

**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 202.1, REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND PUBLIC BODIES MAY MEET WITHOUT ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT. FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL, CITY HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCING WITH NO IN-PERSON LOCATION AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON THE CITY WEBSITE. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A FUTURE DATE.

RESIDENTS MAY EMAIL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO: PUBLICHEARINGCOMMENTS@RYENY.GOV. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3:00 PM ON JULY 15, 2020. THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL NEEDS TO READ "Metered Parking." PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. Only 3 minutes allotted to each resident to speak.

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[The Council will convene via ZOOM CONFERENCE at 5:15 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into a teleconference Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.]

1. Roll Call
2. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 10, 2020.

3. Presentation by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation on bear encounters and best practices.
4. Westchester Power presentation.
5. Financial update by City Comptroller, Joe Fazzino.
6. Presentation by Rye Recreation Superintendent, Sally Rogol, regarding an update of recreation programs and park construction.
7. Discussion to determine if “Purchase Plaza” street closures will extend beyond July 19, 2020.
8. Open a public hearing to amend chapter § 191-38 “Parking in Metered Zones” to extend all metered parking zones until 9:00 PM Monday – Saturday.
9. Residents may be heard on items that do not appear on the agenda. (Please ‘raise your hand’ via Zoom to indicate that you wish to speak or press *9 if you are dialing in via phone and limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.)
10. Adjourn SEQRA discussion regarding a zoning petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create a new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District until September 16, 2020. There will be no public comment taken and no Council discussion regarding this agenda item.
11. Adjourn the public hearing until September 16, 2020 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District. There will be no public comment taken and no Council discussion regarding this agenda item.
12. Authorization for the City Manager to sell at auction surplus equipment as listed by the Boat Basin and DPW.
13. Authorization for City Manager to enter into an Inter-municipal License Agreement with Westchester County in order to participate in the countywide Hotline System upgrade to voice over internet protocol.
14. Consideration of a request from Elise Atmaca, a Rye resident, to use the Village Green on Friday, September 4th, 2020 at 6:00 pm for a Civil Ceremony. The Ceremony would include a small gathering of 20 with social distancing guidelines in place.
15. Consideration of a request by the Rye Chamber of Commerce for the use of City streets for the Annual Sidewalk Sale to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2019 through Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
16. Resolution ratifying the reappointment of Bart DiNardro to the Emergency Medical Services Committee for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2023.

17. Consideration to retroactively approve a request from the Rye Free Reading Room to use the Village Green on a weekly basis for summer Storytime Walks from July 6, 2020 – August 31, 2020.
18. Consideration of a request from the Rye Free Reading Room to use the Village Green on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a free theater performance, offered in partnership with LawnChair Theatre.
19. Old Business/New Business.
20. Adjournment

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The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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DRAFT UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of
Rye held on June 10, 2020, at 6:45 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
SARA GODDARD
CAROLINA JOHNSON
RICHARD MECCA
JULIE SOUZA
BENJAMIN STACKS
PAMELA TARLOW
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

None

The Council convened at 5:15 P.M. by videoconference pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 waiving requirements of the Open Meetings Law. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to adjourn briefly into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The Council reconvened in a public videoconference at 6:45 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

1. Roll Call.

City Clerk D'Andrea called the roll via teleconference; there was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

2. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 27, 2020.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tarlow, to adopt the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 27, 2020.

3. Coronavirus Update.

Mayor Cohn gave a brief update on the coronavirus pandemic and the City's response. He commented that the area is now in Phase 2 of the State's reopening plan. He talked about outdoor dining and the plan to close off part of Purchase Street. He discussed the challenges with outdoor dining, including capacity issues and a lack of guidance from the state level. Mayor Cohn reported that COVID numbers remain good, but he feared that many are forgetting that there is still very much a pandemic. He reminded everyone that nonessential gatherings of more than ten people are not permitted. He encouraged the wearing of masks and social distancing.

City Manager Usry reported that the administrative staff was preparing to bring people back to work in the office. Initially, there will be a rotating staff and City Hall will remain

closed for the time being to the public. He said that the staff was in the process of making significant physical changes to the offices at City Hall, Rye Recreation, Police Department, and the Department of Public Works for staff and public safety and comfort. He said he was happy to say that all City services have been minimally impacted. Lastly, City Manager Usry said he hoped everyone will continue to be patient with the reopening.

Councilwoman Souza said that many were looking forward to the anticipated changes with outdoor dining.

4. Financial update for the City.

City Manager Usry said that summary sheets had been distributed and available to the public on the thoughts of the Finance Committee regarding City finances. The challenge is that the City will not have a clear financial picture on how the City has been affected until the end of summer into the fall. He said that any steps that the City wants to take with regard to expense reductions have to be started now. The first step in this exercise is to identify the revenues that are at risk and then try the best we can to anticipate what the losses of revenues will be. As the year goes on and the actual results come in, the City will have a much better picture of what the fiscal impact of the revenue shortfall is.

