

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 15, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1) [*participated via Skype*], Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Steve Brodi (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on October 8, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

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

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 October 14, 2020 in the amount of **\$ 57,158.48** 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on October 8, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated October 13, 2020

**COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[reports given during work session]

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Barbell audio was not available since he was participating via Skype. Councilor Brodi indicated nothing new to report.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned Public Works repaved City Hall parking lot which was in need of repair and it was mostly done in house.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated nothing to report.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated nothing to report.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated nothing to report.

**MLD** - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin mentioned MLD Board meeting will be held on October 29, 2020.

**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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Brodi

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

(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 October 16, 2020 in the amount of \$ 1,065,162.19 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

(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:**

**A. RESOLVED,** that the Common Council hereby directs City Attorney to make a GML 239-M referral to the Clinton County Planning Board for Local Law P-4 of 2020: A local law amending Chapter 300 “Subdivision of Land” and Chapter 360 “Zoning” of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh to provide exemptions for City Projects.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Barbell, Kelly and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilors Gibbs, Brodi and McFarlin voted in the negative. Mayor Read broke the tie in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. APPROVING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PLATTSBURGH FARMERS’ AND CRAFTERS’ MARKET RELOCATION PORTION OF DOWNTOWN AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plattsburgh revitalization efforts will involve several downtown area improvement projects known as the Downtown Area Improvement Projects (DAIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plattsburgh Common Council determined to conduct comprehensive review of the DAIP through preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Section 617.10 of Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council, as duly designated Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA, conducted a thorough SEQRA review of the DAIP, including conducting scoping, preparing Draft and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), conducting a Public Hearing and adopting a SEQRA Findings Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Findings Statement determined, among other things, that given the demonstrated public need and benefit of the DAIP, its lack of significant adverse environmental impacts and its avoidance of such impacts by project design, location and mitigation, the decision to proceed with the Project as proposed gave due consideration to and represented a reasonable and proper balancing of environmental considerations with social, economic and other relevant considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Findings Statement further determined and certified that, consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the DAIP avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable and incorporates as conditions to the Board’s decision those mitigation measures that were identified as practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, approval from the Common Council is now needed for award of the construction contract, which is required to enable the Plattsburgh Farmers’ and Crafters’ Market (PFCM) Relocation to proceed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Common Council authorizes the award of the construction contract for the Project Base Bid, Project Alternate #3, and Project Alternate #4 included in the “City of Plattsburgh – DRI Downtown Grant Program Proposed Farmer Market – Re-bid” bid specification to Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. in the total amount of \$276,600. Per the terms of the DRI’s Downtown Grant Program (DGP) and the Common Council’s prior DGP funding award, 90% of the total construction cost up to a maximum of \$250,000 shall be reimbursed through the DGP.
2. The Common Council has reviewed the proposed construction contract award and finds that it constitutes an integral component of the PFCM Relocation portion of the DAIP which was thoroughly reviewed under SEQRA.
3. The potential environmental impacts of this construction contract award were adequately addressed as an essential component of the PFCM Relocation portion of the DAIP in the GEIS and the Findings Statement and the proposed construction contract award is not likely to result in

any new or different environmental impacts than those previously considered during SEQRA review of the DAIP. Therefore, no further SEQRA review is necessary.

- 4. The Common Council authorizes and directs the Mayor, City Clerk, Director of Community Development, City Attorney and/or Special Legal Counsel to take such further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Motion to waive reading and move Resolution**

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 Common Council approves that Planner Malana Tamer be named the City of Plattsburgh’s Responsible Local Official and Primary Login Holder for the purposes of access and use of the Internet Government Solutions (IGS) Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) system.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore  
(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 Gibbs** made a statement about Budget.

**Councilor Moore** concerned about Council meetings attendance getting larger, people shouting, may need to have a discussion about going back to Zoom meetings since ore cases of COVID doesn’t want to have an outbreak due to large attendance.

**Mayor Read** noted we have prepared building to keep people safe if they follow, doesn’t think we should go back to Zoom meetings.

**Councilor Brodi** asked Chamberlain Marks about budget and loss projections in June.

[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 Brodi

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:46 pm**