

**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 04, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Councilman-at-large Woloszyn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilmen Williams, Bamonto, Gonzalez, Councilwoman Szukala and Councilman-at-large Woloszyn.

Also present: Mayor Rosas, City Attorney Connolly, City Treasurer Woods, Clerk, Board of Assessors Mleczko, Personnel Administrator Heyden, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling, Director of Development Yanus, Building Inspector Zurawski, Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas, Fire Chief Edwards and Police Chief Ortolano.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn excused Fiscal Affairs Officer Pinkoski and Public Works Director Bankoski from tonight's meeting.

Certification of Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Common Council Meeting was read by City Clerk Ramos.

**RESOLVED:** That the reading of Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Common Council Meeting be dispensed with.

Motion by Councilman Gonzalez to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Civiletto, CAC Chairman, provided details of the recent CAC Meeting where the safety of individuals in wheelchairs/scooters on Main Street were discussed as well as digitally scanning information from the City Vault and questions regarding the painting at the railway underpasses.

John Ames, NCCF Local Economic Development Committee Member, advised that his Committee has already sent a letter similar to these Resolutions to Congressman Reed's Office and read a portion of that letter to show the sense of support the Committee is giving. "Lake Erie is a jewel of our congressional district and a vital fresh-water resource for our entire country. The strategic plan of the Local Economic Development Committee places a high priority on Lake Erie and our waterfront development cluster. This is a sector filled with promise for continued economic development. Bipartisan support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been strong since it launched in 2010 funding thousands of projects. Communities along the Great Lakes get their drinking water from the Great Lakes and the Northern Chautauqua Regional Water System will be dependent on water from Lake Erie. Pollution from farms and sewers continues to threaten this resource. Nearly 500,000 residents from Toledo, Ohio for example, had to go without tap water for three days in 2014 because of harmful algae blooms caused by manure and waste in Lake Erie. Spending \$300 million a year is worth protecting this valuable resource. Doing nothing would cost only more". Mr. Ames advised that the NCCF Local Economic Development Committee is a group that is formed by Local Business Leaders and it represents all the communities of Northern Chautauqua County from Hanover thru Ripley. "Dunkirk is at the

very core of that, not only geographically, but because of the influence that it has on the economic development of this entire region” with Lake Erie and the restoration initiative being the key to maintaining Dunkirk’s Economic vitality and that of the entire region.

Natalie Luczkowiak, 46 E Front Street Dunkirk, spoke in favor of the CDBG Program and advised “Remember the phrase coined by Senator Wellstone in his speech to the sheet metal workers union back in 1999? ‘We all do better when we all do better.’ The Community Development Block Grants funded from HUD are required to give maximum priority to community development activities which benefit low and moderate income persons thus helping to give people and families a chance to breath and move out of poverty to the working class or the working class to the middle class. These grants help to establish the American standard of living higher for all. When everyone is working there is a natural order for more goods and services and therefore more jobs so on and so on. As President Franklin Roosevelt said ‘We cannot be content no matter how high that general standard of living may be if some fraction of our people, whether it be one-third one-fifth or one-tenth is ill fed, ill clothed, ill housed and insecure.’”

Don Brisky, 140 S Martin Street Dunkirk and Federal Political Action liaison representing the CSEA in the Congressional District 23, advised “We are supporting Resolution #19 not to make any cuts to the CDBG Program. The funds are needed to invest in water lines, paving and many more projects that would not be completed without the Federal money. The Community Development Block Grant is being proposed to be eliminated entirely in 2018 under President Trumps plan. We strongly urge the community at large to send letters of support and phone calls to Congressman Tom Reed who is on the President’s transition team and represents the City of Dunkirk.”

Marcia Johnson, 176 Gardner Street Fredonia, advised she is “here to support the Resolution for the Great Lakes Initiative. I don’t know if you are aware but there is a lot of research being done out of SUNY Fredonia. Grants that are given from the Great Lakes Initiative helps provide salaries to professors and also students who are doing research as they get their advanced degrees and I believe that besides the help that we will be getting from the environment it will also help the local economy.”

Nick Penque, 745 Grant Avenue Dunkirk, advised he supports the Great Lakes Initiative and inquired as to who is responsible for the piles of debris along Maple Avenue that has been there for months scrapped up by the plows.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that the material he is mentioning is reflective strips that are glued or tarred on the street for crosswalks/stripes and things of that nature.

