

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2022

12:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Public Hearing - Relative to Item #5 “Application & Agreement – To and with the Restore NY Community Initiative for funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, for building rehabilitation, demolition, and reconstruction of commercial, residential, and mixed-use properties that are vacant and/or underutilized in the Washington Square and Court Woodlawn neighborhoods. No local match required. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 12:00 P.M.)”*

4. *Communications*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S RESTORE NY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT OR WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT AS NECESSARY

BE IT ORDAINED, that in accordance with the requirements of the grant application a public hearing has been held on the City’s proposed application on October 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers relative to a grant application by the City of Syracuse from the Empires State Development Corporation’s Restore NY Community Initiatives Grant Program for the Washington Square and Court Woodlawn Neighborhood Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor be and she hereby is authorized to submit an application to the Empire State Development Corporation’s Restore NY Community Initiatives Grant Program for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000; said funds will be used for building renovations to commercial, mixed use and residential structures which are vacant and require reconstruction, rehabilitation, deconstruction, or demolition for their redevelopment; no City matching funds are required and any matching funds required shall be provided by the private owner of the benefiting structure; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City, based on the review of the proposed projects, finds that the proposed projects are consistent with the City’s local revitalization or urban development plan; that the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project(s); that the project(s) facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where

applicable, the project(s) develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development or his designee is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City any SEQRA documentation that is required for this grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that upon award of said grant, the Mayor be and she hereby is authorized to execute a contract or written instruments as approved by the Corporation Counsel.

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Restore NY Round VI

Appendix "A"

City of Syracuse

Washington Square & Court Woodlawn Neighborhoods

#	Address	Project Type
1	1024-1124 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208	Rehabilitation
2	510 Bear Street, Syracuse, NY 13208	Rehabilitation
3	621-23 LeMoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208	Rehabilitation
4	721 LeMoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208	Demolition
5	730 LeMoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208	Rehabilitation
6	301 Wolf Street, Syracuse, NY 13208	Rehabilitation

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DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF SYRACUSE, MAYOR BEN WALSH

September 9, 2022

Commissioner
Michael Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood Development
Michelle Sczpanski

Deputy Commissioner of Business Development
Eric Ennis

Ms. Patricia McBride
City Clark
231 City Hall
Syracuse, NY 13202

RE: Restore NY Communities Initiatives Application

Dear Ms. McBride:

Please prepare legislation for the September 26, 2022 meeting of the Common Council authorizing a City of Syracuse application and agreement with Round 6 of the Restore New York Communities Initiative, which is administered by the Empire State Development Corporation.

The grant request is in support of building rehabilitation, demolition, and reconstruction of commercial, residential, and mixed-use properties that are vacant and/or underutilized in the Washington Square and Court-Woodlawn neighborhoods. The application will be up to \$5 Million in eligible funds.

Municipal authorization is required of any municipality applying for Restore NY funding through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application process. This authorization commits no City funds to the project.

Additionally, please note that we are also requesting authorization and scheduling a public hearing in order to discuss the application request and the property assessment list. This hearing must be noticed for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 315-448-8471.

Sincerely,

Eric Ennis
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood & Business Development

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Cc: Michael Collins, Commissioner, NBD
Sharon Owens, Deputy Mayor

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