

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 13, 2023

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – February 27, 2023*
5. *Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to Item #31, “Application - To the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 (Year 49) Fourth Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$4,950,000) HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) (\$1,599,197) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (\$433,588). Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) \$412,909”. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.)*
6. *Petitions*
7. *Committee Reports*
8. *Communications*

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*NEW BUSINESS*  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

10. *Agreement - With Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter and/or Friends of Second Chance Shelter Inc., to work with the City to assist in the adoption of dogs that have been held by Dog Control and/or Animal Cruelty Officers, for the period of one (1) year from, April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. All dogs eligible for adoption will have received the necessary care and treatment, documented, and released from the City Shelter, as required by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.*

11. *Lease Agreement - With Onondaga County, for the use of the building located at 6660 East Seneca Turnpike, (currently used by Second Chance Canine Dog Shelter) to allow City staff to work inside the facility to move dogs from the City Shelter to this location, with the goal to adopt them out in coordination with Friends of Second Chance Shelter Inc., for the period of one (1) year from, April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council.*
12. *Amend – Ord. #375 (06/21/2022) “Appropriate Funds - From Cash Capital Account #599807.07.70205, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, for the 2022/2023 Vehicle Replacement Capital Improvements Program, as detailed in Appendix “A”, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs”. Amend to transfer the remaining funds in the amount of \$14,839 to the 2022/2023 Mobile Stage Bandwagon Project.*
13. *Amend – Ord. #743 (11/07/2023) “Authorize – The 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Program - Bandwagon & Mobile Stage Replacement Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, as detailed in Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$100,000”. Amend to increase the amount not to exceed to \$14,839 from Account #599807.07.70205 the 2022/2023 Vehicle Replacement Program Account to the 2022/2023 Mobile Stage Bandwagon Project, as detailed in the new Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$114,839, as it relates to Ord. #746-2022.*

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

14. *Approve – Settlement – Rasheada Caldwell v. City of Syracuse, No. C-2022-17, relative to the City’s negligence in storing of the claimant’s vehicle and the extensive damages incurred over the span of four (4) years, in an amount of \$10,000, from Account #599302.01.93000.*
15. *Agreement - With FoxPointe Solutions, a Division of the Bonadio Group, Information Risk Management to provide performance audit services to relieve capacity restraints, on behalf of the Department of Audit, for an estimated period of four (4) months, as detailed in the legislation. Total cost not to exceed \$100,000, from Account #541500.01.13200. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
16. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000, for a Community Broadband Program, to help address the digital divide and improve digital equity.*
17. *Agreement – With CBN Geneva LLC d/b/a CBN-Syracuse LLC (the provider) to install, maintain, and operate a municipal broadband network, providing affordable internet service to low-income families in Syracuse. The internet network will be piloted in the 10 census tracts facing the largest digital divide in the City (map attached), serving 2,500 households annually, as detailed in the legislation, for the period of three (3) years. Total cost not to exceed \$3,500,000, from ARPA funds.*

18. Amend – Ord. #390, (07/12/2021) “Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (CNY Pomeroy Appraisers, Inc.) – for property located at 2922-2928 East Genesee Street, for tax litigation. Total cost not to exceed \$4,950 plus \$300 per hour for trial preparations and testimony”. Amend to correct and include tax years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. Total cost not to exceed \$10,000.
19. Amend – Ord. #750, (11/07/2022) “Correct Tax Rolls - (540 State Fair Boulevard Rear, 574 State Fair Boulevard Rear, 101-239 Salina Street North to Clinton Street North, 1081 Salina Street South to Montgomery Street, 1202-1204 McBride Street South and Taylor Street, to change assessment for tax year 2022/2023), as detailed in Appendix “A”. Amend to change the tax year to 2021/2022 for 1202-1204 McBride Street South & Taylor Street, for sewer charges, detailed in the new Appendix “A”.
20. Correct Tax Rolls - (301 Prospect Avenue to Laurel Street, 973 James Street to Highland Avenue, 601 Townsend Street North & Union Avenue, 206 Prospect Avenue & Hickory Street, 130 Buckingham Avenue, 516 State Fair Boulevard Rear, and 524 State Fair Boulevard Rear to change assessment for tax years 2021/2022, and 2022/2023), as outlined in Appendix “A”.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

