

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

May 7, 2020

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Appreciated Assessment discussions during committee meeting with City Assessor Tim Surpitski and Clinton County Legislator Chris Rosenquest. And need to take Assessment seriously.

Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we honor and respect our elders and citizens of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities who reside in skilled nursing care centers in **the City of Plattsburgh, New York** and,

WHEREAS, skilled nursing care centers throughout our area are holding **window, virtual or recorded video visits** in observance of National Skilled Nursing Care Week, May 10 to 16, 2020, using this year's theme of "**Sharing Our Wisdom,**" and,

WHEREAS, the residents and highly committed health care providers are very much in this together, and for that we are very grateful, and

WHEREAS, we do our part to help them both by ensuring we practice safe distancing, and

WHEREAS, I urge all citizens to virtually visit or call a loved one, family member or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word and spend time participating in various virtual activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continuing love and support; and,

WHEREAS, my administration is committed to quality health care, we take this moment to embrace the essence of the theme "**Sharing Our Wisdom.**" Let's join all residents, patients, caregivers, nurses, other staff and volunteers in celebrating this special week; and,

THEREFORE, do I, Colin Read, as Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh declare the week of May 10 to 16, 2020, as National Skilled Nursing Care Week, a week to honor both our vulnerable citizens who receive care and the dedicated ones giving care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the city of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this seventh day of May
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty
Colin L. Read, Mayor

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on April 30, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, 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 May 6, 2020 in the amount of \$ 492,816.96 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 Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Reports from the Police Department dated May 4, 2020
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month of April 2020 in the total amount of \$3,469.50

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated met tonight had an interesting report from City Assessor and moved items to the agenda.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing to report, next week is Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated he emailed weekly finance update to council.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated ongoing discussions about concerns on Overtime. Requested some information from Chief Lawliss.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated our Library Director working with other libraries across the state and reopening with CDC guidelines, expect 25% cut in State funding and expect staggered opening August 1st.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated Board met last week.

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

Mayor Read moved Item G to this point of agenda:

G. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE BRODI TO THE VACANT COMMON COUNCIL SEAT OF WARD 4 BEGINNING MAY 8, 2020 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending May 8, 2020 in the amount of \$ 719,762.22 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the City Chamberlain is authorized to revise capital project H5110.65, Arnie Pavone Memorial Parking Plaza, by increasing the project total by \$38,605.04 for a new total of \$967,243.04. The additional funding will be transferred from the General Fund for 2020 capital project spending.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7A & 7B

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 7A & 7B)

Discussion: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order Nos. 20-097, 20-098, and 20-099 to the "Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of Glens Falls National Bank Building" contract with Dan's Hauling & Demo, Inc. in the total amount of \$38,605.04.

[See details under Item 7B]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a budget transfer of \$5,000 from Community Development Regular Payroll to Community Development Overtime Payroll thereby not requiring an increase to the 2020 General Fund Budget.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

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

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

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

Follow up Action: None

D. Whereas, on January 22, 2020 the City of Plattsburgh released a Request for Proposals for the operation of the City Marina; and

Whereas, the Common Council acknowledges receipt and review of the only proposal received in response to the City's Request for Proposals, which was entitled "Proposal for Marina Operation and/or Building Lease for Plattsburgh City Marina" submitted by the Plattsburgh Boat Basin, Inc. on or about February 18, 2020; and

Whereas, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which has included the closure of the US/Canadian border to non-essential crossings, the scope of the 2020 boating season has likely diminished; and

Whereas, due to the likely diminishment of the 2020 boating season, the City and Plattsburgh Boat Basin refined and re-negotiated their previously submitted proposal; and now therefore

It is hereby RESOLVED, in accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Marina Management Agreement between Plattsburgh Boat Basin and the City of Plattsburgh, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

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

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh owns a +/- 224 acre parcel, which is identified as tax map parcel 220.-4-32 on the 2019 assessment roll (“Subject Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Parcel is accessed via Reeve’s Lane and is bounded to the south by the Saranac River, to the east by private property and SUNY Plattsburgh, to the North by Rugar Street, and to the West by I-87; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Parcel is adjoining the City’s territorial boundaries and is located in the Town of Plattsburgh, primarily in an Industrial Zone, with the northern portion of the Subject Parcel located in a Service-Commercial Zone; and

WHEREAS, other than underground utilities and Reeves Lane, the only improvement on the Subject Parcel is the City-owned Compost Facility, as the remainder of the parcel is uninhabited and unimproved; and

WHEREAS, while it is located in the Town, the City has long recognized the enhanced value of this adjoining property if it were to be annexed into the City and further recognizes that any annexation effort ultimately requires a determination of overall public interest pursuant to the GML; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue the annexation of the Subject Parcel, including any parcel encompassed therein, as furtherance of the overall public interest; and

WHEREAS, annexation of a parcel greater than 100 acres is a Type 1 action; and

WHEREAS, by determination dated May 15, 2019, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos confirmed that the City of Plattsburgh is the lead agency for the SEQRA review for the reasons set forth in that determination; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 7, 2019 the City of Plattsburgh invited the Town to “provide written comments as soon as practical regarding any significant environmental impacts identified by the Town so that the City may take the requisite hard look at these potential impacts” and also invited other participation; and

WHEREAS, the City has received various consultant reports and recommendations in furtherance of the environmental review.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, as designated lead agency, determines this proposed annexation review a Type 1 action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council has received and reviewed Part 1 of the Long Form EAF, the EAF Narrative, and the various consultant reports/studies identified in the EAF Narrative and resolves to take a hard look at potential environmental impacts at a public meeting through the completion of Part 2 of the Long Form EAF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes and directs the City Planner, City Attorney and/or Special Legal Counsel to take such further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
Discussion: Yes

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller , with technical assistance from consultant Michael Coon and City Planner Malana Tamer, reviews and completes Long Form EAF Part 2 with all Council members. During review of Long Form EAF Part 2 "Identification of Potential Impacts" some "moderate to large" potential impacts were identified, as set forth on the Part 2 form, and the Council directed Corporation Counsel, special counsel and other city staff or consultants to prepare a draft EAF Part 3 for the Council's review and consideration at a future meeting.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: That the Common Council hereby amends the Organization Rules of the Common Council, which were approved at a meeting dated January 2, 2020 as follows:

Effective May 14, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the weekly Committee meetings, Work Sessions, and Regular Meetings of the Common Council, and their standing committees, will be held earlier in the day so that the committee meetings/work sessions will hereafter commence at 4:15 p.m. and the Regular Meetings of the Common Council will hereafter commence at 5:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Assistant or City Clerk is directed to provide a notification to the press, the department heads, and also to publish this revised meeting schedule in City's designated paper. [*note: advertisement published in legal section of City of Plattsburgh designated paper Press Republican on May 13, 2020*]

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore
Discussion: Yes

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

This item moved after “4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS”

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[Action taken on item moved to agenda after “4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS”]

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Mayor Read mentioned Justin Ihne here from YMCA to speak about some ideas.

Justin Ihne from YMCA mentioned ideas for YMCA summer plans for reopening per NYS Direction. Spoke to Mayor about possibility of running summer programs from Rec Center gym and Oval Fields. They would provide programing and staffing.

[further discussion ensued with Council]

Justin Ihne from YMCA also mentioned the Beach and YMCA may have opportunity to help with the summer depending on what is allowed by NYS.

[further discussion ensued with Council]

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

[Note: Councilor Gibbs left meeting at 6:53pm]

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Roll Call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:53pm