City Comptroller Fazzino presented a summary of the 2020 At-Risk Revenue and Unanticipated Expenses. His presentation can be found here:
<https://ryeny.swagit.com/play/06102020-912/6/>

The highlights of the presentation were as follows:

Mr. Fazzino explained that the spreadsheet being used for the financial impacts has been very useful and thanked the finance committee for their work in creating the spreadsheet. Mr. Fazzino reinforces that the estimates on the spreadsheet are very conservative, as there is a lot of unknown information. He mentioned that the spreadsheet is interactive, so as actual results come in, the spreadsheet can be updated and more accurate information can be provided. In some cases, information can be updated weekly. He then provides a list and some commentary on the most at risk revenues, which include, sales tax (the most unknown), parking meter revenue, parking fines, moving violations, hotel occupancy taxes, mortgage tax, building permits and state revenue sharing.

City Manager Usry introduced the unanticipated expenses portion of the presentation. He stated that the City was seeing significant overtime for the Fire Department, due to staffing shortages.

Mr. Fazzino highlighted COVID-related expenditures, including expenses for cleaning supplies and technology expenditures, allowing employees to work remotely and providing services to the public remotely. He explained that FEMA will reimburse some of these expenditures, but is not sure at this time what expenditures will be reimbursed. He does, however, expect the expense number to be less as the City does recovers some of this cost.

Additionally, there will be a cost to subsidize Rye Town Park. Mr. Usry explained that the City does not know to what extent Rye Town Park will be functional this summer.

Mayor Cohn explained that there is a large demand for permits at Rye Town Park, and as a result there will be more expenditures related to the regulation of this volume. Mayor Cohn brought up the fact that the City's share of the Rye Town Park fence costs were uncertain at this time as there is additional work to be done.

Mr. Usry, discussed the impact of the cancellation of Recreation summer programs, including Summer Camp and Tennis.

Mr. Fazzino explained that the combination of the estimated loss of revenues and increased expenditures results in an overall budget shortfall of over \$2.9 million.

Mr. Usry said that in order to offset this shortfall, the City can decide to either defer some 2020 expenditures, or use the City's unassigned fund balances. Mr. Usry emphasized that the list of items are options and there have been no decisions made.

Mr. Fazzino explained that over the past few budget years, the City has eliminated the use of fund balance to fund City operations, and fund balance is used only for Capital expenditures. While deferring Capital is not an ideal option, these decisions can be made as the year goes on and actual results come in. The list of possible Capital items to defer are Street Resurfacing, annual funding for sewers, drains, sidewalks, and traffic lights, as well as funding for vehicles and equipment, and building improvements. There are also one-time non-recurring consultant expenditures that can be deferred. Lastly, there are vacant positions across various City departments. Delaying the filling of these positions can result in savings as well. The overall potential savings from these deferred expenditures is \$2.83 million.

Mr. Usry reiterated that these items are deferrals and not eliminations of expenditures.

Councilwoman Tarlow explained that overall shortfall is not showing the impacts possible of State and Federal government aid for loss of revenues and additional expenditures related to COVID-19.

Mayor Cohn and Councilwoman Tarlow agreed that it is important to monitor potential government aid and managing the City's downsides over the course of the year.

Councilwoman Tarlow noted that the City is in better shape than most municipalities due the fiscal responsibility it has shown over the years.

Mr. Fazzino reinforced that these one-time expenditures and annual capital expenditures can be funded at any time during the year. If financial results turn out better than estimated, these amounts can always be funded at the end of the year.

Mr. Usry commented that the City's estimates are based on the results of the current COVID situation and not a second wave in the fall. Right now there is no proposed use of fund

balances to offset any shortfall and if there is a second wave later in the year, use of fund balance still can be an option.

There was discussion on whether it should be the City Council or City Staff determining what Capital expenditures should be deferred and or prioritized.

5. Consideration to set a public hearing on July 15, 2020 to amend chapter § 191-38 “Parking in Meter Zones” to extend all metered parking zones until 9:00 PM Monday – Saturday.

City Manager Usry explained that there will be some cost to the City in the closing of the downtown for the foreseeable future. In the longer term, he said the City’s parking lots are being used more and more after traditional hours, resulting in more wear and tear, and more need for trash pickup. Many, if not all surrounding communities have extended their parking hours. Extending enforcement to 9:00pm seems to be a reasonable undertaking.

Councilwoman Tarlow asked what the additional projected revenue would be. City Manager Usry responded that it would be projected additional \$300 per day.

There was general discussion about parking in the City and the downtown areas.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to set a public hearing on July 15, 2020 to amend chapter § 191-38 “Parking in Meter Zones” to extend all metered parking zones until 9:00pm Monday – Saturday.

Councilwoman Souza stated that the Chamber understood the proposed change here.

Mayor Cohn asked about the potential for resident only parking on Mead Place.

6. Resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Staff to close streets, sidewalk, parking areas and other public right-of-ways to provide for outdoor dining and outdoor space for other businesses as a result of New York State Guidelines due to COVID-19.

