

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(06/09)

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 9, 2023

11:00 A.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Led by the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
2. *Roll Call – (Present – 8; Absent – Councilor Gethers)*
3. *Communications – (A Message of Necessity, relative to the Local Law to correct FY23-2024 Budget, Office of the Mayor; A letter from Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council, directing the City Clerk to give notice of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Common Council to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Budget in order to correct an error in the numbers provided for the revenue from taxable properties that resulted in an overstatement of the revenue to be received by the City during Fiscal Year 2023-2024; By the City Clerk, a Notice of Special Meeting to the Common Council - PLEASE BE ADVISED, that Pursuant to Section 3-106 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse-1960, as amended, at the direction of the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council, I have been requested to give you notice that a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL will be held on FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023 AT 11:00 AM*

NEW BUSINESS

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

4. **LL** *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, to correct an error discovered after the June 1, 2023, completion date for the City Budget, in the numbers provided for the revenue from taxable properties in the City of Syracuse that resulted in an overstatement of the revenue to be received by the City during Fiscal Year 2023-2024, as set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter.* **LL**
5. **8-0** *Amend – Ord. #251, 05/08/2023), “Annual Estimate – For the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. (Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.) (AS AMENDED)” Amend to correct an error, discovered after the June 1, 2023 deadline set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Law,” to correct an overstatement in revenue from the assessed value of taxable properties in the City and balance the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.* **371**

Local Law No.
City of Syracuse

2023

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE
TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO AMEND THE
ANNUAL ESTIMATE (ANNUAL BUDGET) OF
THE CITY OF SYRACUSE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023/2024 AFTER THE JUNE 1ST DEADLINE
FOR ADOPTION OF A FINAL BUDGET AS SET
BY SECTION 6-102 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY OF SYRACUSE, AS AMENDED, TO
INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE IN
THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET BY
\$5,736,548 IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN ERROR
IN THE TAXABLE PROPERTY REVENUE
ESTIMATE AMOUNTS THAT HAD RESULTED
IN AN OVERSTATEMENT OF ESTIMATED
REVENUE AND THEREFORE AN
UNBALANCED BUDGET AND UNANTICIPATED
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, there is a June 1st deadline for adoption of a final Annual Budget for each new Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance No. 251-2023 approving the Annual Budget for the City of Syracuse for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 at a Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2023 and the Mayor approved Ordinance No. 251-2023 on May 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following passage of Ordinance No. 251-2023 and after the June 1st deadline, an error was discovered in the taxable property revenue estimates line of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget which resulted in an overstatement of the estimated revenue the City would receive in Fiscal Year 2023/2024; and

WHEREAS, this overstatement of estimated revenue put the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Budget out of balance and if left uncorrected would result in an unintended tax increase; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget has recommended that the appropriate correction for the overstatement of estimated revenue, would be to appropriate an additional \$5,736,548 in Fund Balance, which would cover the amount of the overstatement of revenue and thereby balance the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Mayor and Common Council to make the necessary changes to the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget it is necessary for a Local Law to be passed that would extend the June 1st Budget adoption deadline in Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, until June 30th and authorize the Mayor and the Common Council to make the necessary amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget including appropriating an additional \$5,736,548 in Fund Balance in order to correct the overstatement of estimated revenue, balance the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Budget, and avoid an unintended property tax increase, in the manner provided by law; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Common Council of the City of Syracuse, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law is to authorize the City to amend the Annual Estimate (Annual Budget) of the City of Syracuse for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 after the June 1st deadline for adoption of a Final Budget as set by Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, to increase the use of Fund Balance in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget by \$5,736,548, in order to correct an error in the taxable property revenue estimate amounts that had resulted in an overstatement of estimated revenue and therefore an unbalanced budget and unanticipated property tax increase.

Section 2. This extension of the June 1st Budget adoption deadline in Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended is being made out of necessity to correct an error in taxable property revenue estimates that resulted in an overstatement of estimated revenue to be

received by the City in Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and therefore an unbalanced Budget and an unintended tax increase if not addressed.

Section 3. This Local Law hereby authorizes the Mayor and Common Council to take the necessary action to amend the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Budget through June 30, 2023, including appropriating \$5,736,548 from Fund Balance to be included as additional revenue in the amended Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Budget to compensate for the overstatement of estimated revenue contained therein, in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. This Local Law shall only apply to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and shall have no force or effect with respect to future or past Fiscal Years.

Section 5. In accordance with New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20 (5) the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide three (3) days notice of the public hearing for this proposed Local Law.

Section 6. This local law shall take effect immediately.



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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

CITY OF SYRACUSE, MAYOR BEN WALSH

June 7, 2023

Timothy M. Rudd
Director

Ms. Patricia K. McBride
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 230
Syracuse, New York 13202

Julie Castellitto
Assistant Director

Re: Request for a Local Law to authorize the City to appropriate additional fund balance for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Dear Ms. McBride:

Please place on the Agenda for a Special Meeting of the Common Council to be held on June 9, 2023, a request for a Local Law to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, adopted at the May 8, 2023 Common Council Meeting. This Local Law is necessary to correct an error discovered after the June 1st effective date for the City Budget as set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter.

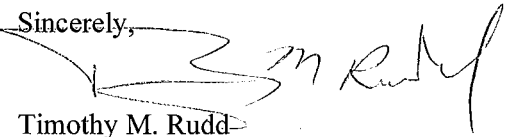
The purpose of this Local Law is to correct an error in the numbers provided for revenue from taxable properties in the City of Syracuse that resulted in an overstatement of the revenue to be received by the City during Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This error would result in an increase in the City tax rate, having a tax increase larger than the intended 2% increase approved by the Mayor and the Common Council for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

As this error was discovered following the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and past the June 1st deadline for the effective date of the City Budget set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter, it is necessary for the City to pass a Local Law to correct the overstatement of revenue.

