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COMMON COUNCIL of the CITY OF SYRACUSE

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 24, 2023

1:00 P.M.

2.	Invocation
3.	Roll Call
4.	Minutes
5.	Petitions
6.	Committee Reports
7.	Communications
8.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BY_	COUNCILOR GETHERS
a.	Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse to grant a permanent easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Verizon New York, Inc., located on the properties of Shea Middle School (1607 Geddes Street South & Grant Avenue) and Bellevue Elementary School (207 Stinard Avenue & Grant Avenue) for a new electric service and a new telecommunication service as detailed in Exhibit "A", for SCSD Network Operations Center at the Shea Building, for \$1.00.
	NEW BUSINESS
	

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

9. Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2023/2024.

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- 10. Agreement With the City of Cortland Youth Bureau, for the use of Yaman Park, for the end-of-the-summer youth barbeque, on August 18, 2023, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$250, to be charged to Account #01.71400.541500.
- 11. Agreement With DJ Tayboog, to provide four (4) disc jockey services at City community centers, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, for Cooperative Play Day at Burnet Park, August 1, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$400 to be charged to Account #01.71400.541500.
- 12. Authorize A municipal endorsement in support of the Downtown Committee application in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Grant Program to support infrastructure improvements, playgrounds, and recreation equipment for the downtown district, as part of the Consolidated Funding application process. A local match of 50% will be provided by the City's Park department and will be charged to Account #599807.01.99999.

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 13. Local Law Amend Local Law No. 6 of 2006, Part L of the City of Syracuse Local Law, Chapter 14, Article 2, Division.4.1, relative to a partial exemption from real property taxation for persons with disabilities and limited incomes. Amend to enact provision of Section 459-c of the NYS Real Property Tax Law to increase the maximum income for eligibility for persons with disabilities and limited income, as detailed in the legislation. In addition, the amendment will include removal of the offset for medical and prescription drugs, enacted in Local Law 3 of 1998.
- 14. Correct Tax Rolls (401 Griffiths Street and Craig Street, 115 Craig Street, 111 Craig Street, 305 Greenway Avenue, to change the assessment roll for tax years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024) as detailed in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B".
- 15. License Agreement With Anglers Association of Onondaga, Inc., granting permission to construct, maintain, and use a temporary shelter structure on the Cityowned property located at 2004 Valley Drive (aka Webster Pond), for the benefit of visitors.
- 16. Agreement With Electronic Data Collection Corporation ("EDC Corporation") to provide annual support services, on behalf of the Department of Finance for the period of July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$21,000, charged to IT Account #540530.01.16800. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.

- 17. Agreement With Electronic Data Collection Corporation ("EDC Corporation") for the research of out of state plates in order to notify vehicle owners and increase parking ticket collections, on behalf of the Department of Finance for the period of July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$5,000, charged to IT Account #540530.01.16800. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.
- 18. Lease Agreement With Pitney Bowes, to lease a machine to fold, insert and seal envelopes for various City documents including tax bills, included is a mailing system that can apply postage as necessary and provide electronic return receipts, on behalf of the Division of Finance and Treasury, for the period of four (4) years from October 1, 2023 September 30, 2027. Total monthly cost not to exceed \$1,251 to be charged to Account #540310.01.13100. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.
- 19. Purchase w/c/b From Salt City Abstract Corporation, Independent Title Agency LLC, and Stewart Title Insurance Company, title search services for the period of July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024, for Law (\$60,000), Engineering Projects (\$4,000), and Code Enforcement (\$2,500). Total cost not to exceed \$66,500 charged to Accounts #541500.01.14200, #599807.07.80400 and #596220.01.90000.

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

20. Agreement – With Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) to provide training, programming and supervision to youth hired for the summer and to collaboratively run the "Parks Corp" and "Clean Street Crew" as part of the City youth employment and service program, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$52,203, charged to the Syracuse Opportunity Works Account #01.14810.541500.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 21. Authorize The City of Syracuse to declare the 2022/2023 Creekwalk Security Cameras Project to be a Type II Action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The scope of the project is to install/construct a network of security cameras along the existing section of the Creekwalk between Downtown and Onondaga Lake.
- 22. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022/2023 Creekwalk Security Cameras Project. Total amount not to exceed \$400,000.
- 23. Authorize The 2022/2023 Creekwalk Security Cameras Project, to install/construct a network of security cameras along the existing section of the Creekwalk between Downtown and Onondaga Lake, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total cost not to exceed \$400,000, charged to an account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.

