Harrison on the original Brownfield's clean up project; (3) A proposed solution, by a firm hired by the Town of Harrison, that widening the Brook south of Park Avenue will help relieve flooding in the area to the north, and (4) The City has asked a firm to look at all existing conditions to come up with alternatives that Harrison and Rye can agree to, that might mitigate the flooding. The Mayor said that since Harrison is spending money on consultants, the City must also do so in order to fight expertise with expertise. Councilman Sack said that although he understood the necessity

for hiring experts and was not opposed to authorizing funding, he would like to know the details of what the money would be spent on. Councilman Pratt said he viewed this dispute with Harrison as a quality of life issue that will affect residents of Rye for decades to come and, therefore, was in favor of funding the consultants because it serves to advance the process. Councilman Cunningham asked that the Corporation Counsel provide a report updating the Council on the various issues.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that approximately \$65,000 in additional funds will be required to fund the appropriations for consultant expenses in the Law Department, and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds do exist in the General Fund Contingent Account, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$65,000 be transferred from the General Fund Contingent Account to Law Department Consultant Expenses.

ROLL CALL:

 AYES:
 Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker and Pratt

 NAYS:
 Councilman Sack

 ABSENT:
 None

10. <u>Resolution to transfer \$90,000 from Contingent Account to Risk Retention Fund for legal</u> services Roll Call

City Comptroller Genito said that this request was to cover fees through the end of the year for legal services incurred in connection with defending insurance liability claims.

Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that approximately \$90,000 in additional funds will be required to fund the appropriations for legal services in the Risk Retention Fund, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds do exist in the General Fund Contingent Account, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$90,000 be transferred from the General Fund Contingent Account to Risk Retention Fund Legal Services.

ROLL CALL:
AYES:Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker,
Pratt and SackNAYS:NoneABSENT:None

11. <u>Resolution to accept a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund</u> <u>Grant from the State Archives and Records Administration (SARA)</u> Roll Call

Councilman Pratt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Rye has been awarded a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant in the amount of \$3,391 to hire an Archival Clerk to review the City's Inactive Records in order to determine which records should be retained and which can be discarded; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Annual Budget made no provision for either the estimated revenue or appropriation of these grant funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the award of this grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller be authorized to amend the 2008 Budget as follows:

Increase the General Fund Records Management estimated revenues for State Aide Records Management in the amount of \$3,391

Increase the General Fund Records Management appropriations for Consultants in the amount of \$3,391.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

12. <u>Bid award for #7-08 for one V-Box Spreader, Pre-Wet System, Power Reverse Plow,</u> <u>Custom Low Mount Hitch and Central Hydraulic System for the Department of Public</u> <u>Works</u> Roll Call City Manager Shew said that agenda items 12 and 13 were connected because they were parts being purchased to outfit a cab and chaise previously purchased.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Bid #7-08, One (1) V-Box Spreader, be awarded to Trius Inc., the sole bidder, for the amount of \$72,752.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

13. <u>Bid award for #8-08 for one 30 Cubic Yard Curb Sorter Style Recycling Body for the</u> <u>Department of Public Works</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that the City has applied for a 50% grant for this item.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Bid #8-08, One (1) 30 Cubic Yard Curb Sorter Style Recycling Body, be awarded to Vasso Systems, the sole bidder, for the amount of \$33,800.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack NAYS: None ABSENT: None

14. <u>Bid award for #9-08 for Video Equipment for RCTV Studio</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that the equipment being purchased was necessary to upgrade the studio from analog to digital. He said it was being paid for with funds that the City receives for equipment as part of the Cable Franchise Agreements. Assistant City Manager Pickup said that upgrading to digital technology would give the City more flexibility in the future. The City is also talking the with the studio people at the High School about updating their infrastructure as well and is hoping that the School District will match some of our technology so that there is standardized equipment available for use by the students as well as the general public. He added that although the bid documents were sent to several vendors, due to the small size of the job only one vendor submitted a bid.

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

RESOLVED, that Bid #9-08, Video Equipment for RCTV Studio, be awarded to HB Communications, Inc., the sole bidder, for the amount of \$221,408.