The Local Law would authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to increase the use of an additional \$5,736,548 of Fund Balance to cover the overstatement of revenue in the adopted Budget. With this appropriation of additional Fund Balance the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget would be balanced as intended.

The Local Law shall include an authorization for a three-day Mayoral public hearing notice which shall be published by the City Clerk in the official newspaper of the City of Syracuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Director of Management and Budget

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Ordinance No.

2023

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 251-2023 APPROVING THE 2023/2024
ANNUAL CITY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Local Law of the City of Syracuse authorized contemporaneously with this Ordinance, the Common Council hereby appropriates an additional \$5,736,548 of Fund Balance to be included as additional revenue in the 2023/2024 Annual City Budget; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED, that Ordinance No. 251-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED, that the annual budget for the year 2023/2024 submitted by the Mayor, being an itemized statement of the estimated General Fund revenues of the City of Syracuse amounting to Seven Hundred Fifteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$715,889,221), which includes Four Hundred Fifty Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$452,963,865) estimated revenue of the City School District, and itemized statement of the estimated General Fund expenditures for the City amounting to Eight Hundred Thirty One Million Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$831,418,509), which included Five Hundred Twenty Million Nine Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$520,909,588) estimated expenditures for the City School District, making the tax budget of the City One Hundred Fourteen Million Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$ 114,385,434) including Sixty Seven Million Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$67,272,993) thereof for the City School District, and that

- (a) The several sums in the budget of the City of Syracuse enumerated in the fourth column as "Proposed 2023/2024", together with separate salary schedule totals for each office,

board, commission, bureau, department or other agency thereof, and the definite appropriations made for the specific purpose indicated, be and the same hereby is approved and adopted; and

(b) The several sums of the budget of the City School District, including the third column denoted as "Proposed 2023/2024", which are in the nature of estimates only, and the sum given as the total definite appropriation for the year 2023/2024 are approved accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that there be and hereby is added to such budget a statement of estimated Water Fund revenues of the City of Syracuse amounting to Twenty-Seven Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,790,500) and a statement of estimated Water Fund expenditures of Twenty-Seven Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,790,500), a statement of estimated Sewer Fund revenues of Seven Million One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$7,189,066) and a statement of estimated Sewer Fund expenditures of Seven Million One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Sixty-Six Dollars (\$7,189,066), a statement of estimated Municipal Sidewalk Fund revenues of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000) and a statement of estimated Municipal Sidewalk Fund expenditures of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000), and a statement of estimated Downtown Special Assessment Fund revenues of One Million Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,075,620), and a statement of estimated Downtown Special Assessment Fund expenditures of One Million Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,075,620), and a statement of estimated Crouse-Marshall Special Assessment Fund revenues of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$127,770) and a statement of estimated Crouse-Marshall Special Assessment Fund expenditures of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$127,770), and such addition be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that there be and hereby is added to such budget one per cent (1%) of the aggregate amount of such budget, to wit: One Million One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$ 1,143,854), which includes Six Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$672,730) thereof for the City School District added pursuant to law, and that such addition to such aggregate amount be and is hereby approved.



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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

CITY OF SYRACUSE, MAYOR BEN WALSH

June 7, 2023

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Ms. Patricia K. McBride
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City Hall, Room 230
Syracuse, New York 13202

Julie Castellitto
Assistant Director

Re: Request for Legislation to Amend Ordinance No. 251-2023 authorizing the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City/School Budget

Dear Ms. McBride:

Please place on the agenda for the Special Common Council meeting scheduled to be held on Friday June 9, 2023 legislation to amend Ordinance No. 251-2023 as detailed below in order to correct an error in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget that was previously approved at the May 8, 2023 Common Council Meeting. This amendment to Ordinance No. 251-2023 is being made after the June 1st deadline set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Law requested contemporaneously with this request.

Ordinance No. 251-2023 shall be amended as per appendix A to correct an overstatement in revenue from the assessed value of taxable properties in the City and balance the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

Thank you.

Sincerely

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Appendix A

	2024 Adopted	2024 Corrected	Variance
Total General Fund Revenues City of Syracuse	710,152,673	715,889,221	5,736,548
General Fund Revenues SCSD	452,963,865	452,963,865	-
General Fund Revenues City of Syracuse	257,188,808	262,925,356	5,736,548
Total General Fund Expenses City of Syracuse	831,475,875	831,418,509	(57,366)
General Fund Expense SCSD	520,909,588	520,909,588	-
General Fund Expenses City of Syracuse	310,566,287	310,508,921	(57,366)
Total Tax Budget City of Syracuse	120,121,982	114,385,434	(5,736,548)
Tax Budget City of SCSD	67,272,993	67,272,993	-
Tax Budget City of Syracuse	52,848,989	47,112,441	(5,736,548)
Total Water Fund	27,790,500	27,790,500	-
Total Sewer Fund	7,189,066	7,189,066	-
Total Municipal Sidewalk Fund	4,500,000	4,500,000	-
Total Downtown Special Assessment Fund	1,075,620	1,075,620	-
Total Crouse-Marshall Special Assessment Fund	127,770	127,770	-
Total 1%	1,201,220	1,143,854	(57,366)
SCSD 1%	672,730	672,730	-
City 1%	528,490	471,124	(57,366)