

1. Finance & Budget Committee Agenda

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**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 21, 2019  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AGENDA  
4:30PM**

**Roll Call: Chair Councilor Kelly, Councilor Moore, Mayor Read**

**Others Present:**

**Absent:**

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**1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:**

1. Council will hold summary 2020 Budget Sessions

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

1. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller:

**ACCEPTING DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS COMPLETE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW, SCHEDULING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plattsburgh revitalization efforts will result in several downtown area improvement projects (collectively the “Projects”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plattsburgh Common Council ("Common Council") determined that the Projects collectively are a Type I Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), identified the potential Involved Agencies under SEQRA and was duly designated as SEQRA Lead Agency with consent of the Involved Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council determined to conduct comprehensive review of the Projects through preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) pursuant to SEQRA and Section 617.10 of the implementing Regulations set forth at Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR); and

**WHEREAS**, The Chazen Companies prepared a Draft Scoping Document pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.8 and the Common Council, as SEQRA Lead Agency, provided a copy of the Draft

Scope to all Involved Agencies, made it available to any individual or SEQRA Interested Agency that expressed an interest in writing to the Lead Agency and provided both a period of time for the public to review and provide written comments on the Draft Scope and a public scoping session to provide for public input; and

**WHEREAS**, a Final Scoping Document was accepted by the Common Council and Chazen has prepared a Draft GEIS ("DGEIS") in accordance with the Final Scoping Document to assess the potential impacts of the Projects;

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

1. The Common Council hereby accepts and approves the DGEIS as complete for public review.
  2. A Public Hearing on the DGEIS will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council chambers of Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.
  3. Written comments will be accepted on the DGEIS during the public comment period until 2:00 p.m. on December 23, 2019 and must be submitted in writing to the Plattsburgh Common Council, c/o Beth Carlin, Mayor's Office, Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.
  4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Completion of DGEIS and Notice of Public Hearing and provide copies of the DGEIS as required by SEQRA.
  5. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing not less than 14 calendar days in advance of the public hearing in *The Press Republican*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
  6. Copies of the DGEIS will be available for inspection at City Clerk's Office, Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901 and on the City's website at <https://www.cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov/604/DRI-Environmental-Impact-GEIS>.
  7. The City Clerk is further authorized and directed to provide a copy of the DGEIS to all SEQRA Involved Agencies and any individual or SEQRA Interested Agency that has expressed an interest in writing.
2. Request from the City Clerk to increase Taxi Vehicle License fees from \$80.00 per year to \$100.00 per year, Taxi Operator License fees from \$50.00 per year to \$75.00 per year and amendments for both from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Fee increases to start January 1, 2020. According to Section 314-11 of the City Code.
3. Request from Clinton County, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Dannemora to modify term of the 9/24/19 "Wastewater Operating Agreement" to be from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
4. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller that the Mayor is authorized to sign an amendment to the professional services agreement between the City of Plattsburgh and KAS, Inc. in the amount of \$26,673 to include project management and oversight, fill sampling and analysis, and third party air/project monitoring in accordance with NYS Industrial Code Rule 56 for the asbestos abatement and/or demolition of five (5) former Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department buildings located at 26 Green St. Payment shall be made from capital project '2019 Green Street Demolition (H5110.72).

5. Request that a public forum be made available commencing November 29, 2019 for a period of 40 days at Trinity Park providing free, equal and unrestricted access for holiday displays. The maximum size is 10 x 10, and requests must be filed with the City Clerk's office in advance. A \$20 fee for electricity and Certificate of Insurance are required.

6. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller that Common Council approves a grant from the Downtown Grant Program (DGP), a constituent project of the larger Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), be awarded to the City of Plattsburgh in the amount of \$250,000 to complete improvements related to the renovation and expansion of former Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department Building 4 located at 26 Green Street and for improvements to the surrounding grounds. These improvements will create a new downtown destination in the City's Harborside area and the renovated building will improve food access for City residents and visitors by serving as the new home for the Plattsburgh Farmers' and Crafters' Market during their annual operating season; and it is further

RESOLVED, this award is made pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of the DGP, including any associated grant documents.

7. Request from Councilor Armstrong for Initial Consideration of draft resolution in support of the energy innovation and carbon dividend act of 2019 (h.r. 763).

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_  
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Kelly, Councilor Moore, Mayor Read

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**3. OLD BUSINESS**

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**4. NEW BUSINESS**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_  
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Kelly, Councilor Moore, Mayor Read

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** \_\_\_\_\_