

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
4:30PM**

**Roll Call:** Chair Councilor Dowdle, Councilor Kelly, Mayor Read, Councilor Armstrong, Councilor Ensel. Councilor McFarlin and Councilor Kretser arrived after Roll Call.

**Others Present:** Fire Chief Lawliss, Police Chief Ritter and Building Inspector McMahon  
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**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**  
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**2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:**

1. **Building Inspector’s Tree Report 2018.** Discussion of report
2. **Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for May 2018.** Discussion of report.
3. **Department overtime expenses.** Police Chief and Fire Chief gave updates and explanation of how their departments got to this point.
4. **Overall budget expenses to date and anticipated budget monies for the remaining year**
5. **Possible area of discussion:** Sidewalk clearance with the Hedge Law and snow removal laws in place as well as enforced, leaves the issue of vehicles that park over sidewalks and how this matter now can be addressed, especially those occurring daily throughout the year.

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

1. Request from SUNY Police Chief Patrick Rascoe to divert and direct one-way traffic in a westerly direction (as in past school years) on Rugar St between the Myers Building roadway/Rugar Street intersection and the intersection of Sanborn Avenue/Rugar Street out to Park Avenue on Friday, August 24, 2018 from 7am to 7pm.
2. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller Authorizing Resolution To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the Community Development Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh’s plans to submit a Consolidated Funding to NYSHCR’s Community Development Block Grant-Public Infrastructure grant “**Mitigation of the City of Plattsburgh’s Water Resource and Recovery Facility**” as well as a CDBG Main Street Anchor Grant “**Facility Upgrades to the Train Station**”; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing consistent with Federal Requirements found in 24 CFR 570.486 is required prior to the submittal of the grant applications under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) administered by NYSHCR to seek direction and comments on the application; and

WHEREAS, the City will hold a public meeting on July 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm to discuss the applications and take public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development will take public comment on the applications until July 13, 2018; and

RESOLVED, the Community Development Office of the City of Plattsburgh shall cause any notice of hearing to be posted on the bulletin board in City Hall and published in official publications, and the Community Development Office shall also provide copies of the hearing notice to all City of Plattsburgh Council members.

- 3. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller that the Mayor be authorized to sign a lease agreement with “Signature Productions” to hold an event known as “2018 SPA BLOWOUT” in the Crete Civic Center Arena from Thursday, June 28, 2018 through Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The lease requires Signature Productions to pay the City of Plattsburgh rent in the amount of \$4,670.00. Further, the Council finds that this space is not needed for a public purpose during the proposed lease agreement term of five days and that this lease will be subject to presentation of sufficient proof of insurance.
- 4. Request from Fire Chief Scott Lawliss for three Fire Department employees to attend the 4 week “First Line Supervisors Training program” from July 30 – August 24, 2018 in Fort Totten, NY. The total cost should not exceed \$1,000.

**Motion to waive reading and move all Resolutions to agenda**

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

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**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Police Chief Ritter** spoke about successful “Gun Buy Back” event Co-sponsored by the New York State Attorney General’s Office recently held, it far exceeded expectations.

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**5. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:03 pm**