

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(05/22)

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 22, 2023

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Led by the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
2. *Invocation – (Led by Deacon Lorenzo Rice, Tucker Missionary Baptist Church, Syracuse, New York)*
3. *Roll Call – (All Present – 8; Councilor Paniagua – Absent) (Councilor Paniagua joined the meeting at Item #5)*
4. *Minutes – May 8, 2023 – (Adopted 8 – 0)*
5. *Public Hearing - Public Hearing – (Relative to Item #18, “Authorize – The 2023/2024 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal), on behalf of the D.P.W. as detailed in Appendix “A”, cost thereof to be charged to the premises fronting thereon. Charged to the proceeds from the sale of bonds. Total cost not to exceed \$1,875,000.” (Public Hearing held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.) (NO APPEARANCES)*
6. *Petitions – (None)*
7. *Committee Reports – (Finance, Taxation & Assessment; Education & Human Development)*
8. *Communications – (From the Honorable Ben Walsh, City Mayor, letter vetoing the Local Law amending the City Charter relative to the City Auditor; From the Honorable Pamela Hunter, State Assemblywoman, a letter acknowledging receipt of the adopted resolution memorializing the Governor, State Senate and State Assembly on requesting automated enforcement technology in school zones)*

A motion was made by Councilor Greene, seconded by Councilor Allen, and approved by a unanimous vote to override the Mayor’s veto of “Local Law #4 - Of the City of Syracuse to amend Sections 5-503 and Section 5-505” of the Charter of the City of Syracuse – 1960, as amended, relative to the City Auditor”.

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 9-0 9. Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2023/2024. 13-R

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- 9-0 10. Application & Agreement – To and with County of Onondaga, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Youth Programs, for Senior Centers Facility improvements/purchase of passenger vans. There is no local match required. 254

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0 11. Approve – Settlement – Donald T. Jacobs v. City of Syracuse, (Index No. 005964/2021), relative to a motorcycle accident on May 3, 2020, in the amount of \$9,000, from Account #599298.05.93000. 255
- 9-0 12. Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – 250 South Clinton LLC vs. The City of Syracuse, et al. – 250 Clinton Street South & Fayette Street (Tax Map No.: 104.-28-02.0) relative to assessed value - Tax Years 2021/2022 from \$13,000,000 to \$11,200,000, 2022/2023 from \$13,000,000 to \$10,626,000 and 2023/2024 from \$13,000,000 to \$9,933,000. Total City/School District settlement \$61,772.55. Total County settlement \$25,912.70. 256
- 9-0 13. Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$434,235, on behalf of Department of Neighborhood & Business Development, to support the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC). The FEC provides free financial counseling to City households. 257
- 9-0 14. Agreement – With Home Headquarters, (HHQ) to provide support to the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), for free financial counseling to City household, for the period of June 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$342,920, HHQ will use up to 10% of that amount for administrative purposes. The balance (\$91,315) will cover salary, fringe, and training for the City's FEC Program Manager. 258
- 9-0 15. Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (Bruckner, Tillett, Rossi, Cahill, and Associates) for properties located at 116-118 Seymour Street, 120-122 Seymour Street, and 252 West Onondaga Street. Total cost not to exceed \$2,850 for a self-contained report, to be charged to Account 13550.01.541500. 259

- 9-0 16. *Correct Tax Rolls – (220-228 South Geddes Street & South Marcellus Street and 105 Gebhardt Avenue, to correct the assessment roll, for tax years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024) as detailed in Appendix “A” and “B”.* **260**
- 9-0 17. *Lease Agreement – With ChaShaMa, Inc., for portions of the City-owned property located at 200 East Genesee Street, to partner with CNY Arts, Inc., to host a rotating visual and art exhibition featuring a variety of artists and media, for the term of six (6) months at \$700 per month with an option to maintain month-to-month occupancy of the space for no more that eighteen (18) additional months. The tenant is responsible for maintaining liability insurance and property and fire damage.* **261**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