- 24 Authorize The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Rann Avenue Sanitary Sewer Construction Project.
- 25. Application & Agreement To and with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) through the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Clean Water Project in an amount not to exceed \$656,000, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, for the Rann Avenue Sanitary Sewer Construction Project. There is a 100% local match that will be seeking bond approval.
- 26. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Rann Avenue Sanitary Sewer Construction Project. Total amount not to exceed \$656,000.
- 27. Authorize The 2023/2024 Rann Avenue Sanitary Sewer Construction Project, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to construct a new public sanitary sewer on Rann Avenue and St. Marks Avenue, in order to serve six (6) residents currently connected to a private sewer. Total amount not to exceed \$656,000.
- 28. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the James Street Paving Project, PIN 375711 (Salina Street to Grant Boulevard). Total amount not to exceed \$1,272,000.
- 29. Agreement With the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the James Street Paving Project, PIN 375711 (Salina Street to Grant Boulevard), on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total amount not to exceed \$1,272,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% (\$1,017,600) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP and 15% (\$190,800) reimbursement from Marchiselli Funds.
- 30. Authorize The Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the James Street Paving Project, PIN 375711 (Salina Street to Grant Boulevard), in an amount not to exceed \$1,272,000 on behalf of the Department of Engineering. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% (\$1,017,600) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP and 15% (\$190,800) reimbursement from Marchiselli Funds. Total project cost \$12,252,000.
- 31. Appropriate Funds From 2023/2024 Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in an amount not to exceed \$64,000, to be used to purchase two (2) new replacement vehicles, on behalf of the Department of Engineering.
- 32. Agreement With O'Connell Electric Company, to perform Street Lighting Maintenance, for the period of two (2) years commencing on July 1, 2023, with one (1) one-year renewal option with approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$900,000, to be charged to account #01.81800.540551.

- 33. Amend Ord. #273 (05/22/2023), "Contract With Bergmann Associates, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of July 15, 2022-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$250,000, from Account #541500.01.81800." Amend to reflect a change in ownership, from Bergmann Associates, Inc., to Collier Engineering & Design CT PC. All other terms and conditions remain the same.
- 34. Amend Ord. #524 (8/01/2022), "Contract With Fisher Associates, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of July 15, 2022-July 14, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$116,000, from Account #541500.01.81800." Amend to extend the contract by one (1) year from July 15, 2023 July 14, 2024. All other terms and conditions remain the same.
- 35. Appropriate Funds From the 2023/2024 Sewers Cash Capital account in the amount of \$650,000 for the 2023/2024 Sewer Capital Equipment Program, as detailed in Schedule "A".
- 36. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Radar Sign Program. Total amount not to exceed \$55,000.
- 37. Authorize The 2023/2024 Radar Sign Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. The funds will be used to purchase and install new stationary radar equipment in School Zones to help in vehicle speed reduction, as detailed in Appendix "A." Total cost not to exceed \$55,000.
- 38. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Sanitary/Storm Sewer Reconstruction Capital Improvement Project. Total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
- 39. Authorize The 2023/2024 Sanitary/Storm Sewer Reconstruction Capital Improvement Project, to construct or replace sewer lines and manholes from the sanitary and combined sewers that have failed structurally, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$2,000,000, to be charged to an account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.
- 40. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Sweeping and Flushing Equipment Program. Total amount not to exceed \$269,000.

- 41. Authorize The 2023/2024 Sweeping and Flushing Equipment Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to purchase one (1) Street Sweeper. Total cost not to exceed \$269,000 to be charged to an account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.
- 42. Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Traffic Signal Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- 43. Authorize The 2023/2024 Traffic Signal Replacement Program, to update traffic signal equipment that has exceed usable lifespans and needs significant repair and/or replacement, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000, charged to an account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.
- 44. Purchase w/c/b From Professional Turf Services, Inc., replacement parts and repair services for tractors, mowers, and other turf equipment, for the period of July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$50,000 to be charged to Account #01.51320.540210 or #01.51320.540220.

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 45. Local Law Of the City of Syracuse, to add a new Article 16 entitled "Tobacco Retail License" to Chapter 9 of the Revised General Ordinances, as amended entitled "Business: Mercantile, Transient, Itinerant, requiring a business to have a Tobacco Retail License to sell tobacco products, electronic smoking devices and all other products regulated by NYS Public Health Law Article 13-F in the City of Syracuse, details outlined in the legislation.
- 46. Zone Change Expand the Ainsley Sub-District Plan for a Planned Institutional District to include the property located at 195 Ainsley Drive. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission meeting. Syracuse University c/o Jennifer Champa Bybee, owner/ petitioner.
- 47. Zone Change For property located at 195 Ainsley Drive from Commercial, Class B to Planned Institutional District. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission meeting. Syracuse University c/o Jennifer Champa Bybee, owner/ petitioner.
- 48. Special Permit To approve a Restaurant on the property located at 4141 South Salina Street. Eleven (11) people spoke in favor and two (2) people spoke in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted one (1) waiver in regard to the entertainment location regulations. Stanley Snow, applicant. 2468 Group, Inc., owner.

