

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:30PM**

Roll Call: Chair Councilor Dowdle, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Armstrong, Councilor Ensel, Mayor Read arrived after roll call at 4:31pm, Councilor Kretser and Councilor McFarlin arrived after roll call at 4:34 pm.

Others Present: Fire Chief Lawliss, Building Inspector McMahon and Police Chief Ritter

Absent: None

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

1. Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for August 2018
2. Proposal from Police Chief Ritter on Community Policing and an outline for a presence in the downtown area.

Police Chief Ritter further explained, spoke about possible lease of space in the downtown area to have a police presence downtown. [further discussion ensued]

3. Existing building codes for rental properties throughout the City. Are they sufficient to address rising concerns?

Councilor Krestor expressed concerns he is hearing for residents downtown. [further discussion ensued]

4. Council will hold 2019 Budget Sessions with Public Safety Departments beginning with Building Inspector's office.

3. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

1. Request from Police Chief Ritter to enter in to a year contract with Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital for animal shelter services for fees outlined in the agreement.

Police Chief Ritter indicated agreement is still being revised so asked Council to Table this item.

2. Request from the City Chamberlain to increase capital project H5110.59, Old Base Marina Flood Damage, by \$8,500.00 to pay for the completion of the project work, which now totals \$1,735,500, and to finalize the funding request submission to FEMA for the federal share of project funding.
3. Request from Assistant Superintendent Public Works Mike Bessette that Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order No. 5 to Contract #2016-16 "Slope Stabilization Project-Oklahoma Avenue" in the amount of \$38,106.44.
4. Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to amend the Planned Unit Development regulations which impact the Central Business Zoning District within the City; 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.

5. Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to amend the Planned Unit Development regulations which impact the Central Business Zoning District within the City; 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.

6. Request from the City Chamberlain to increase the appropriation for capital project H8320.68, Meade Dam Design and Bidding Work, by \$50,000 for additional testing to be performed by Schnabel Engineering funded by an internal transfer of Infrastructure Investment Charges - Mead Dam revenue from the 2018 water bill collections.

7. Request from Environmental Manager Jon Ruff that the Common Council agree to and authorize the execution of this agreement with CDM Smith in the not-to-exceed amount of \$66,700. Funding will be from Capital Project H8130.55.
8. Request from the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.64, 2018 Equipment Purchase, to include an asphalt truck for use in street reconstruction and maintenance and to fund the \$185,000 additional equipment cost from the City's 2018 NYS CHIPS funding allocation.
9. Request from Police Chief Ritter for two Police Department employees to attend "NY Women in Law Enforcement 9th Annual Training conference" from October 17-19, 2018 in Callicoon, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$1,204.50 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Motion to move Items 2-9 to Regular Agenda.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
 (RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
 (RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:03 pm