Steve Keefe, 137 Center Street Fredonia and Chautauqua County Rural Ministry board member, advised “I would like to address the Community Development Block Grant. Rural Ministry has been a recipient of grant money over the years. It has helped put a roof on, replace windows and refurbish the building along with a number of other things. Our current President ran on the platform that he was going to fix inner-city blight. Cutting this funding will not help the blight at all. Our organizations feeds, houses, clothes and supplies furniture for the people in the most need in our communities and to not fund this type of a program will not meet his platform that he ran on.”

Mike Civiletto, 138 Ruggles Street, advised he is personally in support of Resolutions #19 & #20 and also believes “Lake Erie is a vital part of our community, needs to be protected

and has made great strides in the last couple decades. We no longer rivers that are on fire in Ohio and things like that so we really need to keep moving forward and not backwards.”

James Fisher, Revitalize Dunkirk member, provided details of 2 upcoming meetings with the Group and reminded members of the City’s administration that they are always welcome to attend.

Judy Persutti, Dunkirk Housing Authority Executive Director, advised that she will be submitting a letter to Congressman Tom Reed and read a portion of her letter. The purpose of this letter is to “express the concern for the proposed slashes in the HUD Budget and CDBG public housing funding. Many of our households that receive federal rental assistance live on fixed income. According to a recent HUD residence characteristic report approximately 22% elderly are Head of Household, approximately 17% of public housing assistance is disabled Head of Household and approximately 31% are elderly Head of Household. Although HUD’s national data reflects a degree of overlap in household types of income, approximately 55% of the households receive supplemental security income (SSI), Social Security or a pension for all or some of their annual income. The Authority provides a huge service to our Community by providing rental assistance to low income, elderly or handicap persons whose monthly income is less than \$750/month. The average one bedroom rental in a community is approximately \$500 plus utilities. What would these persons be doing if it wasn’t for our program? Recent demographic data shows the City of Dunkirk’s population is 12,081. The population has been declining for many years. The per-capita income is \$20,385 for Dunkirk and is \$28, 899 for the United States. The median household income for Dunkirk is \$37,930 and it is \$53,657 for the United States. This is a \$15,727 difference between what exists here in Dunkirk and what is happening in the national front. Our community is in need of the CDBG Grant that is being cut. Our tax base is low and it is not able to support all of our community needs. CDBG funds support our failing infrastructure, roads, parks and community programs for our children such as our Boys & Girls Club and home worship programs and critical home improvement for fixed income persons. The Authority strives to keep our facility grounds in good repair but with funding cut regularly this goal becomes more unattainable. We are continually trying to do more with less as the bureaucracy keeps piling on more demands and we thank you for your support of these programs.”

Judy Lutz-Woods, 105 Temple Street Fredonia, advised that her husband and his family grew up at Point Gratiot while she came to the area at Van Buren. “All of Van Buren is known as Pittsburg people and we came to Van Buren because of the lake. If we don’t keep it then you are going to see that go down. We have more people building houses out there now; we’re talking about \$350,000-\$500,000 cottages. These people have money. We want people to come here. On the drinking water, this is one of the largest fresh water in the whole world... in our whole globe. Someone just sent me I think its 25% of the drinking water from Canada comes from this Lake. 10% of the whole United States we get our drinking water from here. We cannot let anyone hurt this water. My friends lived in Toledo; I can tell you what that looked like. I was down at their house when that sludge that comes in that’s running off. We need the EPA. I’m pretty old... we know what the lake looked like. If you want to go back to the 60’s... we still swam in it, but it was horrible. It was a horrible smell. We cannot go back and we need to take pride in this. We should be proud. This is Dunkirk. This is a proud community and one of our proudest things is that Lake and every one of us. And I’m very proud that this is a bipartisan issue. This is an issue that we all stand behind.” In regards to the CDBG, “I also worked in Chautauqua Works and PIC for years with low income people and I can’t tell you what those Block Grants do and I support Judy, I’ve worked with Judy for years. I think a lot of these people are working. Some are working full-time and they just, you know, only making minimum wage

and their rents are high and you need some assistance and that's what Block Grants help with... sidewalks and things. Me personally, I would like to see that youth build come back to the City. I think it was a program that we really need here. I am very in support of both of these; I will write any letter and do any activism especially for our beloved lake."