- 49. Application & Agreement To and with the New York State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), as part of the City's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) in the amount of \$1,500,000, to implement a LWRP priority project in the Inner Harbor Park. The project would serve diverse stakeholders, improve safety, reduce stormwater impacts, improve aesthetics, and help to create a vibrant waterfront. There is a 25% local match requirement, to be charged to the Division of City Planning, Account #599807.01.99999.
- 50. Application & Agreement To and with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), as part of the City's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) in the amount of \$200,000, for a Climate Smart Communities grant There is a 50% local match requirement, to be provided by in-kind staff and project partners staff time.
- 51. Authorize The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Syracuse Developmental Center Demolition.
- 52. Approve The Albanese Organization (Albanese) Development Plan, for the former Syracuse Developmental Center located at 800 and 802 South Wilbur Avenue. The attached Exhibit "A" outlines the proposed phases and site plan design that will be incorporated and led by Albanese. The "Development Plan" outlines three (3) phases, which includes a total of four (4) apartment buildings to be constructed, that are comprised of approximately 440 residential units with mixed income level requirements, 60 to 85 townhouses, as well as retail space.
- 53. Authorize A municipal endorsement in support of the Downtown Committee application to apply to NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for the NYS Main Street Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to target building renovations to commercial and residential structures, as well as streetscape improvements within specific boundaries of the 100 block of West Jefferson Street, the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of East Jefferson Street, the 300 Block of Montgomery Street and the 400 block of South Salina Street. There is no local match, any matching funds will be provided by the private owner of the benefiting structure.
- 54. Amend Ord. #200 (04/13/2020), "Contract With nine (9) qualified firms (A.J. Montclair, Inc., BRONZE Contracting, LLC, Crisafulli Trucking, Inc., Diversified Construction Services, Inc., Gorick Construction Company, Inc., P&J Contracting Company Inc., Ritter & Paratore Contracting, Inc., Scanlon Trucking & Excavating, LLC. and SGTR, LLC, on behalf of the Division of Code Enforcement, to submit demolition quotes for the Removal of Blighted Structures. The contract will be for the period of two (2) years plus one additional one (1) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$500,000, from Account #596220.01.90000." Amend to extend the contract through December 31, 2023, or until the new RFQ has been put in place, whichever first.

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 55. Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Upstate University Hospital Community Campus, for the Syracuse Fire Department to obtain New York State mandated medication for its EMS program from the hospital, effective July 24, 2023, for the period of two (2) years. There is no cost for the agreement, only for the medications purchased, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 per year, charged to Emergency, Medical & Safety Supplies Account #34100.01.540520.
- 56. Agreement With Axon Enterprises, Inc., to provide the Police Department with Body-Worn Cameras, Tasers, Interview Room Recording Systems, and related software, combining all previous contracts for these Axon Enterprises, Inc., products, and services. The term of the contract will be for sixty (60) months, from September 15, 2023 September 14, 2028. Total cost not to exceed \$1,423,869, for the first year (FY2024) to be charged to various accounts, as detailed in Appendix "A". The following years (FY2025-2028) the total amount not to exceed \$1,354,905 from Account #540530.01.31230.
- 57. Agreement With Humane CNY to provide veterinary services and lodging for animals that are victims in animal cruelty investigations, on behalf of the Police Department, for the period of July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$50,000 charged to Account #541500.01.31231.
- 58. Agreement With New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, to provide law enforcement services to the New York State Fair, from August 23, 2023 September 4, 2023. The City will be reimbursed \$45,000 for the services.
- 59. Agreement With UnBEYlievable Enterprises, Corp., to provide administrative oversight for the Trauma Response Team that will provide violence intervention and prevention services for at-risk City individuals, as detailed in the "Scope of Work" attachment, for the period of July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$200,000 charged to Account TRT #599309.01.90000.
- 60. Appropriate Funds From the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to support the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence Community Violence Implementation Plan Syracuse Safer Streets Program. The funds will be placed in an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance.
- 61. Agreement With the Good Life Philanthropic Youth Foundation, on behalf of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan "Syracuse Safer Streets Program," to provide Case Management and Mentoring services to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, to establish positive and trusting relationships, and to advocate for the individual and guide them through various systems and settings, such as court, school, training and employment to achieve their goals, more details outlined in Exhibit "A". The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$269,723, from designated ARPA funds.

