

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

July 11, 2019
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

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

Absent: Councilor **Rachelle Armstrong (W1)**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Thanked employees that helped out for Mayors Cup it was a great event. Mentioned good reporting about Manning clause in Newspaper. This is an opportunity to sit down with Firefighters union and figure out ways to enhance our services and provide the best value to our taxpayers.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on July 3, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending July 10, 2019 in the amount of **\$ 61,984.82** 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 Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of 7/3/19-7/9/19
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee held on July 3, 2019
- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of June 18 – July 8, 2019

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

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong absent. Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated just had meeting.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly committee meets next week.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs mentioned she and Councilor Ensel are meeting next week with Mayor, Fire Chief and Police Chief. Sent list to Mayor Read for Chief Ritter regarding what they would like to see in reports and hopefully they will see that soon.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending July 12, 2019 in the amount of \$ 608,673.65 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 Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. WHEREAS; The City of Plattsburgh is committed to securing funding to continue to improve of its Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and to ensuring that the City’s water and sewer systems are safe and responsible;

WHEREAS; Funds are available to support a Commemoration Bridge Combined Sewage Overflow CSO through the 2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Application through the Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) to support such activities;

WHEREAS; The City of Plattsburgh is aware of the match required by DEC and agrees to provide the funding and the oversight to execute the grant according to the timeline outlined in the application;

RESOLVED; City of Plattsburgh Mayor Colin Read is hereby authorized and directed to submit a grant application and to accept any awarded funds from, and enter into, and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance for the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. WHEREAS, a Project for the City of Plattsburgh Pedestrian Crossing Signal Improvement Project. P.I.N. 70PS03 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds and 0% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh hereby authorizes the Chamberlain of the City of Plattsburgh to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$576,000 is hereby appropriated from the City of Plattsburgh and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance

funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project. and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves C&S Engineers Inc. to provide engineering services for the PSAP Grant NYSDOT PIN #70PS03 (Contract No. D036016), for a total design cost of \$70,000 which will be paid out of the PMLD City Electrical System Budget until reimbursement from the NYSDOT occurs. Intersections to Include:

- 1. Cornelia Street and Broad Street
- 2. Cornelia Street and Prospect Avenue
- 3. Cornelia Street and Beekman Street
- 4. Cornelia Street and North Catherine Street
- 5. Oak Street and Brinkerhoff Street

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ed Garrow and Sons to close Robinson Terrace (from Margaret Street to Oak Street) for one day between July 15-19, 2019 to replace a sewer lateral under the road at 249 Margaret Street.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.68, 2019 Monument Stage, for an increase in appropriations for the project from \$80,000 to \$98,579 to be funded in total by the General Fund.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

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

(Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a contract with Mr. Noah Phillips for nuisance animal control effective 7/11/19. Mr. Phillips meets all of the criteria set forth by the council, and has produced all the documentation required for insurance coverage per the contract.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from Bill Treacy, MLD, the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign the AEDA Preliminary Services Contract for AEDA to assist in the permitting process with the Town of Plattsburgh for 217 Sharron Avenue. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000.00 for this contract.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

Councilor Moore added the following for Initial Consideration:

Extending the term of the Livable Community Advisory Committee until September.

Motion to amend resolution to:

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves extending the term of

the Livable Community Advisory Committee until submission of Final Report by committee.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

Motion to waive rule 4 for Initial Consideration and move the resolution:

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves extending the term of the Livable Community Advisory Committee until submission of Final Report by committee.

Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilors Moore and Gibbs visited business and plan on going back downtown to visit more businesses. Councilor Gibbs wanted to clarify when Press Republican spoke to her about article she didn't mention business names that she visited because she didn't want to do so without the business owner's permission. She didn't know the Press would be doing an article and hadn't checked with business owners prior.

Mayor Read wanted to clarify that the Community Development Office did approach all the downtown businesses, hand delivered invitations to businesses and if he recalls held a number of focus groups to give every business opportunity to hear where the various plans were and solicit as much comment as possible.

Councilor Ensel mentioned he had a number of constituents contact him about vehicles being parked in Penfield Park during baseball games and at other times and wanted to let Chief Ritter know for his review.

Mayor Read mentioned on **Councilor Armstrong's** behalf that the task force is starting up, first meeting possibly next week and has had some pre meetings to get certified as a Smart Community.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Ernie Gillespie 89 Main Mill, thanked Public Works Department asked if any consideration given to changing to 15 mph zone, is MLD installing security camera at substation near his home.

Mayor Read mentioned new Planner starting soon and will have her review speed zone request. And MLD is increasing security in that area with fence and new signage.

Tim Palkovic 21 Champlain Street, spoke about possibility of retrofitting Glens Falls National Bank in to condominiums and leave Durkee Street parking lot as is and his concerns about destruction of Plattsburgh Farmers Market building.

Mayor Read clarified Farmers Market Building isn't being destroyed it is being moved in collaboration with the Farmers Market organization and made to a year round facility and there isn't any parking spots lost. For every one removed there will be another replaced elsewhere. Approximately, 100 space will remain in that Durkee Street area.

Sylvie Beaudreau Associate Professor of History at SUNY Plattsburgh and a City resident and taxpayer, spoke about article in Press Republican regarding Councilor Gibbs and Moore tour downtown to talk to business owners about the Prime LLC project, content on the Save Durkee Street Facebook group she created, and various concerns about project.

Joan Janson, member of Livable Community Advisory Committee the Environmental subcommittee, spoke about concerns with the visual impact of the Durkee Street project, volunteers to help with architecture improvements in the hauled waste area at the Water Resource Recovery Facility that was mentioned during committee meeting, and is exceedingly frustrated that as a volunteer on a committee, that was formed by the city trying to meet with city entities, she meets with what she feels is censorship.

Noah Phillips, new Nuisance Animal Control officer for City, introduced himself asked Council if they had any questions.

Susan Thew asked if the process will be the same as before for nuisance animal complaints and go through Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Read indicated no change in protocol complaints will go through **City Police Department** not Sheriffs Department.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Moore

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:08 pm