

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

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018  
7:30 p.m.**

*Please Note: The Council will convene at 6:30 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss litigation.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 7, 2018.
4. Public Hearing to amend local law Chapter 176, "Energy Conservation", of the Rye City Code by amending provisions related to the Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the City of Rye in accordance with Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law.
5. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.
6. Consideration of a request by the Rye Free Reading Room for use of the Village Green and City Hall Parking lot to host the Annual Vehicle Fair on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7. Consideration of a request by the Rye Free Reading Room to allow two food trucks as part of the Vehicle Fair on May 20, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
8. Consideration of a request by the Rye Free Reading Room for use of the Village Green on select Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a free theater performance.
9. Authorize payment of the balance of the 2017/2018 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District. Roll Call
10. Appointments to Boards and Commissions, by the Mayor with Council approval.
11. Miscellaneous communications and reports.
12. Old Business.

13. New Business.

14. Adjournment.

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The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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**The Mayor and City Council have office hours in the Mayor's Conference Room Annex at Rye City Hall, 1051 Boston Post Road. The Mayor's Conference Room Annex is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall adjacent to the Council Chambers. Hours are as follows:**

**Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Councilwoman Danielle Tagger-Epstein & Councilwoman Julie Souza**

**Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Mayor Josh Cohn, Deputy Mayor Emily Hurd & Councilwoman Sara Goddard**

***DRAFT UNAPPROVED MINUTES*** of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of  
Rye held in City Hall on February 7, 2018, at 7:30  
P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor  
SARA GODDARD  
EMILY HURD  
RICHARD MECCA  
JULIE SOUZA  
BENJAMIN STACKS  
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN  
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

None

The Council convened at 6:30 P.M. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to adjourn immediately into executive session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

At 7:32 P.M., Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, to adjourn the executive session. The regular meeting of the City Council began at 7:36 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Roll Call.

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

2. Unveiling and dedication of photograph honoring former Mayor Douglas French.

Mayor Cohn announced that the Council welcomed former Mayor Douglas French and expressed his appreciation for his service to Rye. He recalled the years of challenge that former Mayor French led the City through. He thanked former Mayor French for stepping up to help the current Council succeed. He stated that Mayor French cared about Rye and the City was grateful for him and his service.

Former Mayor French unveiled his official portrait on the wall of Mayors in Council Chambers.

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Catherine Parker, former Councilmember and current County Legislator, stated she had the honor of serving with former Mayor French from 2010 to 2013. She thanked him for his exemplary volunteerism and service to the community, as well as his generosity and thoughtfulness.

Former Mayor French thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak. He recalled 2009 when he decided to run for Mayor. He thanked his wife for her support throughout his election and tenure. He talked about the “wrath of Mother Nature” during his time as Mayor and the economic depression. He thanked his team of Councilmembers for all of their work to move through those times. He talked about the successes that occurred only due to teamwork. He thanked Corporation Counsel Wilson, Assistant City Manager Militana and City Manager Pickup for all of their hard work. He stated it was a privilege to serve the community.

4. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 24, 2018.

Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 24, 2018.

5. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

6. Appointment of Council Liaison to the Senior Advocacy Committee.

Mayor Cohn appointed Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein as Council liaison to the Senior Advocacy Committee.

7. Appointments to Boards and Commissions, by the Mayor with Council approval.

Mayor Cohn thanked Evan Bernardi, Diane Ball Brendel, Dave Desmond, Mark Doran, Robert May, Tiffany O’Toole Flaherty and Tatiana Shestova for their past service on the Finance Committee.

Mayor Cohn made the following appointments to the Finance Committee: Fred Buffone for a one-year term expiring January 1, 2019, Sam Dimon for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021, Callie Erickson for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021, Christine Groves for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021, Jono Peters for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2020, Jim Sandling for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2020, John Souza for a one-year term expiring January 1, 2019, and Greg Usry for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021. The Mayor appointed Mr. Usry as the Finance Committee Chair.

Mayor Cohn made the following appointments to the Flood Advisory Committee: Bernie Althoff for a one-year term expiring January 1, 2019, Robert Gay for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2020, Carolina Johnson for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021, Holly

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Kennedy for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2020, Eric Moy for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2021, and Rob van der Wateren for a one-year term expiring January 1, 2019. He designated Mr. Althoff as Flood Advisory Committee Chair.

Mayor Cohn reappointed Thomas Maloney, Linda Ritacco, and Stephan Verille to the Recreation Commission for three-year terms, expiring on January 1, 2021, and newly-appointed Rick McCabe to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jay Wykoff, expiring on January 1, 2019.

Councilman Stacks made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to approve the Mayor's appointments.