- 9-0 18. *Appropriation – From Account #59594001.90000, on behalf of the Office of Personnel & Labor Relations Financial, in an amount not to exceed \$10, 000, for six (6) City employees to attend a seven-month Executive Leadership Development program, presented by CenterState CEO. Leaders of various departments accepted nominations and applied to the program.* **262**

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 9-0 19. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the D.P.W. 2023/2024 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal) for the streets as listed in Appendix “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$1,875,000.* **263**
- 9-0 20. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal), on behalf of the D.P.W. as detailed in Appendix “A”, cost thereof to be charged to the premises fronting thereon. Charged to the proceeds from the sale of bonds. Total cost not to exceed \$1,875,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.) (NO APPEARANCES)* **264**
- 9-0 21. *Approve – The Department of Public Works to accept an invitation for Richard Devesty, Director of Fleet Operations to join a Customer Advisory Broad, (CAB) that Samsara is launching, for a period of one (1) year from June 2023-June 2024. The City is currently a customer of Samsara GPS monitoring in our fleet.* **265**
- 9-0 22. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2022 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for Public Education and Outreach to be used for printed materials, mailings, supplies, and associated services, as it relates to the Cart Roll Out Program.* **266**
- 9-0 23. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program. Total amount not to exceed \$350,000.* **267**

24. **9-0** Authorize – The 2023/2024 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program, to comply with the federal guidelines under the Americans with Disability Act by replacing deteriorated corners with handicap accessible corners and curbs, based on public complaints, community programs and complementing projects. Total cost not to exceed \$350,000. **268**
25. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 D.P.W. Fiber Optic Trunk Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$375,000. **269**
26. **9-0** Authorize - The 2023/2024 D.P.W. Fiber Optic Trunk Replacement Program to continue with the replacement of the functionally obsolete fiber optic trunk that serves the City's signal interconnect system. Total cost not to exceed \$375,000. **270**
27. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Lighting Upgrades in Parks Capital Improvement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$171,000. **271**
28. **9-0** Authorize – The 2023/2024 Lighting Upgrades in Parks Capital Improvement Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. The funds will be used to upgrade existing lighting fixtures at Hiawatha Lake in Strathmore to LED fixtures and to add Solar lights in the City owned parks that do not have light or enough lighting, such as First Ward Cemetery, and the Dog Park at Ormand Spencer Park. Total cost not to exceed \$171,000. **272**
29. **9-0** Amend – Ord. #525 (8/01/2022), “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 last one (1) year renewal option for the period of July 15, 2022-July 14, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$116,000, from Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend the contract to expire June 30, 2024, and increase the total cost not to exceed to \$250,000, All other terms remain the same. The Mayor waived the RFP process. **273**
30. **9-0** Authorize - The City of Syracuse to declare the Outer Eastwood Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C7-6323-02-00, to be a Type II Action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The scope is to rehabilitate or replace in kind existing manholes and sanitary sewers. **274**
31. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Outer Eastwood Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Total amount not to exceed \$6,481,000. **275**