- 62. Agreement With OGs Against Gun Violence, on behalf of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan "Syracuse Safer Streets Program", to provide Conflict Mediation services to fifty (50) high risk individual, to track, interrupt, and solve conflicts between gangs before violence occurs. In addition, hire outreach workers who will stay in constant contact with individuals, tracking possible sources of conflicts and stepping in to resolve issues before they spiral into violence, more details outlined in Exhibit "A." The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$50,105 from designated ARPA funds.
- 63. Agreement With the Salvation Army, on behalf of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan "Syracuse Safer Streets Program", to provide Case Management and Mentoring services to fifty (50) high risk individual, to established positive and trusting relationships, and to advocate for the individual and guide them through various systems and settings, such as court, school, training and employment to achieve their goals, more details outlined in Exhibit "A". The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$229,110, from designated ARPA funds.
- 64. Agreement With the Northside Learning Center, on behalf of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan "Syracuse Safer Streets Program," to provide Conflict Mediation services to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, to track, interrupt, and solve conflicts between gangs before violence occurs. In addition, hire outreach workers who will stay in constant contact with individuals, tracking possible sources of conflicts and stepping in to resolve issues before they spiral into violence, more details outlined in Exhibit "A." The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$53,490, from designated ARPA funds.
- 65. Agreement With Project H.E.A.L., on behalf of the Mayor's Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan "Syracuse Safer Streets Program," to provide Individual and Group Therapy Sessions, to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, to address self-destructive beliefs that manifest themselves violently. Culturally representative licensed therapists will use tools to assist individuals to modify their thinking and behavior, such as anger management techniques or problem-solving skills, more details outlined in Exhibit "A." The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$343,870, from designated ARPA funds.

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

66. Agreement – With Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today (TNT) for the 2023-2024 budget amount of \$150,000 from Account #541500.01.64200.

- 67. Agreement With the Downtown Committee Foundation, to administer grants to support festivals and cultural events in the City of Syracuse, for the period of July 1, 2023 June 30, 2024. Funds will be distributed in amounts between \$3,000 \$10,000, to be used by organizations to support direct festival costs such as fees to book performers, artisans, venues, staging/lighting and other equipment, and marketing. All organizations receiving funds must be a registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) in the State of New York with a Federal and State Tax ID number. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000, charged to Account #595500.01.90000.
- 68. Authorize The Department of Neighborhood and Business Development to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds set aside for Infill Housing, as it relates to Ord. #295-2022, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to offset the cost of construction of a single-family home at 701 McBride Street. Home HeadQuarters, Inc., will serve as the developer, relative to Ord. #842-2022 (RFP #23-007), to be completed by the end of 2024.
- 69. Amend Ord. #98 (03/14/2022), "Appropriate Funds From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$411,000, on behalf of Department of Neighborhood & Business Development, to support the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), to continue providing free financial counseling to City households. A portion of the funding will be for the City FEC Manager (\$67,000-salary and fringe) and \$344,000 will be contracted to Home HeadQuarters, Inc. There is a 10% administrative fee". Amend to extend the contract with Home HeadQuarters for a period of three (3) months, to expire on September 30, 2023.
- 70. Application & Agreement To and with the Cities for Financial Empowerment's Bank On Fellowship Program, to provide up to \$45,000 per year for up to two years in matching funds for a fellow position designated to increase banking opportunities for unbanked Syracuse residents.
- 71. Permission To Ildaliza Mauricio-Leonardo, owner of the property located at 808 Danforth Street, for a driveway that encroaches approximately 15.5' feet into Danforth Street right-of-way.
- 72. Permission To SCIREH TWO, LLC and Sustainable Comfort Inc., owner/representative of the property located at 633 639 North Salina Street, for an Illuminated Sign Cabinet and Wall Mounted Sign Lights that will encroach approximately 4.5' into the North Salina Street right-of-way.

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – JULY 24, 2023) WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

73. Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to the Item #13, "Local Law – to amend Local Law No. 6 of 2006, Part L of the City of Syracuse Local Law, Chapter 14, Article 2, Division.4.1, relative to a partial exemption from real property taxation for persons with disabilities and limited incomes. Amend to enact provision of Section 459-c of the NYS Real Property Tax Law to increase the maximum income for eligibility for persons with disabilities and limited income, as detailed in the legislation. In addition, the amendment will include removal of the offset for medical and prescription drugs, enacted in Local Law 3 of 1998." (Public Hearing to be held on Monday August 14, 2023, at 1:00 PM)

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

74. Amend – General Ord. #6 (03/27/2023), "Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, entitled "Health and Sanitation", amend to add a new Article 6 to be entitled "City of Syracuse Department of Public Works Program for Updating the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection System for Household Waste Generators" which will allow the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to proceed with the rollout of the new City Issued Regulation Containers for properties with one to ten (10) residential units, as detailed in the legislation". Amend to Temporarily Suspend additional rollout of the New Solid Waste Collection Program and to Temporarily Suspend Enforcement of the Penalties contained in Section 14-70 of Article 6 of Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinance, as amended for properties included in the initial rollout of the new Program.