8. Status Report regarding United Hospital Site related to traffic study.

Mayor Cohn updated the community on this issue and stated that the Council has received a draft of the traffic study. The draft needs to be reviewed by the affected neighborhood, Rye Park, for input prior the Council consideration of the draft.

9. Continued discussion regarding proposed amendment to the City code related to the PACE financing program.

Mayor Cohn stated that the City Council had heard a presentation several weeks prior from Energize NY on the PACE program, allowing for capital improvement financing for entities wanting to update their energy systems. Currently in Rye, nonprofits are the only entity permitted to take advantage of the program, but the Council is considering expanding to commercial entities. Mayor Cohn stated that the Council wishes to continue the discussion on this item.

Councilwoman Souza asked Corporation Counsel Wilson her thoughts on the amendment. Corporation Counsel Wilson encouraged the Council to bring any draft changes to her attention while the issue was being considered.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein asked for clarification on the proposed affected parties to an amendment. Councilwoman Goddard responded that the legislation would be expanded to commercial entities.

Councilwoman Hurd asked if the EIC had a marketing plan in place for commercial entities in Rye. City Manager Serrano responded that it does have an outreach strategy to make the most of the program.

Councilwoman Souza said that it could be difficult because most members of the Chamber of Commerce are tenants and do not own their buildings in the central business district. City Manager Serrano responded that a search of tax records would be performed to have outreach to the building's owners.

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Councilman Stacks asked if the proposed legislative expansion creates an administrative burden on the City. City Manager Serrano responded that it did not.

Councilwoman Hurd discussed possible improvements within the historic district.

Mayor Cohn said that the PACE 2.0 program did not have much experience or data on successes in New York, but did have findings from other states. He said it would be helpful for the Council to have documentation on the other states.

Councilwoman Goddard also added that it would be interesting to see documentation on issues of financing during construction. She said she would be interested to see if there were a higher incidents of defaults during that timeframe.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein inquired as to how aggressive the City could be if needed in this new program expansion.

Councilman Mecca stated that when we the City agreed to the PACE program several years prior, it specifically had Wainwright House in mind as a nonprofit looking to make energy improvements. Without a large number of nonprofits in the same situation, it could be one reason to expand to commercial entities.

Councilwoman Souza said that she was concerned about the possible subjective element of residential vs. commercially-owned property.

Councilman Stacks discussed whether the expansion would create risk for the City.

There was general discussion about capping the amount of this type of improvement per year.

Councilwoman Souza said that she would like to see the public's response to this initiative.

Councilwoman Hurd said that with respect to the downtown area, she would be interested to see if commercial realtors in the have specific thoughts on this issue.

10. Status Report regarding the Last Mile project.

Mayor Cohn stated that the Council wanted to continue the discussion on the Last Mile project, as many closures and repairs are being proposed for the future. He said that the City had just learned from the State that it was going out to bid for the construction work. However, only when the bid is awarded will there be construction plans, giving the City a better idea of the impact and timing. Mayor Cohn said that the City needed to be prepared for these capital improvements on all fronts.

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Mayor Cohn then recommended that this topic be handed to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee for their thoughts and recommendations and asked the Committee to monitor the issues as they unfold.

Nancy Benson, Rye resident, spoke about the Last Mile project. She asked if residents would be made aware of any closures prior to construction taking place. Mayor Cohn responded that residents would be alerted as the City becomes aware of this important information. Ms. Benson also stated that the Byram River Bridge on Mill Street is expected to accommodate some of the diverted traffic, and she felt concerned about the strength and stability of that little bridge.

11. Discussion related to the Tunnel to Long Island.

Mayor Cohn stated that on the Tunnel to Long Island idea, the State finished a rough and rudimentary feasibility study and was soliciting expressions of interest from builders. The Mayor further stated that this is a long way away, but very concerning for Rye.

Councilwoman Goddard read the following press release from the Westchester County Board of Legislators into the record:

"As the Westchester County Legislators that represent the districts on the Sound Shore, we remain open-minded on the proposed tunnel from Long Island to Westchester under the Long Island Sound (see Newsday article: <https://www.newsday.com/business/sound-tunnel-cuomo-oyster-bay-westchester-1.16369235>), but we are opposed to a Request for Proposals (RFP) being done by New York State, based only on its own study, without any input at all from Westchester's elected officials, municipalities, community and environmental groups and residents. There needs to be much more review and due diligence conducted by all interested and affected parties before New York State starts reviewing any bids to build this tunnel. We will push for more transparency and an open and objective review process. The communities we represent need more information about this proposed tunnel, and therefore, we will reach out to our colleagues in the New York State government to offer our assistance in setting up the necessary review meetings here in Westchester County."