Ned Divine, 618 Main Street Dunkirk, advised "I'm here to speak on behalf of both of the final Resolutions. CDBG people have said the many good things that they support. This attack on the CDBG Funds that's proposed in Trump's budget is an awful thing. It will significantly impact the working poor. It will significantly impact seniors especially. I think we need to hold all of our elected officials at the National level their feet to the fire to have them support this program that's been run federally for years and has provided the appropriate supports. I also am speaking on behalf of the EPA and our Great Lakes Revitalization. That is absolutely necessary as many of the people who have spoken before me have said more eloquently. John Ames has been working on this for I don't know how many years and to see the progress that has been made and the plans that not only the City of Dunkirk but all of the communities around the Northern Chautauqua area and all of Chautauqua have worked on for years and continue to provide support to keep the things ongoing. Many of the people are working, it's what they do, it's what they believe in and we need to. I commend the Council, Mayor Rosas and the City for choosing to send this communication to our Senators and to Congressman Reed."

Mary Croxton, 22 Gillis Street Fredonia, advised she is "here to support the Great Lakes Initiative. I'm sure you've all heard this before but we are water and this is a vital resource of fresh water and as Judy said, it is one of the largest percentages of fresh water on the earth. I think we need to maintain and improve our water resources and support this Resolution."

Doug Stock, President of the Dunkirk Area Labor Council, advised he is here supporting Resolution #19 and #20 and, as president of the Dunkirk Area Labor Council, will make sure that the City receives a letter of support from this group.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR INCLUDING DISAPPROVAL MESSAGES:**

Mayor Rosas provided details of his recent trip to Albany where he met with the Commissioner from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services regarding the possibility of opening an Opiate Drug Rehabilitation Center here in the City.

Mayor Rosas advised that his office sent a letter on behalf of the City to the CEO of JC Penney in Texas providing reasons why the store should not close and that he spoke to a representative from the Company who thanked him for his letter of concerns and informed that there would be no reversal of the decision to close the store.

Director of Development Yanus thanked everyone for coming forward and supporting Resolutions #19 & #20. "CDBG does so much for our Community. Just alone this past 2016 we have funded Chautauqua Striders Life Skills Program, Boys and Girls Programs Career Explorers, Chric Emergency Home Repair Programs, Chric First Time Home Buyer and Down Payment Assistant Programs, COI Owner Occupied Home Rehab Programs, emergency demolition and spot blight, Hoyt Street improvements and Kosciuszko Park playground equipment. Let alone in one year we have been funding programs, different infrastructure projects and playgrounds that have helped our low income community and everyone in general and it has really brought our community together and will be such a shame if we lose this."

Director of Development Yanus advised the City has scheduled a Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM in Washington Park and provided details of the event.

Festivals and Special Events Coordinator Rosas advised that there will be a press release at 3:00 PM on Thursday to reveal the schedule for the upcoming City events.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PETITIONS:**

Request from the Kosciuszko Polish Home Association to close traffic between E. Doughty Street and Courtney Street on July 7, 2017 and July 8, 2017 from 5:00 PM until 12:00 AM for their "Annual Street Dance". Also, requesting the support of the City of Dunkirk Parks Department, Police Department, Streets Department and Fire Department.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised a motion was needed to refer to appropriate departments as well as approve subject to appropriate insurances and usual conditions.

Councilwoman Szukala moved to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Invitation from the Dunkirk Lighthouse Board to attend its annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 8:45 AM.

Received and filed.

Harbor Commission requesting approval of Commercial Bait Applications.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Request from the Dunkirk Joint Veterans Council to hold the Annual Memorial Day Services & Parade on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM with parade to follow; reviewing stands & chairs at Memorial Park & City Hall and participation by the Mayor and City Officials.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Bamonto.

Carried, all voting aye.

Loudspeaker application from Juneteenth Celebration Committee for loudspeakers, microphones, etc. in Memorial Park on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Loudspeaker application from Kosciuszko Polish Home Association to use microphones, amplifiers and speakers on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM for their "Annual Street Dance."

Loudspeaker application from Dom Polski Club to use microphones, amplifiers and band equipment on August 13, 2017 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Loudspeaker application from Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum for use of loudspeaker on May 29, 2017 at 8:45 AM for their annual Memorial Day Service.

Loudspeaker application from Dunkirk Memorial Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum for use of loudspeakers during their annual Reenactment/Lighthouse Weekend August 19 and 20, 2017.

Loudspeaker application from Fredonia Enactus for use of loudspeakers and microphone during their Eco Expo event at Washington Park on April 22, 2017 from 12 PM until 4 PM.

Loudspeaker application from Iglesia Getsemani for use of microphone, speakers, and instruments in front of City Hall on May 4, 2017 at 6 PM for National Day of Prayer.

