

PUBLIC HEARING

December 12, 2012 – 4:40 p.m.

Chairman Wood called the public hearing to order.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed local law “Authorizing the Leasing of Real Property from Saratoga Prime Properties, LLC for a term of Ten Years.”

Chairman Wood told all in attendance the rules of the Public Hearing. He then asked if there was anyone wishing to speak. There was one.

Peter (Owner of Saratoga Diner) – “I am from 153 South Broadway which is the parcel adjacent to the parcel in question and I am here to voice my strong opposition to this project, this lease. As a taxpayer, we are saving no money by entering into this lease. In these hard economic times, we will be spending \$337,000, approximately, per year for the lease plus taxes, which will put you over the \$350,000 that the Saratogian has reported you are spending per year now. In addition, two members of this advisory council were on a GAPS Committee which started meeting last year and just issued a report on ways in which this area of the City can be revitalized, commercially and economically. And I have spoken with other business owners and landowners on this proposed Mental Health Center here on South Broadway and not one has said that it will actually add to the economic revitalization for this part of town and actually could hinder it. We own three acres of commercial property in this stretch and we had a lessee who was interested in entering into lease negotiation with us just last week and they bailed when they heard that this was coming next door. Lastly, I would also like to say that this is not the prime location for an institution such as this. It should be put near other places where there are health care providers. All those health care providers are on the west side of the City near the hospital or off of West Avenue. There are no other health care providers in this area so it would not make sense for the patients to be here if they needed any auxiliary help they would then have to find their way to the opposite part of the City. So, those are my comments. Thank you.”

Chairman Wood asked if any written communications were received. Being none, the public hearing adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Hargrave, Clerk