Mayor Cohn stated that Rye will work with its neighbors who share the concerns about this proposed tunnel, and also with County and State officials. Mayor Cohn also proposed that the Council organize a seven-member advisory committee on the proposed tunnel, comprised of two members from the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee, and at least three members from neighborhoods directly affected by the proposed tunnel. Terms would be staggered by 1, 2, and 3 year terms, with the Chairperson to be appointed by the Mayor.

Councilwoman Hurd stated support for the Mayor's proposed committee, as in the last month alone, she has heard concern throughout the community.

Councilwoman Goddard also expressed support for the committee. She stated that Rye must be vocal in this proposed idea, and it is critical to have a group to keep the City Council apprised of developments.

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Councilman Stacks asked if the State has contacted Rye about this. City Manager Serrano responded that the State has not contacted the City about the matter.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein stated that this has been put forth quickly in the State budget without much thought or consideration. She felt it important that the City be vocal and have a committee formed that is aware and of any progressions. She recalled Mayor Grainger's vocal movement when a similar idea was proposed many years ago, which helped stop the development at that time.

Councilman Stacks stated support for the committee to be formed. He also asked if there any way to be less passive in the process, and secure a seat at the table and more direct engagement in the conversation with the State on the matter.

Councilwoman Souza said it was important to lock arms on this issue with others to create a stronger response, such as other municipalities and Westchester County.

Councilwoman Goddard mentioned that working with other communities would be helpful, such as the Oyster Bay community, across the Sound.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein said that it was important for the City to maintain communication on this item with the Governor's office on a regular basis.

Councilwoman Hurd asked if the Mayor wanted the committee to reach out to other communities. Mayor Cohn responded that City Council would be responsible for that type of communication.

Corporation Counsel Wilson stated that the committee could be created by a simple resolution establishing the Long Island Tunnel Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza and unanimously carried, to create the Long Island Tunnel Advisory Committee, comprised of two members from the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee, and at least three members from neighborhoods directly affected by the proposed tunnel. Terms would be staggered by 1, 2, and 3 year terms, with the Chairperson to be appointed by the Mayor.

12. Consideration of request for permission to close a section of Purchase Street for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Halloween Window Painting Contest.

Mayor Cohn read the Recreation Department statement, requesting permission from the Council to close a section of Purchase Street for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Halloween Window Painting Contest.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to close a section of Purchase Street for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Halloween Window Painting Contest.



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13. Consideration of a request to hold the Annual Turkey Road Run on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

Councilwoman Souza Motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hurd and unanimously carried, to approve the request to hold the Annual Turkey Road Run on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

14. Consideration of a request to hold the Annual Food Truck Festival Saturday, June 23, 2018.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried to, approve the request to hold the Annual Food Truck Festival Saturday, June 23, 2018.

15. Consideration of a resolution to transfer \$3,100 from the Cable TV Unassigned Fund balance to the Cable TV Operating Budget to cover the change order for CBG Communications, Inc. to provide additional services. Roll Call.

Mayor Cohn explained that an item was left out of a bid for Rye TV and the item important to facilitate the previously-accepted bid.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca, to transfer \$3,100 from the Cable TV Unassigned Fund balance to the Cable TV Operating Budget to cover the change order for CBG Communications, Inc. to provide additional services.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tagger-Epstein, Mayor Cohn  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

16. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a change order for CBG Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$3,100 for testing of Cable Plant and FCC Compliance review regarding digital transmitted channels. Roll Call.

Mayor Cohn explained that similarly to Item 15, this item was left out of a recent bid for Rye TV improvements, which is necessary to facilitating the work.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca, to authorizing a change order for CBG Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$3,100 for testing of Cable Plant and FCC Compliance review regarding digital transmitted channels.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tagger-Epstein, Mayor Cohn  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

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Councilman Mecca explained that with respect to Items 15, and 16, one authorizes the transfer of funds and the other approves the changes made to the contract for work.

17. Miscellaneous communications and reports.

Councilman Stacks announced that it was not too early to think about the Rye Golf Club and pool membership. He said that applications were available online, or those interested could call the Golf Club office. Applications for discounted rates for renewing golf members are due March 15, 2018, with renewing pool membership due May 15, 2018.

Councilwoman Souza stated that she attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting earlier in the day on February 7, 2018. She said that the Sustainability Committee presented to the Chamber on the issue of plastic straws. Councilwoman Souza also reminded the community that the Council had been holding its office hours in City Hall. She thanked to those who have attended and encouraged the community to attend. She announced that she would be in Albany at the NYCOM Conference on Monday, February 12, 2018, and could not be present for office hours. Later in the meeting, Councilman Mecca announced that he would be covering those office hours. Councilwoman Souza lastly announced that there would be no office hours on February 19, 2018, as City Hall was closed to observe President's Day.

