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Committee of the Whole
Refusal to Accept Unwrapped Coins
Code of Ordinance, Section 18-24
June 21, 2011

Honorable Mayor, Mark D. Boughton
Members of the City Council

Council President, Joseph Cavo called the meeting to order at 8:14 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the **Refusal to Accept Unwrapped Coins – Code of Ordinance, Section 18-24.**

Council Members Present: Robert Arconti, Phillip Curran, Nancy Deep-Damici, Colleen Stanley, Phillip Colla, Shay Nagarsheth, Joseph Cavo, Jack Knapp, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul Rotello, Mary Teicholz, and Donald Taylor.

Council Members Absent: Council Members Seabury, Riley and Visconti were out of town, Council Member Halas was working, Council Member Saadi was on Military Service, Council Member Trombetta was attending to family business, Council Member Scozzafava was ill.

PRESENT: 14 Absent: 7

President Cavo asked Scott Ferguson, Tax Collector, to report to the committee. Mr. Ferguson stated that he was asking the Council to require that payments made by coin be done so in wrapped denominations with the amount of coins. This will improve customer service and eliminate the disruptions that are caused when a large amount of coins are used to pay bills at the tax office.

A discussion regarding the legality, verification of amounts, acquiring a change counter, administration of coin collection and the motivation for paying with coin ensued. Mr. Pinter informed the Committee that there was no prohibition found. In addition he added that placing restrictions on the type of tender for administrative convenience based on the needs of the City was acceptable.

Council Member Teicholz moved to recommend the amendment of Code Ordinance Section 18-24 regarding tax and receivable payment in coinage as set forth in the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor. Voting in favor were Robert Arconti, Phillip Curran, Nancy Deep-Damici, Colleen Stanley, Phillip Colla, Shay Nagarsheth, Joseph Cavo, Jack Knapp, Peter Nero, Paul Rotello, Mary Teicholz, and Donald Taylor. Voting against the motion were Duane Perkins and Benjamin Chianese. ***Motion passed 12/2.***

There being no further business before the **Council Member Donald Taylor made a motion to adjourn** which was seconded by Council Member Colla. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The City Council adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cavo, President