21. Authorize - The City of Syracuse to declare itself as Lead Agency, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), to facilitate the conversion to City issued containers for the new Residential Cart Program for Solid Waste Collection.
22. Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), for the rollout of the new Residential Cart Program for Solid Waste Collection.
23. Amend - 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.
24. Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 DPW Capital Equipment & Vehicles Program. Total amount not to exceed \$1,925,000.
25. Authorize – The 2023/2024 DPW Capital Equipment & Vehicles Program, as part of the 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Plan, detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$1,925,000.

26. *Amend – Ord #352 (06/06/2022), “Agreement – With O’Connell Electric Company Inc., to perform Street Lighting Maintenance, for the renewal period of one (1) year June 9, 2022-June 8, 2023, with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$450,000, to be charged to Account #01.81800.540551”. Amend to extend the expiration date to June 30, 2023, and increase the amount not to exceed to \$900,000. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
27. *Authorize - The City of Syracuse to declare the 2023/2024 Cold Brook Capital Improvements Project to be a Type II Action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The scope is to improve the channel conditions between the City Line (Edna Rd. approximately) and the outfall at Onondaga Creek.*
28. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Cold Brook Capital Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$800,000.*
29. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Cold Brook Capital Improvements Project, as part of the 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Plan, detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$800,000.*
30. *Amend – Ord. #647 (09/12/2022), “Authorize – The Department of Engineering to apply for and execute a New York State Canal Corporation Use and Occupancy Permit for Use of State-Owned Property. General Liability Insurance coverage is required, as detailed in the legislation. If accepted the permit will be used for the City Kayak/Canoe Launch in the Inner Harbor. The permit application fee is \$25.” Amend to authorize a permit fee to the NYS Canal Corporation. Total cost not to exceed \$50 annually, charged to Account #80400.01.540552.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

31. *Application - To the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 (Year 49) Fourth Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$4,950,000) HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) (\$1,599,197) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (\$433,588). Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) \$412,909. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.)*
32. *Authorize – The Department of Neighborhood and Business Development to use the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds set aside for Infill Housing, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 (of \$1,000,000, Ord. #295-2022), to offset the cost of construction of five (5) single family homes, 622, 625, 626A, 626B Otisco Street and 207 Ontario Street, all built by Home Headquarters, Inc., for income qualified first-time home buyers, as detailed in the ordinance. Additional funds for the project will be leveraged from various funding sources.*
33. *Special Permit - To approve an Indoor Amusement and Recreation located at 919 East Genesee Street. One person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted two (2) waivers in regard to parking and signage regulations. Jamar Clarke/applicant. Ron Koretz, owner.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

34. *Application & Agreement - To and with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Discretionary Community Grants Program, in the amount of \$500,000, to plan, implement and support the Syracuse Police Cadet Program. The program will be a post high school program designed to act as a bridge between graduating high school and obtaining the minimum age requirement (19 ½ yrs. old) to take the Police Officer Civil Service exam. No local match is required.*

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

35. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 114 Strand Place, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)*
36. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 107 Milton Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
37. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 401-405 Delaware Street & Dudley Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1. (District 2)*
38. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 100 Dudley Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1. (District 2)*
39. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 102 Dudley Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1. (District 2)*

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MARCH 13, 2023)  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

40. *Waiver of Residency – As set forth in Section 8-112(2) of the Charter of the City of Syracuse – 1960, as amended, to authorize the Police Department to waive the residency requirement to hire Cadets who are non-city residents in order to properly staff the Cadet Program, effective the day of execution. Upon being hired as a Syracuse Police Officer, the Cadets would then be required to become City residents.*