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Notice of Claim from Princess Case for personal injuries allegedly sustained due to a fall at the Senior Citizens' Center parking lot on December 19, 2016.

Notice of Claim from Nilza Mojica Arroyo for personal injuries allegedly sustained as a result of a fire at 47 W. Courtney Street on January 25, 2017.

Notice of Claim from Jonathan Soto for personal injuries allegedly sustained as a result of a fire at 47 W. Courtney Street on January 25, 2017.

Councilman Bamonto made a motion to refer to the Law Department. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Councilman Williams advised that the City recycling schedules were released this past weekend in the Penny Saver and thanked everyone that came to speak at the meeting tonight.

Councilman Bamonto inquired to Personnel Director Heyden/Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling for an update on seasonal hiring and thanked everyone who spoke during the Privilege of the Floor.

Executive Assistant to the Mayor Westling advised that the hiring of seasonal workers is still in process but that she should be able to get numbers together by the end of the week.

Councilman Gonzalez advised that due to the holiday he will be rescheduling the Economic Development Committee Meeting to May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM and mentioned some issues with potholes throughout the City and light poles 9, 10 and 11 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Gonzalez thanked everyone that came to support Resolutions #19 & #20 and advised that, due to the important issue both Resolutions address, he would like residents to contact Congressman Tom Reed's office and request a town hall meeting here in the City with the Congressman directly and not one of his representatives like has been scheduled in the past.

Councilwoman Szukala advised Mr. Penque that the issue he mentioned with the Street decals has been an ongoing problem and Mayor Rosas advised that this has already been discussed and will be addressed.

Councilwoman Szukala explained to Mr. Civiletto that the railway underpass he mentioned cannot be painted until there is an agreement in writing with the railway and inquired to Mayor Rosas for an update on the Phase 2 & 3 Consent Orders.

Mayor Rosas advised that they are still working to complete Phase 2 and that the issue with the Benton Street tank has been taken care of.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn thanked all the individuals, whether representing themselves or a larger group, for their words tonight on such a heartfelt issue.

**PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION # 17 -2017**  
**April 4, 2017**

**BY COUNCILMEN Donald Williams Jr. and Adelino Gonzalez:**

**AUTHORIZING BUDGET LINE MODIFICATIONS**  
**For Fiscal Year 2017**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to make timely adjustments to the 2017 Fiscal Year to address modifications in certain line items for receipt of restricted drug enforcement funds, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Fiscal Affairs Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following line item budget modifications to properly reflect needed modifications in certain line items in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget:

**Fund 1 - General Fund**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenue			
001.0001.2264	General Fund	Restricted Drug Purchase	\$ 2,096.84
Appropriation			
001.3120.4240	Police-General Fund	Restricted Drug Purchase	\$ 2,096.84

(Earmarked funds received (1/18/17))

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenue			
001.0001.2705.7060	General Fund	Gifts and Donations - Police	\$ 9,120.00
Appropriation			
001.3120.4439	Police-General Fund	K-9 Expenses	\$ 9,120.00

(Earmarked funds received (3/20/17))

Account Number	Department	Line	Change
Revenue			
001.0001.2705.7060	General Fund	Gifts and Donations - Police	\$ 1,649.07
Appropriation			
001.3120.4439	Police-General Fund	K-9 Expenses	\$ 1,649.07

(Earmarked funds remaining at 12/31/16 – no amount in adopted 2017 budget or encumbered at end of 2016)

Account Number	Department	Line	Change
Appropriation			
002.9725.6000	Water Fund	Principal Bond – Water Imp	\$ 40,000.00
Appropriation			
002.9723.6000	Water Fund	Principal-DOH Imp	\$ (40,000.00)
Total			\$ -

Account Number	Department	Line	Change
Appropriation			
003.8135.4022	Wastewater Fund	Repair/ Maint.	\$ 1,000.00
Appropriation			
003.8135.4036	Wastewater Fund	Contracted Services	\$ (1,000.00)
Total			\$ -

Carried, all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION #18-2017**  
**April 4, 2017**

**By: Councilpersons Williams, Bamonto, Szukala**

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE LICENSE  
 AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF WRIGHT PARK REFRESHMENT STAND**

