

At 5:02pm a Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value and pending litigation with the City of Plattsburgh Fire Department.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:18pm

Mayor Read stated returned from Executive Session discussed acquisition of real property, the public discussion of which, would significantly affect its value and pending litigation City vs. Plattsburgh Fire Department.

No decisions were made during Executive Session.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

August 16, 2018

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5)

**Absent:** Councilor Joshua Kretser (W6)

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** spoke about Watercross Jet ski event may come back for National competition the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> since their original location, Watkins Glen, is having huge amount of rain. Also, the council should have some more information in the coming weeks on parking solutions from Matt and Ethan.

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on August 2, 2018 and August 9, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week

ending August 15, 2018 in the amount of \$ 467,522.42 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 7-13, 2018
- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of August 8-14, 2018
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee held on August 2, 2018
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee held on August 9, 2018

**• COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser absent. Councilor Armstrong indicated they have met with group of stake holders regarding Feral and Roaming cat issues, possible solutions and hope to bring a resolution to council soon.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel update on road work.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated committee met earlier this evening, Chamberlain Marks gave monthly report, Mayor still on track to produce his budget.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated no updates and committee meeting next week.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated no updates.

**MLD - MLD Board President** Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending August 17, 2018 in the amount of \$ 477,752.14 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby

authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**Motion to remove item 7A from the Table**

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh High School to have its annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The parade route would begin at Stafford Middle School on Broad Street continue up Rugar Street, then down Adirondack Lane onto Clifford Drive and finally down Angell Drive concluding at the entrance of Plattsburgh High School. There will be no cost for Police since streets are not closed and they should be able to handle the event with regularly scheduled officers and no cost for Public Works.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion: Yes

**Councilor motion to add the following to the resolution:**

The school will provide adult marshals to walk on each side of parade for safety purposes.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle and Ensel voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION:** Adopted

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Plattsburgh High School to have its annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The parade route would begin at Stafford Middle School on Broad Street continue up Rugar Street, then down Adirondack Lane onto Clifford Drive and finally down Angell Drive concluding at the entrance of Plattsburgh High School. There will be no cost for Police since streets are not closed and they should be able to handle the event with regularly scheduled officers and no cost for Public Works. The school will provide adult marshals to walk on each side of parade for safety purposes.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Common Council will publish a presentation and survey to gauge community interest for a ban on plastic straws, swizzle sticks, and cocktail picks.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Access Agreement with NYSEG with respect to the City of Plattsburgh's property located on Green Street adjacent to the Saranac River.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action:

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**D.** Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh imposed a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to address commercial cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to SEQR, the Common Council has determined the proposed action to be a Type 1 Action; and

Whereas, the proposed action requires the approval and/or involvement of several agencies, including the Common Council; and

Whereas, the Common Council desires to serve as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting an environmental review of the proposed action in accordance with SEQR regulations; and

Whereas, the City intends to prepare a Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency for the purpose of establishing itself as lead agency; and

Whereas, the City intends to prepare a full Environment Assessment Form to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that provided no other involved agency indicates a desire to serve as Lead Agency within thirty days of the date of this notice, the Common Council will serve in that capacity, in accordance with SEQR regulations.

It is further resolved, that this resolution will be effective immediately.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolution**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move resolution)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E.** Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to address commercial cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to GML 239-m, the Common Council has determined that the proposed action requires a referral to the Clinton County Planning Department;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council authorizes the submission of a GML 239-m referral to the Clinton County Planning Department for this proposed local law.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Canadian Pacific Railway to close the road at railroad crossing on Boynton Avenue between North Catherine Street and Margaret Street, for rehabilitation of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested from Monday, August 27 – Friday, August 31, 2018. CP Rail is expecting that the roadway will be closed all hours of the day and night. (This was request was previously approved on August 2, 2018 with a street closure daytime hours only).

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolution**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All voted in the affirmative to waive reading and move resolution)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves All State Construction to close Park Avenue between Olivetti Place and Sanborn Avenue on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 between 7am and 330pm to accommodate the delivery of a HTHW Generator to the Central Plant for SUNY Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Dowdle** asked for status of where we are with school district on Webb Island foot bridge.

**Mayor Read** indicated we have all (school district and city) made recommendations and the school district attorney has all of the information now.

[further discussion ensued]

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:04 pm**