

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

August 6, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Steve Brodi (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5) [*arrived after Roll Call*], Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: **Councilor Mike Kelly (W2)**

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: spoke about COVID 19 statistics, made remarks about on the 75th Anniversary of the world’s first nuclear attacks that occurred at Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 August 5, 2020 in the amount of **\$ 86,323.07 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for July 28 – August 3, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated August 3, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[*meeting reports provided during work session*]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell met tonight nothing additional to report.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated no updates. Committee meeting next week.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly absent. Councilor Moore indicated no updates.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs met with Building Inspector McMahon and Chief Ritter will be having on going meetings looking at data.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates. **Mayor Read** mentioned some MLD staff are providing mutual aid in Hudson Valley due to Hurricane damage.

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 Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 August 7, 2020 in the amount of \$ 944,856.19 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 Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes and approves Mitchell Graham to utilize the mobile stage at Harborside on September 26, 2020 at 7:00pm for a drive in “Hip Hop event. All attendees must comply with then current health and safety regulations and recommendations. There will be a Food Vendor who must comply with NYS and Clinton County Health Department guidelines. In addition the event organizer, Mitchell Graham, will be responsible for providing any additional licenses or permits and utility fees, if required.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 Steven E Fuller Excavating Inc to close Ohio Avenue between Nevada Oval and Oklahoma Avenue. The closure is for the Ohio Ave Water Line Replacement Project. The road will be closed to all non-essential traffic between the hours of 6:30am to 3:30pm. Work will commence on August 17, 2020 and run for a duration of approximately 1 month.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 the City Chamberlain to increase General Fund Estimated Revenues for the refund of the Police Department cost for the City wide camera system and to increase the Police Department Motor Vehicle appropriations to provide for the purchase, instead of leasing, of two vehicles in 2020. The budget transfers and estimated revenue recognition will provide for the total increase necessary to purchase the motor vehicles requiring no increase to the 2020 General Fund budget.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Brodi

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a Memo of Understanding with the YMCA, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel, to allow for their use of the US Oval for their Youth Soccer program for the fall of 2020.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Gibbs, Brodi, 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 that the City of Plattsburgh will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall for the purposes of hearing public comments on the

application of the City of Plattsburgh's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: NYS CDBG-ED Project # 102813, Vilas Home, LLC with a funding amount of \$750,000.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Gibbs gave updates on Public Safety Citizens Panel, finishing a survey which will be posted on the city website, have a vacancy on the panel looking for candidates and next meeting August 10th at 4pm.

Mayor Read indicated we have received 4 interested applicants for Governance Strategy and City Operations committee to review.

Councilor Gibbs mentioned she has reviewed and all have similar skill set of current panel members looking for person possibly from the nonprofit area.

Councilor Barbell mentioned for public that Sailor Beach walking bridge that goes over railroad tracks near Fort Scott on Club Road is closed because boards it has become a safety hazard. Public Works Department is pricing out costs to repair.

Councilor Brodi indicated that a constituent has observed some employees not wearing masks when riding together in city vehicles.

Mayor Read indicated employees are supposed to wear masks when riding together in vehicles.

Councilor Brodi asked about Fire Department wrongful death claim asked for more information.

Mayor Read indicated we have seen the report from the State investigative body and we are deciding now how to proceed internally as well as sanctions imposed on the individual by the state. Mayor Read indicated once it is a public document he can share it with you

Councilor Barbell asked if the insurance company also conducted an investigation.

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller yes it is part of the process it is triggered by the notice of claim and further discussed process and insurance company role.

Councilor Barbell requested to **Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller** for insurance company to provide a report to the Mayor that could be passed on to Council for future discussions on this individual.

Councilor Brodi mentioned they had spoken about an employee incentive program for employees to come up with suggestions to save city money, asked who would work on such a program.

Mayor Read suggested **Councilor Brodi** get details together and then bring it to council.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:30pm