City Manager Usry said that in the anticipation of capacity to be reduced because of social distancing, the City is trying to provide the maximum amount of outdoor space for those dining. This resolution would allow the latitude to execute a plan that would allow the restaurants to reopen as soon as possible. Staff has determined that logistically it would make significantly more sense to close Purchase Street to traffic between Purdy and Boston Post Road 24/7 during this period of time.

Mayor Cohn discussed the comments received, which were mostly in support of this endeavor. He said he was grateful to the staff to provide some recommendations on how best to do this.

Councilwoman Tarlow asked about minimizing the City’s liability.

There was discussion over risks, scenarios and the like with regard to diners, vehicles, and the setup.

Corporation Counsel Wilson explained that each restaurant would be required to provide the proper insurances.

Councilwoman Goddard raised some concern with other businesses in the downtown that may need access, such as the dry cleaners. She also felt it important to be mindful of the Theodore Fremd construction.

Corporation Counsel Wilson said that this would expired on July 19, 2020, and therefore could be reassessed by the Council at their July 15, 2020 meeting.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER AND CITY STAFF TO CLOSE CITY STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PARKING AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS TO PROVIDE FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR SPACE FOR OTHER BUSINESSES AS A RESULT OF NEW YORK STATE GUIDELINES DUE TO COVID-

19

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York declared a State of Emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Cuomo executed the “New York State on PAUSE” executive order, a 10-point policy that, among other things, requires nonessential businesses to close, prohibits nonessential gatherings of individuals, and encourages individuals to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, new guidelines have been published by the State to allow for the re-opening of eating establishments and other businesses that require more space between tables, people, among other protocols; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to accommodate eating establishments and other businesses with more space to provide tables and chairs and other necessary amenities for customers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager to take any necessary steps to close City streets, sidewalks, on-street and off-street parking areas and other public right-of-ways to allow

for outdoor dining facilities and outdoor area for other businesses while maintaining sufficient emergency access and providing for pedestrian/cyclist safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to work with City staff to provide for an appropriate administrative review of any eating establishment requesting to use private property for outdoor dining or use of any outdoor area for businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby waives any outdoor dining permit fees, sidewalk obstruction permit fees or other similar fees for 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as part of the City's closures of City owned streets, sidewalks, on-street and off-street parking areas and other public right-of-ways, the City Manager is authorized to temporarily create new parking spaces and change the direction and flow of traffic to provide sufficient access and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager shall work with the Rye City Chamber of Commerce and any other merchant or eating establishment to determine what is a safe and appropriate use of public space and to allocate any costs incurred appropriately.

Where there is conflict between this Resolution and any other law, this Resolution shall control.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall expire on July 19, 2020 unless further extended by the City Council.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Mecca Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

7. Resolution to authorize City Manager and Staff to determine Rye Recreation permit fees for 2020.

City Manager Usry said that the City was seeking to gain authorization to set fees for programs that would be forthcoming in the summer.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca to authorize City Manager and Staff to determine Rye Recreation permit fees for 2020.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Mecca Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

8. George Floyd message.

Mayor Cohn read a statement to the community regarding the recent murder of George Floyd as a result of police brutality. He stressed the importance of the event and the Black Lives Matter movement. He announced that there had been several peaceful protests within the City of Rye, escorted by the Rye Police Department. He discussed a review process of the City's own police department actions and the importance of holding ourselves accountable.

Councilman Mecca thanked the Mayor for his statement. He felt the touched on all the points and as a community, we are proud of our police and we want to support them. He said that the way the Mayor phrased his statement gives everyone some comfort it can to see that the city lives up to the expected standards.

Councilman Stacks agreed with the Mayor's statement and shared his concerns. He said that he looked forward to the review process.

Councilwoman Johnson supported a community review of the department, and said she felt that the Council should keep an open mind and know that it has an open process.

Councilwoman Goddard said that a review is an excellent start and she looked forward to seeing the results of the review. She said it was clear that change is needed and that complacency for the status quo does not work anymore. She said she sees this review as an excellent start but hopes it was not the end of the work to be done.

Councilwoman Tarlow thanked the police department. She said that we as human beings are shifting. She said that it was important to respect the memory of George Floyd by saying that this was wrong and that we will do what we can as a community to fight to do better. The process is personal and it is introspective.

9. Resolution to declare June to be LGBTQ Pride month in the City of Rye.

Mayor Cohn said that this matter would involve the resolution for the declaration, and also a potential flag raising.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tarlow and unanimously carried, to declare June to be LGBTQ Pride month in the City of Rye.

On the issue of the raising of a Pride Flag on City property, there was extensive discussion among the Council regarding various issues including equality for all, implications on speech, and the potential for many different groups to request flag raising.

The discussion can be found here: <https://ryeny.swagit.com/play/06102020-912/10/>

Councilman Mecca left the meeting at this time.

10. Adjourn SEQRA discussion regarding a zoning petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create a new use and development standards for "Senior Living Facilities" in the R-2 Zoning District until July 15, 2020. There will be no public comment taken and no Council discussion regarding this agenda item.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to Adjourn SEQRA discussion regarding a zoning petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create a new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District until July 15, 2020.