**WHEREAS**, John Dolce of 29 North Ocelot St, Dunkirk, New York has for many years operated the Wright Park Refreshment Stand, known as Beach House Grill; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial to the City to continue to allow Mr. Dolce to operate the Beach House Grill, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed, to execute a license agreement with John Dolce, and to execute any and all documents related to the

agreement, on behalf of the City of Dunkirk, to operate the Wright Park Refreshment Stand, known as Beach House Grill, upon the following terms and conditions:

- TERM: April 5, 2017 through September 31, 2017
- LICENSE FEE: One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine Dollars and Sixty Two cents (\$1909.62) for the year 2017;
- LOCATION: Structure commonly known as Beach House Grill at Wright Park, consisting of two (2) rooms (8'x18' and 13.33'x18');
- OPERATION: Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day;
- INSURANCE: Statutory Workmen's Compensation and public liability coverage as per City regulations.

Carried, all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION #19-2017**  
**April 4, 2017**

**By: Councilman Williams**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE CONCERNS FROM THE CITY AND COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, over 1,200 cities rely on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as direct sources of annual funding, along with over 7,200 rural and suburban jurisdictions that also have access to CBDG funds; and

**WHEREAS**, for every \$1.00 in CDBG funding invested in housing, infrastructure, and economic development projects, another \$3.65 is leveraged from other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, between FY 2005 – FY 2016, CDBG has stimulated the creation and retention of nearly 388,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, between FY 2005 – FY 2016 CDBG has assisted 1.33 million low-and-moderate income residents rehabilitate their homes, obtain down payments and closing cost assistance and remediate dangerous lead paint and other environmental conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001, funding for CDBG has been cut nationally by over \$1.4 billion while the need for these important resources at the local level has continued to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunkirk, New York is an economically distressed, Western New York Community of approximately 12,500 residents with a declining population and tax base, an overabundance of older underutilized housing, aging infrastructure, vacant/obsolete industrial buildings, and brownfield sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunkirk has utilized program funding for a variety of projects that have directly benefited residents, businesses and property owners throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years CDBG funded activities have directly or indirectly benefitted every resident, business and property owner in the City of Dunkirk; and

**WHEREAS**, no other source of funding exists or is available to the City of Dunkirk to continue these vital commercial, industrial, residential, and public infrastructure improvement activities; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Dunkirk City Council hereby calls upon President Donald J. Trump, United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and United States Representative Thomas Reed to vigorously oppose the proposed elimination and any further reductions in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to communicate the concerns of the Dunkirk City Council by transmitting certified copies of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and United States Representative Thomas Reed, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

Carried, all voting aye.

**RESOLUTION #20-2017**

**April 4, 2017**

**By: Councilman Williams**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE CONCERNS FROM THE CITY AND COUNCIL ON THE POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR THE EPA GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, approximately twelve million people live in the Lake Erie Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, most of those people rely on Lake Erie in particular as their primary water source; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, Lake Erie has suffered from severe pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, only due to a massive coordinated effort between Federal, State, and Local authorities, Lake Erie was rescued from near death; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency was instrumental in the successful cleanup of Lake Erie; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Erie is Western New York's primary natural resource; and

**WHEREAS**, a return to historical pollution levels in Lake Erie would be an economic and environmental disaster to the residents of the Lake Erie Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, insufficient funding exists on the State and Local level to adequately protect this resource; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Dunkirk City Council hereby calls upon President Donald J. Trump, United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and United States Representative Thomas Reed to vigorously oppose any elimination or reduction to appropriations for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to communicate the concerns of the Dunkirk City Council by transmitting certified copies of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, United States Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and United States Representative Thomas Reed, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

Carried, all voting aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #21-2017**

**April 4, 2017**

**By: ENTIRE COUNCIL**

**CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that certain Council Members, Department Heads, and other necessary parties will be absent from the April 18, 2017 Common Council meeting due to it falling during spring break, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Common Council and the Workshop shall be canceled and all Council business shall be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 2, 2017.

Councilman-at-large Woloszyn advised that this Resolution was brought forward due to Council Members and Department Heads being away for the holiday and that should anything urgent be brought forward that will not be able to wait until the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Common Council Meeting a Special Meeting of the Common Council will be called.

Carried, all voting aye.

Councilwoman Szukala motioned to meet in Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof as well as the collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law and it is expected that no new business will be taken after the Executive Session concludes. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

Executive Session called to order at 6:38 PM.

Councilman Gonzalez moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:31 PM and reconvene to the regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Gonzalez moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Carried, all voting aye.

**Adjourned at 7:32 PM**

**Edwin Ramos, City Clerk**

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