Councilwoman Hurd said that the Flood Advisory Committee had met earlier in the day on February 7, 2018 with the New York Rising team. She announced that the sluice gate project would be moving forward this year around the summer. On Rye Town Park, she announced that the Commission was continuing its interview process for the Park Director position. Councilwoman Hurd also announced that on behalf of the Boat Basin, the dredging process was moving forward. The New York State-scheduled testing would be held on February 8, 2018 for the dredging project. Once the material is tested, the City will know more about where the silt can be relocated during the dredging process. She also announced that there had been some ice damage at the Boat Basin with the cold temperatures, but there were also recent repairs. The renewal process for slips was February 15, 2018. She encouraged both renewing members and new boaters to contact the Marina for an application. She said there was still space available for boats of 21 feet or less, and that there was always room for kayaks.

Councilman Mecca announced that the Planning Commission met on February 6, 2018 and approved the proposed subdivision at 3 Club Road. The approval came after many meetings on the subdivision, with the due diligence of the Commission. He said that the solution addressed any issues of concern on water quality. Councilman Mecca recalled that back in the 1990s, the Planning Commission, created a process on how to name streets in Rye. The outcome was that a street would be named after a deceased Mayor, councilmember, or purpose of interest. Applying this process, Councilman Mecca was happy to announce that the Planning Commission named a street in Rye at their most recent meeting, and that Club Road would be called "Grainger" moving forward.

Councilwoman Goddard announced that the app for the interactive sanitation calendar was available for download on the City website.

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Mayor Cohn asked City Manager Serrano for an update on the pipes under I-95, if a leak was found, and any other information on the issue that could be provided.

City Manager Serrano responded that after an inspection of the first section of I-95, the pipe looked fine, but near the train tracks, the pipe was crushed. He said that the City would be scoping the other portion of I-95 and present long or short term solutions to the Council.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein clarified the placement of the pipes. She asked if there had been any discussion of building a roadways on top of sewer pipes. Corporation Counsel Wilson responded that there was a question of the placement of the sound barriers.

Councilman Mecca thanked City Engineer Coyne for his diligent efforts in the issues with the pipes. Specifically, he mentioned that Mr. Coyne had worked with the County to abandon the bad line and divert it to avoid passing under the Thruway. Mayor Cohn commented that another benefit of the new line created was that it diverts the line to Mamaroneck.

18. Old Business.

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

19. New Business.

Mayor Cohn said that the Council needed a resolution to retain Sive, Paget and Riesel for the Crown Castle matter. Councilwoman Hurd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks, to enter into negotiations with the law firm of Sive, Paget & Riesel to on possible representation the City on the Crown Castle matter. Councilman Mecca clarified that the resolution was merely to enter into negotiations on working together, but not yet expending funds to do so.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Goddard, Hurd, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tagger-Epstein, Mayor Cohn  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Ms. Benson addressed the Council again and stated concern on the United Hospital project. Mayor Cohn explained that a draft traffic study would be presented to the Rye Park neighborhood. Ms. Benson asked if all citizens of Rye could be made aware of this. Mayor Cohn explained that the study does not speak in terms of change of the proposed project, but rather is relevant to that particular neighborhood for traffic mitigation purposes.

20. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:53 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D'Andrea  
City Clerk



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 4

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: January 24, 2018

CONTACT: Marcus Serrano, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Public Hearing to amend local law Chapter 176, "Energy Conservation", of the Rye City Code by amending provisions related to the Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the City of Rye in accordance with Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law.

**FOR THE MEETING OF:**

February 28, 2018

**RYE CITY CODE,**

CHAPTER 176  
SECTION

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council set a Public Hearing for February 7, 2018 to amend local law Chapter 176, "Energy Conservation", of the Rye City Code by amending provisions related to the Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the City of Rye in accordance with Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law.

**IMPACT:**  Environmental  Fiscal  Neighborhood  Other:

**BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 176 of the City Code allows for the financing of energy efficient programs through the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program. The attached Local Law will amend the program as describe.

See attached proposed Local Law.

**LOCAL LAW NO 1-2018**

**1. A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 176 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF RYE BY AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF RYE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5-L OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.**

Be it enacted by the City of Rye as follows:

**Section 1.** This Local Law shall be known as the “Energize NY Benefit Financing Program,” and shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**§176-1. Legislative findings, intent and purpose, authority.**

- A. It is the policy of both the City of Rye and the State of New York to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the effect of global climate change, and advance a clean energy economy. The City finds that it can fulfill this policy by providing property assessed clean energy financing to property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. This chapter establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation (“EIC”), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the City of Rye pursuant to the municipal agreement to be entered into between the City of Rye and EIC pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law (the “Municipal Agreement”), to make funds available to qualified property owners that will be repaid by such property owners through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds, thereby fulfilling the purposes of this law and fulfilling an important public purpose.
- B. The City of Rye is authorized to implement this Energize NY Benefit Financing Program pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 5-L of the New York General Municipal Law.
- C. This law shall be known and may be cited as the “Energize NY Benefit Financing Program Law of the City of Rye”.