11. Adjourn the public hearing until July 15, 2020 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District. There will be no public comment taken and no Council discussion regarding this agenda item.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adjourn the public hearing until July 15, 2020 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District.

12. Authorization for City Manager to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Westchester for the disposal of Recyclable Material as well as a disposal of Solid Waste for Refuse Disposal District #1.

Councilwoman Tarlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Westchester for the disposal of Recyclable Material, as well as a disposal of Solid Waste for Refuse Disposal District #1.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mecca

13. Consideration to amend the resolution adopted on April 29, 2020 regarding the reduction in late penalties for County Property and County District Tax payments. The penalties in August will default to the normal schedule of five percentum (5%) rather than 7% as previously stated.

Councilwoman Tarlow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks, to amend a resolution adopted April 29, 2020 as follows:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING REDUCTION OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES
RELATING TO THE LATE PAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES FOR 2020 AS A
RESULT OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York declared a State of Emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Cuomo executed the “New York State on PAUSE” executive order, a 10-point policy that, among other things, requires nonessential businesses to close, prohibits nonessential gatherings of individuals, and encourages individuals to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the tax filing dates for federal and New York State income taxes have been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the measures required to combat it have impaired the ability of individuals to remain current with their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 1182 provides that the governing body of a taxing authority may authorize the official charged with the collection of a tax to waive interest and penalties upon said tax based upon a finding that it is in the best interest of the taxing authority to do so; and

WHEREAS, City Charter §§ C22-8 and C22-9 allows for the City Council, by resolution, to modify the penalty rates for late payment of taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of Rye finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Rye to reduce the penalties for late payment of County Property and County District taxes as follows: during the month of June up until July 15, 2020 to one percentum (1%); if paid from July 16, 2020 until August, 2020 five percentum (5%); if paid during the month of September, seven percentum (7%).

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall expire on December 31, 2020.

On a motion by Councilwoman Tarlow, seconded by Councilman Mecca, the foregoing Resolution was adopted on the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mecca

14. Authorization for the City of Rye School District to use the City streets on June 15, 2020 from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm for a “moving up” vehicle parade to acknowledge and celebrate the 5th-Grade Class of 2020 from Osborn School.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tarlow and unanimously carried, June 15, 2020 from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm for a “moving up” vehicle parade to acknowledge and celebrate the 5th-Grade Class of 2020 from Osborn School.

15. Authorization for the City of Rye School District to use the City streets on June 17, 2020 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am a “moving up” vehicle parade to acknowledge and celebrate the 8th-Grade Class of 2020 from Rye Middle School.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tarlow and unanimously carried, to authorize the City of Rye School District to use the City streets on June 17, 2020 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am a “moving up” vehicle parade to acknowledge and celebrate the 8th-Grade Class of 2020 from Rye Middle School.

15. Old Business/ New Business.

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

16. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Tarlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discussion litigation and personnel matters at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D’Andrea
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion to determine if “Purchase Plaza” street closures will extend beyond July 19, 2020.

FOR THE MEETING OF:
July 15, 2020

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the street closure results.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: Due to COVID-19, the restuarants and other businesses in Rye cannot open their doors to allow for full capacity of patrons. This allows for greater foot traffic for our restaurants and merchants as dining and shopping can be moved outdoors.

See attached recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce.



The Rye Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 72
Rye, NY 10580

July 11, 2020

Mayor Josh Cohn
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Dear Mayor Cohn,

We first would like to thank you, the Rye City Council and the entire city staff for all the effort put into creating Purchase Street Plaza. This was an enormous undertaking and it is clear that the city fully supports business in Rye. Overall, the closure of Purchase Street has been successful for the majority of the businesses located in the Downtown Business District.

We have been listening to feedback and are continually seeking solutions that will improve the plan. A number of ideas have been discussed ranging from opening Purchase Street to one-way traffic to hiring a security company to close off Purchase Street in the late afternoon through the evening. We would like to further explore our options with the city in order to help those businesses that are not benefitting. We also have started themed events with some of the non-profit organizations in town. These events will drive people to Purchase Street Plaza.

This week The Rye Chamber of Commerce polled each business affected by the closure. The majority of the businesses voted to extend the closure for another period of time. The vote was 39 to 25.

Our recommendation is to extend the closure of Purchase Street and Second Street until Aug 19, 2020. The Chamber will poll each business again for the August City Council meeting.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Tony Coash
Liz Woods
Co-Presidents
Rye Chamber of Commerce



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend chapter § 191-36 "Parking Meter Zones" to extend all metered parking zones until 9:00 PM Monday – Saturday.

FOR THE MEETING OF:
July 15, 2020

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council set the public hearing.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached changes to the City Code.

CITY OF RYE
LOCAL LAW NO. ____-2020

A local law to amend Article VII “Off- Street Metered Parking” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-38 “Parking in Metered Zones” to add a new sentence with respect to the emergency extension for filing of an application for a Senior Citizen Exemption.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. § 191-38. Parking in Metered Zones [Amended 6-10-2020 By L.L. No. ____-2020]

§191-38 Parking in Metered Zones.

