

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

January 24, 2019

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on January 17, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 23, 2019 in the amount of \$_____ 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 _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee held on January 17, 2019
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for December 2018

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin

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 _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending January 25, 2019 in the amount of \$_____ 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 _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority and provisions of Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York and the statutory powers vested in the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh (“Common Council”) to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, pursuant to Local Law P-3 of 2018, which was adopted on March 15, 2018, the Common Council declared an eighteen (18) month moratorium on all applications or proceedings for

applications, for the issuance of approvals or permits for the commercial cryptocurrency mining operations in the City of Plattsburgh (“City”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law P-3 of 2018, the aforementioned moratorium may be terminated earlier than eighteen (18) months if the Common Council determines by resolution that the purpose of the local law have been fulfilled;

WHEREAS, the City formed a cryptocurrency zoning committee to study the matter; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018, the New York State Public Service Commission adopted an Order Approving Tariff Amendments with Modifications (“Rider-A”) impacting High Density Load Customers to mitigate/minimize any utility surcharges experienced by residential customers as a result of incremental purchase power costs; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2018, the Common Council adopted Local Law P-6 of 2018, which established zoning regulations, fire suppression requirements, heat controls, noise limits, and nuisance abatement provisions for commercial cryptocurrency mining operations in the City.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Common Council determines that the purpose of the Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operation Moratorium established by Local Law P-3 of 2018 have been fulfilled and the Moratorium is hereby terminated, effective the date this resolution is approved.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves continuing the contract with James Burgess as the Nuisance Animal Control Officer for 2019 for the same total cost as in 2018 of \$25,000.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council determines that the

“WPCP Upgrades” CWSRF Project No. C5-5502-01-00 is a Type II Action under SEQR and no further action is required.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, the Common Council authorizes the retention of GAR Associates, LLC to perform certain real estate appraisal services for the assessment litigation involving Georgia Pacific v. City of Plattsburgh, per the terms as set forth in their engagement proposal, dated June 27, 2018, which was sent to the City’s special counsel.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Building Inspector Joseph McMahan, Housing Inspector Kyle Burdo and Municipal Code Inspector James Welch to attend the 24th Annual Northern Adirondack Continuing Education Conference promoting the Code Officials Role as a First Preventer” in Lake Placid, New York from March 3-7, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$915. This codes education conference provides mandatory training hours to retain Code Enforcement Certification.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves for two Police Department employees to attend “Homeland Security Initial Response to Active Shooters Training” from January 28-29, 2019 in Oriskany, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$276 and will be

expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. The registration and the lodging will be paid for by the Department of Homeland Security.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____