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack NAYS: None ABSENT: None
- 15. <u>Request for the transfer of \$221,408.00 from RCTV Fund Balance to RCTV budget for</u> <u>the purchase of studio equipment</u> Roll Call

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

RESOLVED, that the 2008 RCTV budget be amended to reflect a transfer of \$221,408.00 from the RCTV Fund Balance for the purchase of Video Equipment for the RCTV Studio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

15A. <u>Resolution to amend 2008 Cable TV Fund budget to reflect increased PEG grant revenue</u> Roll Call

Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the 2008 Cable TV Fund budget estimated public, education, and governmental ("PEG") grant revenues to be \$30,000, and,

WHEREAS, actual 2008 PEG grant revenues are estimated to be \$80,000, and,

WHEREAS, PEG grant revenues must be used to purchase equipment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2008 Cable TV Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Increase PEG Grant Estimated Revenues \$50,000, and

Increase Appropriations – Equipment \$50,000.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack
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NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

16. <u>Request by the Police Department to dispose of obsolete and inoperable computer</u> <u>equipment</u> Roll Call

City Manager Shew said that the hard drives would be removed from all computers being declared surplus before the computers were disposed of. The following equipment has been removed from service:

 Dell E172fpb Monitor Serial #cn0m1609466333ah32nl
 Dell Ultra Sharp 1702FP Monitor Serial #MX08G15247605319DGW5
 Panasonic Toughbook CFM34 Laptop Computer Serial #1FKSA03533
 Dell Dimension 4450 Computer Serial #D3KT021
 Dell Dimension 4550 Computer Serial #93KT021
 Dell Dimension 4550 Computer Serial #FL8W21
 Panasonic CF-28's Laptop Computers: Serial #2JKSC01011 Serial #2JKSC01013 Serial #2JKSC01014

Councilman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City has been provided with a list of computer equipment that the Police Department has identified as being obsolete, nonfunctional or in disrepair during 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that said computer equipment be declared surplus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that said computer equipment is declared surplus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the City Comptroller to sell or dispose of said computer equipment in a manner that will serve in the best interests of the City.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker,
	Pratt and Sack
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

17. <u>Designation of the Chair of the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council by the Mayor</u>

Mayor Otis designated Loriel DeCaro as Chair of the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council.

18. <u>Approval of addition of left turn restrictions per Chapter 191 Section 191.9 of the Rye</u> <u>City Code proposed by City Manager for intersection of Apawamis and Milton, and</u> <u>Milton and High School parking lot driveway</u>

Mayor Otis said this item relates to changes that were made near the High School parking lot for the new school year in order to make it safer for students. City Manager Shew said it was a collaborative effort of the City and School District that should make a big difference. Councilman Cunningham offered his compliments to Brian Dempsey, the Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, for all his time and effort in connection with this matter.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Section 191-9 of the City Code, "Traffic Regulations," be amended to prohibit left-hand turns at the High School parking lot exit and Milton Road and at the intersection of Apawamis Avenue and Milton Road from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

ROLL CALL:

 AYES:
 Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, Parker, Pratt and Sack

 NAYS:
 None

 ABSENT:
 None

19. Resolution to amend FOIL procedures regarding appeal response protocol

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

20. <u>Miscellaneous communications and reports</u>

Mayor Otis said the Council has received material prepared by staff in connection with Police Station/Court House choices as well as a memo that he had prepared. Both documents call for the hiring of a firm to vet the issues and analyze the various space and location choices. He said the City Manager should solicit proposals from firms to provide a planning, business/real estate and functional/need analysis that would provide pros and cons for each alternative in order for the Council to weight the different choices early next year. Councilman Cunningham added that analysis would help the Council determine if a shared or separate facility model would work best and at what location. Councilman Sack requested that the Council receive a copy of any RFP for review prior to it being sent out.

Councilman Ball announced that the Fire Department would be holding a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on September 11th at Fire Headquarters on Locust Avenue. They will dedicate a plaque, bearing the Rye Fire Department, Rye Police Department and Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook EMS shields, to honor uniformed officers who died on September 11, 2001.

21. Old Business

Councilman Cunningham said that he would like to see something before the Council by the end of September regarding what are the other components of funding for the sluice gate, such as the expansion of the pond, so the City can put an application into the County that has greater opportunities for funding.

Councilman Sack said that in April he had asked the City Manager to investigate if the City could provide tax rebates to residents of Indian Village who had decided to raise their homes in order to protect them from flooding or, alternatively, if the City could fund a low cost loan program for people who need the money to do so. He asked if the City Manager could update the Council on the results of his investigation at a future meeting. He also asked the Manager to investigate what it would take to create a special flood district to fund flood mitigation projects within the district and determine how it would work.

22. <u>New Business</u>

There was no new business.

23. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 6, 2008 which included a presentation of the Capital Improvements Program, the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held August 13, 2008 and the special meeting of the City Council held on August 27, 2008

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on August 6, 2008 and special meetings held on August 13, 2008 and August 27, 2008, as amended.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pratt and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F. Nodarse City Clerk