When any vehicle shall be parked in a space regulated by a parking meter, the operator thereof shall, upon entering such space, park such vehicle within the lines marked on the street, curb or parking area and, if the time is between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. or ~~9:00 p.m.~~ in the off-street parking areas maintained by the City of Rye on City-owned lands known as Car Park No. 1, Car Park No. 2, Car Park No. 3, Car Park No. 4 and Car Park No. 5 on any day except Sunday, immediately deposit the parking meter fee in the parking meter regulating such space and actuate the mechanism of such meter as required by the directions thereon.

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Section 2: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Authorization for the City Manager to sell at auction surplus equipment as listed by the City Engineer and Superintendent of the Boat Basin.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the auctioning of surplus equipment.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

The City will receive funds for surplus equipment.

BACKGROUND:

See attached request.

CITY OF RYE, NY
Department of Public Works
Memorandum

DATE: July 9, 2020

TO: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

FROM: Ryan Coyne, City Engineer

RE: Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

As discussed, we have developed a list of vehicles and motorized equipment that are no longer useful to City departments. This list is inclusive of the Departments of Public Works, Police, Recreation, Fire Department, and Staff vehicles and equipment. We are requesting that the council deem these items as “surplus” so that we can proceed to auction.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to call me.

- 2008 International , Vin#1HTMSYSKL28H643690, Mileage 55,627 old R-2 (DPW)
- 2009 Freightliner , Vin# 1FVACYDT48HAL7475, Mileage 19,368 old R-3 (DPW)
- 2006 Peterbilt, Vin # 2NPLHD8X26M653657, Mileage 83,483 old S-2 (DPW)
- 2006 Peterbilt, Vin # 2NPLHD8X36M653652, Mileage 79,265 old S-3 (DPW)
- 2006 Peterbilt, Vin # 2NPLHD8X76M653654, Mileage 80,931 old S-5 (DPW)
- 2006 Peterbilt, Vin # 2NPLHD8X16M653651, Mileage 91,313 old S-6 (DPW)
- 1998 Mack, Vin # VG6BA09BXWB701843, Mileage 59,783 old S-9 (DPW)
- 2003 Ford Dump , Vin #1FDAF57P73EC39597, Mileage 75,669 old TK 20 (DPW)
- 2008 Ford Crown Vic, Vin #2FAHP71V28X131029, Mileage 113,941 old car 84 (STAFF)
- 2003 Ford Crown Vic, Vin #2FABP7BV8BX156156, Mileage 106,637 old car 16 (PD)
- 2001 Chevy Van, Vin # 1GCHG35R711158919, Mileage 47,036 old car 32 (PD)
- 2003 Ford Crown Vic, Vin # 2FAHP71W63X181241, Mileage 60,390 old car 30 (PD AUX)
- 2009 Ford Crown Vic, Vin # 2FAHP71VX9X142782, mileage 99,633 old car 33 (PD AUX)
- 1987 Sutphen Pumper, Vin # 1S9ALBFD3H1003463, Mileage 78,135 old E-193 (FD)

Other miscellaneous equipment

- Generator -Cummins 35kw- (Kirby Lane North)
- Powered trash pumps (3)
- Leer pic up truck bed cap

Public Works
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Rye, NY 10580

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CITY OF RYE, NY
Department of Public Works
Memorandum

- Old street lights
 - Pallet #1 – GE cobra head style head lights high pressure sodium
 - (7) 70W
 - (12) 100W
- Pallet # 2 – GE cobra head style light high pressure sodium
 - (5) 150W
 - (5) 250W
 - (7) 150W power doors (ballasts)
 - (21) Photocells FP7760
- Pallet # 3
 - (18) 53W Cree LED
 - (1) 73W Phillips LED
 - (1) 100W Phillips LED
- Pallet # 4 – Autobahn LED (4000k)
 - (11) 40W
 - (1) 60W
- Pallet # 5 – Autobahn LED (4000k)
 - (8) 120W
- Ledway
 - (2) 100W

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CITY OF RYE, NY
Department of
Memorandum

DATE: July 9, 2020

TO: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

FROM: Rodrigo Paulino

RE: Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

As discussed, we have obtained this vessel but it is no longer useful to department. We are requesting that the council deem these items as “surplus” so that we can proceed to auction.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to call me.

- Boat Make: C & C
- Boat Model: 26 Encounter
- Hull ID Number: CCY26151M79D
- Length: 26ft
- Year: 1979
- Registration Number: NY 8150 GF
- Engine: Yanmar Diesel Inboard Engine
- Additional Info: Vessel obtained from Samuel Carvalho, for the consideration of \$1 and in exchange for the past due invoice(s) for storage charges.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Authorization for City Manager to enter into an Inter-municipal License Agreement with Westchester County in order to participate in the countywide Hotline System upgrade to voice over internet protocol.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other

BACKGROUND:

Public Safety Commissioner Rob Falk recommends the City sign the license agreement to upgrade our system to speed up communication between the County and other Municipalities as well.

