

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK
September 2, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Christopher Rosenquest, Councilors Jaime Canales (W1) (*participated via Zoom*), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Jennifer Tallon (W4), Jeff Moore (W6) (*participated via Zoom*)

Absent: Councilor Caitlin Bopp (W5)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on August 19, 2021 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Councilor Tallon asked for correction to Minutes August 19, 2021 under "Item 2: Public Comment on any topic" that stated "*Ayhan Ozyesil, spoke about vehicles not stopping for pedestrian in crosswalk Bridge/Durkee Street and he almost got hit in crosswalk.*" **Councilor Tallon** indicated that was incorrect and Ayhan Ozyesil was hit by a car in the crosswalk.

Mayor Rosenquest indicated a correction will be made to the Minutes of the Common Council held on August 19, 2021 to reflect that.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC: None

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR/LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Operations – Chair Councilor Canales indicated nothing to report.

Finance and Community Development – Chair Mayor Rosenquest number of items on agenda, discussed budget process/meetings with department head and councilor.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing to report, next meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated nothing to report had Fire Department budget session Wednesday, September 1st.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Liaison Councilor Bopp absent.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor Kelly indicated nothing to report.

Corporation Counsel – Dean Schneller indicated no updates and no need for executive session.

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending September 1, 2021 in the amount of \$ 53,951.59 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 Gibbs
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending September 3, 2021 in the amount of \$ 336,084.44 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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Tallon
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)
(All voted in the affirmative)

7. OTHER ITEMS:

The Mayor’s office requested Resolutions #7.215 -7.218 be placed on the agenda

7.215 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH AND AFSCME LOCAL 788

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

7.216 BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND MAYOR’S OFFICE CONFERENCE COSTS

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Canales
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

7.217 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ATTEND NYCOM FALL TRAINING SCHOOL CONFERENCE

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Canales

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

7.218 ADOPTION OF CLINTON COUNTY 2021 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

7.219 AUTHORIZE STREET CLOSURES FOR 2021 BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH EVENTS

By Councilor Tallon; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

7.220 WHEREAS, proposed Local Law P-4 of 2021 amending Chapter 360 "Zoning" of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh is described herein as the "Action" require review under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the City has received Part One of a Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Action.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City deems this Action as an Unlisted Action, with an uncoordinated review, which will require the completion and review of Part Two of a Short Form Environmental Assessment with the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh serving as the Lead Agency.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: Yes

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller explained former Councilor McFarlin introduced Local Law P-4

a few months ago this is to complete the SEQR review for that proposed action by the city. This resolution itself needs an unlisted action and if its approved we can then run through the impact assessment.

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor Tallon voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action:

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller explained he have now deemed this an unlisted action and now we can complete part 2 impact assessment from the Short Environmental Assessment Form. [*Corporation Counsel asked Mayor and Council questions to complete form*]

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller indicated the Common Council has identified one moderate to large impact which triggers Part 3 from the SEQR Short form determination of significance.

Mayor Rosenquest introduced resolution **7.221** below:

7.221 AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE PART THREE "DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if applicable, on motion) None

9. NEW BUSINESS: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:22 pm

RESOLUTION– 09/02/21

**7.215 RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH AND AFSCME LOCAL 788**

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Plattsburgh and AFSCME Local 788 for a six year term retroactive to July 1, 2018 and continuing through June 30, 2024 shall be and hereby is ratified and approved and the Mayor shall be and hereby is authorized to execute a collective bargaining agreement containing its terms on behalf of the City.

RESOLUTION– 09/02/21

7.216 RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND MAYOR’S OFFICE CONFERENCE COSTS

WHEREAS, the following resolution was adopted on September 2nd, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 General Fund budget does not make appropriations for the Mayor’s Office for cost to attend conferences and meetings with the New York State Conference of Mayors; and

WHEREAS, the City Chamberlain is requesting to provide for the unbudgeted costs through an additional General Fund transfer from the Mayor’s Office Regular Payroll for the fiscal year 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council Authorizes the City Chamberlain to adjust the General Fund budget, as follows:

It is being requested to adjust the 2021 General Fund Budget, as follows:

Increase: General Fund – Mayor Conferences	11210000-4462	\$ 2,000.00
Increase: General Fund – Mayor Regular Payroll	11210000-1100	\$ 2,000.00

To provide for unbudgeted appropriations in the Mayor’s Office in the General Fund for costs for attending conferences/meetings with the New York Conference of Mayors. The budget adjustment does not change the General Fund budget for 2021.

RESOLUTION- 09/02/21

7.217 RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ATTEND NYCOM FALL TRAINING SCHOOL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor Rosenquest to attend the "NYCOM Fall Training School" in Saratoga Springs, NY from September 20-23, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$1500.

RESOLUTION– 09/02/21

7.218 RESOLUTION: ADOPTION OF CLINTON COUNTY 2021 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York is most vulnerable to natural and human made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, City of Plattsburgh acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, City of Plattsburgh, with the assistance from the Clinton County Planning Department and Mountain View Planning, in cooperation with other county departments, local municipal officials and the citizens of Name of Municipality, has gathered information and prepared the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of the DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce loss to life and property by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipalities, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh hereby adopts the 2021 Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION– 09/02/21

7.219 RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE STREET CLOSURES FOR 2021 BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH EVENTS

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves street closures for the 2021 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration, September 10 - 12, 2021:

Road Closures for Battle of Plattsburgh Events			
Date	Roads	Close the Road	Open the Road
Friday - Sunday 09/10-09/12	Trinity and Court Street	12:00 PM (Friday)	5:00 PM (Sunday)
Friday 09/10	City Hall Place	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Saturday 09/11	City Hall Place	7:00 AM	9:00 PM
	Cumberland Ave	7:30 AM	Until Parade Clears area
	Durkee Street		
	Kellog Street		
	Cedar Street		
	Lorraine Street (between Saily and Cumberland)		
	Durand Street (between Saily and Cumberland)		
	Upper Bridge Street		
Saily Avenue (between Lorraine and Cumberland)			
Sunday 09/12	City Hall Place	8:00 AM	5:00 PM

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RESOLUTION- 09/02/21

**7.221 RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE PART THREE
"DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE"**

RESOLVED, upon reviewing and completing Part Two of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, in which the Common Council has identified several "moderate to large" environmental impacts, the Common Council hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare Part Three "Determination of Significance" and circulate the same to the Common Council for its review and consideration.