

**GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MAY 7, 2020  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
4:30 PM**

**Roll Call:** Councilor Barbell, Mayor Read

**Others Present:** Councilor Kelly, Councilor McFarlin, Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Moore

**Absent:** None

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

**Councilor Barbell** asked **Community Development Director Matthew Miller** to speak about options for Beach and different approach to use of gym facility.

**City Assessor Tim Surpitski** spoke about Assessments and answered council questions.

**Clinton County Legislator Chris Rosenquest** spoke about Assessments and answered council questions.

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

1. Request from 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.
2. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller 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.
3. Request from the City Chamberlain to authorize 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

**6. 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.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Mayor Read

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. OLD BUSINESS: None**

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**4. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Mayor Read; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:33 pm**