See attached.



Lt. Robert J. Falk
Commissioner of Public Safety

City of Rye, New York
21 McCullough Pl
Rye, NY 10580
Phone: (914) 967-1234
FAX: (914) 967-8341



To: Greg Usry, Rye City Manager

From: Lt. Robert J. Falk, Public Safety Commissioner

RE: Emergency Hotline System Upgrade

Date: June 16, 2020

It is my recommendation that the City of Rye participate in the countywide Emergency Hotline System upgrade to voice over internet protocol (VOIP), which will continue to facilitate the speedy communication of information, coordination of operations, and the like between the County and various other municipal entities.



Lt. Robert J. Falk
Public Safety Commissioner

THIS LICENSE AGREEMENT made the ____ day of _____, 2020
by and between:

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having an office and place of business in the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 (hereinafter the “County”)

and

THE CITY OF RYE, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having an office and place of business at 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, New York 10580 (hereinafter the “Licensee”)

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County is operating a new version of its longtime hotline system, which will perform the same function as the old system: facilitating the speedy communication of information, coordination of operations, and the like between the County and various other municipal entities when circumstances necessitate such action (the “Hotline”); and

WHEREAS, the County’s new Hotline system is based upon voice over Internet protocol (“VOIP”) technology; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the County to ensure that each appropriate municipal entity that desires to be included in the new Hotline system be able to do so; and

WHEREAS, in order to do so, the County has determined that it must make available to each such municipal entity certain VOIP-related equipment that will facilitate its participation in the new Hotline system; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee desires to be included in the new Hotline system and to have access to the equipment necessary for it to do so, in order to enable participation by its **POLICE DEPARTMENT**.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **DESCRIPTION**

The County hereby grants to the Licensee, and the Licensee hereby accepts from the County, a License for the Licensee to use certain equipment of the County (the “Equipment”), as

specified below. The County is providing the Licensee with the License for the Equipment for the purpose of facilitating the Licensee's participation in the Hotline. Accordingly, the Equipment shall be used by the Licensee solely for its participation in the Hotline, unless otherwise permitted or directed, in writing, by the County's Chief Information Officer or her duly authorized designee (the "Chief Information Officer").

2. THE EQUIPMENT

The Equipment licensed hereunder shall be that which is specified in Schedule "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Schedule "A" shall be subject to revision from time to time by the parties to this License Agreement. Each such revision shall take effect, a.) in the case of the deletion of equipment from said list, upon the County's receipt and acceptance of such equipment from the Licensee, and b.) in the case of the addition of equipment to said list, upon the Licensee's receipt and acceptance of such equipment from the County.

The parties acknowledge and agree that there are items that are not specifically listed in Schedule "A" of this License Agreement that shall nevertheless also be considered Equipment that is licensed to the Licensee under this License Agreement, such as various cords, power adaptors, and the like that may be necessary for the proper installation and/or operation of the listed Equipment.

All Equipment returned to the County shall be returned in the same, operable condition that it was in upon the Licensee's receipt of it, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The County makes no warranties, express or implied, as to the Equipment and assumes no responsibility for the condition of the Equipment. The Licensee will accept the Equipment "As Is" and "With All Faults", in the condition existing as of the date of the Licensee's receipt of the Equipment from the County.

3. TERM AND TERMINATION

The License shall commence upon execution of this License Agreement and shall continue until either party terminates the License pursuant to the terms of this License Agreement.

Either party may, at any time, and for any reason or no reason, immediately upon written notice to the other party, terminate this License Agreement. Upon such termination, the Licensee shall immediately return the Equipment to the County.

4. CONSIDERATION FROM THE LICENSEE

In consideration of the License, the Licensee shall provide space for the Equipment, which shall be adequate and suitable for the Equipment, (the "Equipment Space") and provide, at its sole cost and expense, everything that is or may be necessary to make the Equipment operative and keep it available for use for the Licensee's participation in the Hotline, including, without limitation, electricity and Internet access.

5. CONDITION AND SAFETY OF THE EQUIPMENT SPACE

The Licensee represents and warrants that the Equipment Space is in a safe condition and in a state of good repair, such that it is suitable and safe for the Equipment and any and all persons who may use or otherwise interact with the Equipment.

6. INDEMNIFICATION

(a) The Licensee agrees that the Licensee shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers, employees, agents, and elected officials from and against any and all liability, damage, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorneys' fees or loss arising directly or indirectly out of this License Agreement, including without limitation the performance or failure to perform hereunder by the Licensee or third parties under the direction or control of the Licensee.

(b) The Licensee further agrees to provide defense for and defend, at its sole expense, any and all claims, demands, or cause of action directly or indirectly arising out of this License Agreement and to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

(c) In the event the Licensee does not provide the above defense and indemnification to the County, and such refusal or denial to provide the above defense and indemnification is found to be in breach of this Section 6, then the Licensee shall reimburse the County's reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with the defense of any action, and in connection with enforcing this Section 6 of this License Agreement.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

The Licensee shall comply, at its own expense, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, orders, executive orders, ordinances, and all other sources of lawful authority (including, but not limited to, those applicable to the Licensee as an employer of labor) with regard to this License Agreement, the Equipment, and the Equipment Space.