**§176-2. Definitions**

For purposes of this law, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context requires, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**Authority** – The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, as defined by subdivision two of section eighteen hundred fifty-one of the Public Authorities Law, or its successor.

**EIC** – the Energy Improvement Corporation, a local development corporation, duly organized under section fourteen hundred eleven of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, authorized hereby on behalf of the City of Rye to implement the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program by providing funds to qualified property owners (as defined in this law) and providing for repayment of such funds from monies collected by the City of Rye tax collecting officer as a charge to be levied on the real property and collected in the same manner and same form as the City of Rye taxes.

**Energy Audit** – A formal evaluation or “assessment” of the energy consumption of a permanent building or structural improvement to real property, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of identifying appropriate energy efficiency improvements that could be made to the property.

**Energy Efficiency Improvement** – Any renovation or retrofitting of a building to reduce energy consumption, such as window and door replacement, lighting, caulking, weatherstripping, air sealing, insulation, and heating and cooling system upgrades, and similar improvements, determined to be cost-effective pursuant to criteria established by the Authority, not including lighting measures or household appliances that are not permanently fixed to real property.

**Qualified Property Owner** – An owner of residential or commercial real property located within the boundaries of the City of Rye that is determined to be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program under the procedures for eligibility set forth under this law.

**Renewable Energy System** – An energy generating system for the generation of electric or thermal energy, to be used primarily at such property, except when the Qualified Property Owner is a commercial entity in which case the system may be used for other properties in addition to the subject property, by means of solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, anaerobic digester gas-to-electricity systems, fuel cell technologies, or other renewable energy technology approved by the Authority not including the combustion or pyrolysis of solid waste.

**Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study** – A written study, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of installing a renewable energy system.

### **§176-3. Establishment of an Energize NY Benefit Financing Program**

- A. An Energize NY Benefit Financing Program is hereby established by the City of Rye, whereby EIC acting on its behalf pursuant to the Municipal Agreement, may provide funds to Qualified Property Owners in accordance with the procedures set forth under this law, to finance the acquisition, construction and installation of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements and the verification of the installation of such systems and improvements.
- B. For funds provided to a Qualified Property Owner which is a commercial entity, not-for-profit organization, or entity other than an individual, EIC shall have the authority to impose requirements on the maximum amount of funds to be provided, which may consider factors including but not limited to the property value, projected savings, project cost, and existing indebtedness secured by such property.
- C. For financings made to a Qualified Property Owner who is an individual, the funds provided shall not exceed the lesser of: (i) ten percent of the appraised value of the real property where the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency Improvements will be located, or (ii) the actual cost of installing the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency Improvements, including the costs of necessary equipment, materials, and labor and the cost of verification of such systems and improvements.

### **§176-4. Procedures for eligibility**

- A. Any property owner in the City of Rye may submit an application to EIC on such forms as have been prepared by EIC and made available to property owners on the website of EIC and at the City Clerk's offices.
- B. Every application submitted by a property owner shall be reviewed by EIC acting on behalf of the City, which shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the criteria for making a financing enumerated in section 5 of this law. EIC may also request further information from the property owner where necessary to aid in its determination.
- C. If a positive determination on an application is made by EIC acting on behalf of the City, the property owner shall be deemed a Qualified Property Owner and shall be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in accordance with the procedure set forth under section 6 of this law; provided that in no case shall a property owner that has received funds from another municipal corporation for the acquisition, construction and installation of Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems be deemed a Qualified Property Owner.



**§176-5. Application criteria**

Upon the submission of an application, EIC acting on behalf of the City, shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the following criteria for the making of a financing:

- A. The proposed Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems are determined to be cost effective based on guidelines issued by the Authority;
- B. The property owner may not be in bankruptcy and the property may not constitute property subject to any pending bankruptcy proceeding;
- C. The amount financed under the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program shall be repaid over a term not to exceed the weighted average of the useful life of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements to be installed on the property as determined by EIC;
- D. Sufficient funds are available from EIC to provide financing to the property owner;
- E. The property owner is current in payments on any existing mortgage;
- F. The property owner is current in payments on any existing real property taxes and has been current on real property taxes for the previous three years; and
- G. Such additional criteria, not inconsistent with the criteria set forth above, as the City, or EIC acting on its behalf, may set from time to time.