8. NO LEASE

It is expressly understood and agreed that the Equipment is not being leased to the Licensee and no property right whatsoever is being given or transferred to the Licensee.

9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION

This License Agreement and its attachments constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede all previous negotiations, commitments, and writings. This License Agreement shall not be released, discharged, changed, or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of each of the parties.

10. NON-WAIVER

Failure of the County to insist, in any one or more instances, upon strict performance of any term or condition herein contained shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such term or condition for the future, but the same shall remain in full force and effect. No waiver by the County of any provision hereof shall be implied.

11. COUNTERPARTS; GOVERNING LAW; VENUE; SEVERABILITY

This License Agreement may be executed simultaneously in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

This License Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In addition, the parties hereby agree that any cause of action arising out of this License Agreement shall be brought in the County of Westchester.

If any term or provision of this License Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms and provisions of this License Agreement shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, any such term, or provision shall be restricted in applicability or reformed to the minimum extent required for such to be enforceable. This provision shall be interpreted and enforced to give effect to the original written intent of the parties prior to the determination of such invalidity or unenforceability.

12. NO ASSIGNMENT

The Licensee shall not make any delegation or assignment of, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, all or any part of this License Agreement, including any duties or rights hereunder, without the prior express written consent of the County, subject to any necessary legal approvals. Any purported delegation, assignment, or other such action by the Contractor regarding this Agreement without the prior express written consent of the County is void.

13. DAMAGE, LOSS, THEFT, OR DESTRUCTION OF THE EQUIPMENT.

In the event of any damage to, or loss, theft, or destruction of, the Equipment, the Licensee shall, immediately upon the discovery thereof, notify the County both by phone, to such number as the County may designate in advance, and in writing, to the addresses specified below, and take action with respect to the Equipment in accordance with instructions of the County. Without limiting the applicability of any other provision of this Agreement, the Licensee shall, in the event of such damage, loss, theft, or destruction, be responsible for the full replacement value of the affected Equipment.

14. HEADINGS

The headings herein are inserted for the convenience of the parties only and shall not be deemed a part of this License Agreement.

15. APPROVALS

This License Agreement shall not be enforceable until it is signed by both parties and approved by the Office of the Westchester County Attorney.

16. NOTICES

All notices, requests, demands, or other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered by hand or mailed postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the addresses as set forth below or to such other addresses as the respective parties hereto may designate in writing pursuant to this paragraph. Notices shall be sent to the following:

To the County: Chief Information Officer
 Department of Information Technology
 148 Martine Avenue, 3rd Floor
 White Plains, New York 10601

With a copy to: County Attorney
 148 Martine Avenue, 6th Floor
 White Plains, New York 10601

To the Licensee: The City of Rye
 1051 Boston Post Road
 Rye, New York 10580

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Westchester and the Licensee have duly executed this License Agreement.

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

By: _____
Marguerite Beirne
Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

THE CITY OF RYE

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By checking this box, I, as the above signatory for the Licensee, hereby state affirmatively that the Licensee for which I have signed this License Agreement, will provide the County with an electronically scanned image of this signature page, by electronic mail or facsimile machine, which the Licensee understands and agrees that the County will print and use for execution, and which the parties will thereafter use for all legal purposes for this License Agreement. Accordingly, the Licensee, as part of the terms of this License Agreement, hereby waives any and all claims regarding the sufficiency of the signature on this page that it will provide by said electronic means.

Authorized by the Board of Acquisition and Contract of the County of Westchester on the 23rd day of April, 2020.

Approved as to form and manner of execution

Senior Assistant County Attorney
County of Westchester

SCHEDULE "A"
THE EQUIPMENT

The Equipment shall, at the commencement of the term of this License Agreement, include the following:

- 1.) One (1) Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telephone
- 2.) One (1) router



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from Elise Atmaca, a Rye resident, to use the Village Green on Friday, September 4th, 2020 at 6:00 pm for a Civil Ceremony. The Ceremony would include a small gathering of 20 with social distancing guidelines in place.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached request.

From: [Elise Atmaca](#)
To: [Ruttenberg, Noga P.](#)
Subject: Village Green Request 9/4/20
Date: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 1:33:22 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Elise Atmaca and I am contacting you in regards to a request to use the Village Green for a civil ceremony on Friday, September 4th, 2020 at 6:00pm.

I grew up in Rye, graduated from Rye High School in 2006, and my father owns Falcon Cleaners, so getting married in Rye would be extremely meaningful for me and my family. My partner and I originally planned to have a large wedding on April 4th of this year and, unfortunately, had to postpone due to COVID-19. We have decided that we do not want to wait another year to be married and are really excited by the prospect of having a civil ceremony on the Village Green this year. We are hoping to have a small gathering of about 20 people following social distancing guidelines.