**§176-6. Opt-in, Energize NY Finance Agreement**

- A. A Qualified Property Owner may participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program through the execution of an energize NY finance agreement made by and between the Qualified Property Owner and EIC, acting on the behalf of the City (the “Energize NY Finance Agreement”).
- B. Upon execution of the Energize NY Finance Agreement, the Qualified Property Owner shall be eligible to receive funds from EIC acting on behalf of City, for the acquisition, construction, and installation of qualifying Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements; provided the requirements of Section 7 of this law have been met.
- C. The Energize NY Finance Agreement shall include the terms and conditions of repayment set forth under section 8 of this law.

**§176-7. Energy audit, renewable energy system feasibility study**

- A. No funds shall be made available for Energy Efficiency Improvements unless determined to be appropriate through an Energy Audit as defined in Section 2.
- B. No funds shall be made available for a Renewable Energy System unless determined to be feasible through a Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study as defined in Section 2.
- C. The cost of such Energy Audit and/or Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study shall be borne solely by the property owner but may be included in the financed amount if the work is approved.

**§176-8. Terms and conditions of repayment**

The Energize NY Finance Agreement between the Qualified Property Owner and EIC acting on behalf of the City, shall set forth the terms and conditions of repayment in accordance with the following:

- A. The principal amount of the funds paid to the Qualified Property Owner hereunder, together with the interest thereon, shall be paid by the property owner as a charge on their property tax bill and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as City property taxes, provided that such charge shall be separately listed on the tax bill. The City shall make payment to EIC or its designee in the amount of all such separately listed charges within 30 days of the date the payment is due to be made to the City.
- B. The term of such repayment shall be determined at the time the Energize NY Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC, provided that in no case shall the term exceed the weighted average of the useful life of the systems and improvements as determined by EIC acting on behalf of the City.
- C. The rate of interest for the charge shall be fixed by EIC acting on behalf of the City at the time the Energize NY Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC.
- D. The charge shall constitute a lien upon the real property benefited by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program as set forth in Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law and shall run with the land. A transferee of title to the benefited real property shall be required to pay any future installments, including interest thereon.

**§176-9. Verification and report**

- A. EIC shall be responsible for verifying and reporting to the City on the installation and performance of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements financed by such Program.
- B. The City shall verify and report on the installation and performance of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements financed by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in such form and manner as the Authority may establish.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO.1-2018, A LOCAL LAW TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, there was duly presented and introduced to this Council at a meeting held on February 28, 2018, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM**"; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2018, CITY OF RYE, NEW YORK**

**A LOCAL LAW TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RYE, as follows:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

This Council hereby finds and determines that the City of Rye enacted Local Law No. Local Law #10-2014, pursuant to provisions of New York General Municipal Law, to establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program. This program authorized the Energy Improvement Corporation ("EIC"), a local development corporation acting on behalf of the City of Rye, to make funds available to qualified property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy-efficiency measures.

This Council further finds that the New York State Legislature recently amended certain provisions of the municipal sustainable energy loan program to "eliminate barriers that have been identified that have prevented the program from reaching its full potential."

This Council finds that the amendments to the program, enacted as Chapter 320 of the 2017 Laws of the State of New York, seek to encourage net metered and community solar projects, will allow the City of Rye's program to use monies available from the State or any State authority, and will permit a more flexible loan standard for commercial properties.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend the *(municipality name)*'s Sustainable Energy Loan Program in conformity with changes recently enacted to the New York State enabling legislation.

**Section 2. Amendments.**

Chapter 176 of the City of Rye CODE is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 176**

**Article I. Sustainable Energy Loan Program**

**Please see attached document with tracked changes.**

**Section 6. Effective Date.**

This law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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*(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MUNICIPALITY)*

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**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM  
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Be it enacted by the [County/City/Town/Village] of \_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

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**Section 1.** This Local Law shall be known as the “Energize NY Benefit Financing Program,” and shall read as follows:

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**ARTICLE I**

**§1. Legislative findings, intent and purpose, authority.**

A. It is the policy of both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the State of New York to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the effect of global climate change, and advance a clean energy economy. The \_\_\_\_\_ finds that it can fulfill this policy by providing property assessed clean energy financing to property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. This chapter establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation (“EIC”), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to the municipal agreement to be entered into between the \_\_\_\_\_ and EIC pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law (the “Municipal Agreement”), to make funds available to qualified property owners that will be repaid by such property owners through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds, thereby fulfilling the purposes of this law and fulfilling an important public purpose.

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B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is authorized to implement this Energize NY Benefit Financing Program pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 5-L of the New York General Municipal Law.

C. This law shall be known and may be cited as the “Energize NY Benefit Financing Program Law of the \_\_\_\_\_”.

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**§2. Definitions**

For purposes of this law, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context requires, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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**Authority** – The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, as defined by subdivision two of section eighteen hundred fifty-one of the Public Authorities Law, or its successor.