When we contacted the city clerk's office, they instructed us to reach out to you to determine if we would need approval from the city council. Please let us know the steps we would need to take in order to have our dream become a reality.

We thank you for your time and hope to hear back from you soon.

Best Regards,

Elise Atmaca



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the Rye Chamber of Commerce for the use of City streets for the Annual Sidewalk Sale to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 through Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

RYE CITY CODE,

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SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The Rye Chamber of Commerce is requesting that the Council authorize the use of City streets for the Annual Sidewalk Sale to be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 through Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (instead of the following week as previously planned). NYS Guidelines for re-opening will be in effect.

See attached request.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution ratifying the reappointment of Bart DiNardro to the Emergency Medical Services Committee for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2023.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

RYE CITY CODE,

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SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: Approval by Mayor and City Council of the reappointment of Mr. Bart DiNardro, as the City of Rye Community Representative, to the Emergency Medical Services Committee.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other

BACKGROUND:

The term of Bart DiNardo, the Community Representative to the Emergency Medical Services Committee from the City of Rye, expired on June 30, 2020. Section 3A of the Inter-Municipal Agreement states that the community representatives shall be "recommended by the Corps and ratified by joint resolution of the municipalities." The City of Rye and the Villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook have joined in this inter-municipal cooperative.

The Port Chester-Rye-Rye Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps recommends the reappointment of Ms. Brown. They ask that the City originate the "joint resolution" which will then be forwarded to the Villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook for consideration as well.

See attached.



PORT CHESTER-RYE-RYE BROOK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

6/6/2020

Mr. Greg Usry
Manager
The City of Rye
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, N.Y. 10580


Dear Mr. Usry:

The Inter-Municipal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services established the Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMSC). The Term of Mr. Bart DiNardo, the Community Representative to the Committee from the City of Rye will expire on June 30th 2020. Mr. DiNardo has been an active member of the EMSC and has expressed his desire to continue as Rye's representative.

Section 3A of the Inter-Municipal Agreement states that the community representative shall be "recommended by the Corps and ratified by joint resolution of the municipalities". In accordance with the agreement I respectfully submit Bart DiNardo for reappointment to the EMSC for a term of three (3) years, ending June 30, 2023. I request this matter be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled City of Rye Board meeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,


Scott T. Moore
EMS Administrator



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration to retroactively approve a request from the Rye Free Reading Room to use the Village Green on a weekly basis for summer Storytime Walks from July 6, 2020 – August 31, 2020

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve this request for the Rye Free Reading Room.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: The Rye Free Reading Room (RFRR) has requested use of the Village Green on a weekly basis in July and August to provide Storytime Walks for children to enjoy while social distancing. Storytime walks consist of 15 to 20 double-sided signs that are placed in public areas for children to view. The RFRR will coordinate use of the lawn with DPW.

The City Council is asked to approve the Rye Free Reading Room's request for use of the Village Green.

Social distancing guidelines will be observed.

See attached request.



June 15th, 2020

Honorable Joshua Cohn, Mayor
Rye City Council

Dear Mayor Cohn:

The Rye Free Reading Room respectfully requests the use of the Village Green to offer Summer Storytime walks for children and families. Storytime walks consist of 15 to 20 double-sided signs that are placed in public areas for children to view while spending time outside. The Storytime walk would be changed out each week, with the first one posted on July 6th and the final one being posted August 31st. The walks are free to enjoy for all participants.

Please see the images below for the layout and sample of the sign.

We would coordinate the posting of the signs with the Department of Public Works, so the signs could be set up once the Village Green had been mowed, and then removed the evening before the grass is due to be mowed again.

Storytime walks are engaging ways for families to spend time together, but are also adaptable for social distancing guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Shoemaker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Shoemaker
Director





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2020

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from the Rye Free Reading Room to use the Village Green on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a free theater performance, offered in partnership with LawnChair Theatre.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

July 15, 2020

RYE CITY CODE,

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SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve this request for the Rye Free Reading Room.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: The Rye Free Reading Room has requested use of the Village Green on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a free theater performance, offered in partnership with LawnChair Theatre.

The City Council is asked to approve the Rye Free Reading Room's request for use of the Village Green.

Social distancing guidelines will be observed.

See attached request.



June 15, 2020

Honorable Joshua Cohn, Mayor
Rye City Council

Dear Mayor Cohn:

The Rye Free Reading Room respectfully requests the use of the Village Green on Thursday, August 6, 2020 for a free theater performance, offered in partnership with LawnChair Theatre. In order to allow time for setup and cleanup, we would like to request permission to use the Green from 3 to 9pm. The performance will run between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

This free theater performance provides Rye residents with an engaging and enriching experience. The library will provide power for a small lighting rig and sound system, and will provide the portable riser stage, which is 18 feet by 3 feet.

The Rye Free Reading Room is committed to providing a wide range of programming that enhances the lives of Rye residents, and has collaborated with the City for approval of similar requests. We are excited to continue to support community focused programs, and appreciate your consideration of this request.

Appropriate social distancing guidelines will be observed.

Sincerely,

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Chris Shoemaker
Library Director