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**EIC** – the Energy Improvement Corporation, a local development corporation, duly organized under section fourteen hundred eleven of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, authorized hereby on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ to implement the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program by providing funds to qualified property owners (as defined in this law) and providing for repayment of such funds from monies collected by the \_\_\_\_\_ tax collecting officer as a charge to be levied on the real property and collected in the same manner and same form as the \_\_\_\_\_ taxes.

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**Energy Audit** – A formal evaluation or “assessment” of the energy consumption of a permanent building or structural improvement to real property, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of identifying appropriate energy efficiency improvements that could be made to the property.

**Energy Efficiency Improvement** – Any renovation or retrofitting of a building to reduce energy consumption, such as window and door replacement, lighting, caulking, weatherstripping, air sealing, insulation, and heating and cooling system upgrades, and similar improvements, determined to be cost-effective pursuant to criteria established by the Authority, not including lighting measures or household appliances that are not permanently fixed to real property.

**Qualified Property Owner** – An owner of residential or commercial real property located within the boundaries of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is determined to be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program under the procedures for eligibility set forth under this law.

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**Renewable Energy System** – An energy generating system for the generation of electric or thermal energy, to be used primarily at such property, except when the Qualified Property Owner is a commercial entity in which case the system may be used for other properties in addition to the subject property. by means of solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, anaerobic digester gas-to-electricity systems, fuel cell technologies, or other renewable energy technology approved by the Authority not including the combustion or pyrolysis of solid waste.

**Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study** – A written study, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of installing a renewable energy system.

**§3. Establishment of an Energize NY Benefit Financing Program**

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A. An Energize NY Benefit Financing Program is hereby established by the \_\_\_\_\_, whereby EIC acting on its behalf pursuant to the Municipal

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Agreement, may provide funds to Qualified Property Owners in accordance with the procedures set forth under this law, to finance the acquisition, construction and installation of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements and the verification of the installation of such systems and improvements.

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B. For funds provided to a Qualified Property Owner which is a commercial entity, not-for-profit organization, or entity other than an individual, EIC shall have the authority to impose requirements on the maximum amount of funds to be provided, which may consider factors including but not limited to the property value, projected savings, project cost, and existing indebtedness secured by such property.

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C. For financings made to a Qualified Property Owner who is an individual, the funds provided shall not exceed the lesser of: (i) ten percent of the appraised value of the real property where the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency Improvements will be located, or (ii) the actual cost of installing the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency Improvements, including the costs of necessary equipment, materials, and labor and the cost of verification of such systems and improvements.

#### §4. Procedures for eligibility

A. Any property owner in the \_\_\_\_\_ may submit an application to EIC on such forms as have been prepared by EIC and made available to property owners on the website of EIC and at the \_\_\_\_\_ offices.

B. Every application submitted by a property owner shall be reviewed by EIC acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_, which shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the criteria for making a financing enumerated in section 5 of this law. EIC may also request further information from the property owner where necessary to aid in its determination.

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C. If a positive determination on an application is made by EIC acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_, the property owner shall be deemed a Qualified Property Owner and shall be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in accordance with the procedure set forth under section 6 of this law; provided that in no case shall a property owner that has received funds from another municipal corporation for the acquisition, construction and installation of Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems be deemed a Qualified Property Owner.

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#### §5. Application criteria

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Upon the submission of an application, EIC acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_, shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the following criteria for the making of a financing:

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A. The proposed Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems are determined to be cost effective based on guidelines issued by the Authority;

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B. The property owner may not be in bankruptcy and the property may not constitute property subject to any pending bankruptcy proceeding;

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C. The amount financed under the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program shall be repaid over a term not to exceed the weighted average of the useful life of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements to be installed on the property as determined by EIC;

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D. Sufficient funds are available from EIC to provide financing to the property owner;

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E. The property owner is current in payments on any existing mortgage;

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F. The property owner is current in payments on any existing real property taxes and has been current on real property taxes for the previous three years; and

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G. Such additional criteria, not inconsistent with the criteria set forth above, as the \_\_\_\_\_, or EIC acting on its behalf, may set from time to time.

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**§6. Opt-in, Energize NY Finance Agreement**

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**§7. Energy audit, renewable energy system feasibility study**

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- B. The term of such repayment shall be determined at the time the Energize NY Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC, provided that in no case shall the term exceed the weighted average of the useful life of the systems and improvements as determined by EIC acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The rate of interest for the charge shall be fixed by EIC acting on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time the Energize NY Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC.
- D. The charge shall constitute a lien upon the real property benefited by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program as set forth in Article 5-L of the General Municipal Law and shall run with the land. A transferee of title to the benefited real property shall be required to pay any future installments, including interest thereon.

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**§9. Verification and report**

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B. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall verify and report on the installation and performance of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements financed by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in such form and manner as the Authority may establish.

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

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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 6

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

DATE: February 28, 2018

CONTACT: Marcus Serrano, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of a request by the Rye Free Reading Room for the use of the Village Green and City Hall Parking lot to host the Annual Vehicle Fair Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**FOR THE MEETING OF:**

February 28, 2018

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SECTION

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the request for the Rye Free Reading Room to host the Annual Vehicle Fair.

**IMPACT:**  Environmental  Fiscal  Neighborhood  Other:

**BACKGROUND:** The Rye Free Reading Room has requested use of the Village Green and the City Hall parking lot to host the annual Vehicle Fair on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Vehicle Fair features carnival style activities, family crafts, story times, and an up-close experience with the large vehicles. To allow for setup and cleanup activities, the RFRR requests permission to use the Village Green and parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

See attached.



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February 1, 2018

Honorable Joshua Cohen, Mayor  
Rye City Council

Dear Mayor Cohen:

The Rye Free Reading Room respectfully requests the use of the Village Green and City Hall parking lot on Sunday, May 20th from 11:30 am to 3 pm to host the annual Vehicle Fair. In order to allow time for setup and cleanup, we would like to request permission to use the Green, parking lot, and Haviland Lane from 8 am to 5 pm. We also respectfully requests permission to host two food trucks on Sunday, May 20th as part of the 2018 Vehicle Fair.

An interactive community event, the Vehicle Fair features carnival style activities, family crafts, storytimes, and an up close experience with the large machines that fascinate young children. The Rye Free Reading Room and the Auxiliary Board host this event as a fundraiser for the library.

The trucks would sell food during the run of the event, 11 am to 3 pm, and would be located on Haviland Lane. No amplified sound used by the vehicles.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Chris Shoemaker  
Library Director



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 7

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

DATE: February 28, 2018

CONTACT: Marcus Serrano, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of a request to by the Rye Free Reading Room to have two food truck at the Annual Vehicle Fair Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 11:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

**FOR THE MEETING OF:**

February 28, 2018

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

**IMPACT:**  Environmental  Fiscal  Neighborhood  Other:

Waive § 144-8D and G of the City Code.

**BACKGROUND:** The City Manager's Office received a request from the Rye Free Reading Room asking to allow two Food Trucks to be set up on Haviland Lane for the duration of the Annual Vehicle Fair on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 11:30 am. To 3:00 p.m. The Council will have to waive § 144-8D and G which states;

§144-8 Restrictions states that licensed hawker, peddler or solicitor shall:

D. Not stand nor permit the vehicle used by him or her to stand in one place in any public place or street for more than 10 minutes or in front of any premises for any time if the owner or lessee of the ground floor thereof objects.

G. Not create or maintain any booth or stand, or place any barrels, boxes, crates or other obstructions, upon any street or public place for the purpose of selling or exposing for sale any goods, wares or merchandise.

See attached.



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 8

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: February 23, 2018

CONTACT: Marcus Serrano, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of a request by the Rye Free Reading Room for use of the Village Green on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a free theater performance.

**FOR THE MEETING OF:**

February 28, 2018

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SECTION

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the request for use of the Village Green.

**IMPACT:**  Environmental  Fiscal  Neighborhood  Other:

**BACKGROUND:** The Rye Free Reading Room has requested use of the Village Green to hold a free theater performance offered in partnership with Lawn chair Theatre. To allow for setup and cleanup activities, the RFRR requests permission to use the Village Green from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The performance will run between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

See attached request.



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February 7, 2018

Honorable Joshua Cohen, Mayor  
Rye City Council

Dear Mayor Cohen:

The Rye Free Reading Room respectfully requests the use of the Village Green on Thursday, July 19, 2018 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.

Sincerely,

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Chris Shoemaker  
Library Director





# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 9

DEPT.: Finance

DATE: February 20, 2018

CONTACT: Joseph Fazzino, Deputy City Comptroller

**AGENDA ITEM:** Authorize payment of the balance of the 2017/2018 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District.

**FOR THE MEETING OF:**

February 28, 2018

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Mayor and the City Council authorize payment of the 12/31/17 balance of \$75,080.78 on 3/1/2018.

**IMPACT:**  Environmental  Fiscal  Neighborhood  Other:

**BACKGROUND:**

The balance of unpaid Rye Neck U.F.S.D. taxes on property within the City of Rye is \$75,080.78 at 12/31/17. This balance represents 0.63% of the total tax levied, \$11,840,493, on September 1, 2017. Arrears notices will be mailed in conjunction with the 2018 City tax bills, and again during March 2018, May 2018 and June 2018 to try to collect these balances prior to the filing of the list of delinquent taxes with the County scheduled for July 1, 2018.

In accordance with Section 22.9 of the City Charter, it is requested that the City Council authorize the City Comptroller to pay the Treasurer of the Rye Neck UFSD the amount due at December 31, 2017.