32. **9-0** Authorize – The Outer Eastwood Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Clean Water Sate Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C7-6323-02-00. The scope of the project is based on the Outer Eastwood Sanitary Sewer 1/1 Study completed in 2022, that involves rehabilitating and replacing existing manholes and sanitary sewers. Total cost not to exceed \$6,481,000, relative to Ord. #19-2023. **276**
33. **9-0** Authorize - The City of Syracuse to declare the 2022/2023 City Hall South Elevator Modernization Project, to be a Type II Action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The scope of the project is to make necessary renovations to the City’s main elevator to make code compliant and upgrade the interior finishes. **277**
34. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022/2023 City Hall South Elevator Modernization Project Total amount not to exceed \$150,000. **278**
35. **9-0** Authorize – The 2022/2023 City Hall South Elevator Modernization Project, to make necessary renovations to the City’s main elevator to make code compliance, as well as upgrade the interior finishes. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000. **279**
36. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022/2023 Onondaga Creek Retaining Wall (Walton Street-West Fayette Street). Total amount not to exceed \$400,000. **280**
37. **9-0** Authorize – The 2022/2023 Onondaga Creek Retaining Wall (Walton Street-West Fayette Street) Project, to complete the precast concrete panel retaining wall along the western side of Onondaga Creek between West Fayette Street and Walton Street. Total cost not to exceed \$400,000. **281**
38. **9-0** Amend Ord. #493, (07/11/2023), “Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, to be used for the design phase services of the DPW Annex Building, to replace the Annex Building slab-on-grade floor, supported by pile foundations, and replace the floor trench drain system”. Amend to add repairs to columns and walls, remove and replace south knee wall and replace overhead doors and ancillary work in the DPW Annex. No change in cost of project. **282**
39. **9-0** Amend Ord. #494, (07/11/20230, “Authorize – The DPW Annex Building Design Phase Project, to replace the Annex Building slab-on-grade floor supported by pile foundations and replace the floor trench drain system. Total cost not to exceed \$600,000, from Account #599808.08.800049322.80405. The total estimated project including the construction phase of the project is estimated at a cost of \$8,000,000”. Amend to add repairs to columns and walls, remove and replace south knee wall and replace overhead doors and ancillary work in the DPW Annex. There is no change in the cost of the project. **283**

BY COUNCILOR SCHULTZ:

- 9-0 40. Agreement - With NYS Department of Transportation for the Traffic Management Center Operation Program, PIN 3757.06, for wages, consultant fees, software training, repairs along with other associated costs, for the period of August 1, 2023-December 31, 2027. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% (\$1,070,400) Federal and 20% (\$267,600) State reimbursement. Total cost not to exceed \$1,338,000, from the Transportation Operation Account #01.81800.541500. **284**

BY COUNCILORS SCHULTZ & COUNCILOR MAJOK; PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

- 9-0 41. Resolution - (Home Rule Message) Memorializing the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Senate, and the New York State Assembly to support Senate Bill S06631 and Assembly Bill A06686, by making the necessary amendments to the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and New York State Public Officers Law, regarding the establishment of the City of Syracuse "School Zone Red Light Camera Program". **14-R**
- 9-0 42. Resolution - (Home Rule Message) Memorializing the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Senate, and the New York State Assembly to support Senate Bill S00632 and Assembly Bill A06687A, by making the necessary amendments to the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and New York State Public Officers Law, regarding the establishment of a City of Syracuse "School Speed Zone Monetary Liability Program". **15-R**

BY COUNCILOR SCHULTZ & COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- T 43. Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse, to establish a School Bus Stop-Arm Demonstration Program, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Senate Bill S04524B and Assembly Bill A04950B. The program will involve the installation of a school bus photo violation monitoring system on school buses that transports students to the Syracuse City Schools (SCSD), details outline in the legislation. To implement the program the City will need to enter into an agreement with the SCSD and/or the school bus Vendor. **T**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 9-0 44. Special Permit – To approve a Care Home on property located at 703 West Onondaga Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. There was one (1) waiver granted in regard to screening regulations. Kathleen Gaffney-Babb, applicant. Helio Health, Inc., owner. **Gen. #13**

45. **9-0** Advertise Public Hearing – Rezone Syracuse, a Citywide Rewrite and Codification of the City of Syracuse Zoning Rules and Regulations and Official Zoning Map. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.) **285**
- H** 46. Amend – General Ordinance of the City of Syracuse, To adopt “Rezone Syracuse,” a Citywide Rewrite and Codification of the City of Syracuse Zoning Rules and Regulations and Official Zoning Map, as set forth in the Planning Commission Resolution on file with the City Clerk. **H**
- 9-0** 47. Authorize – The Department of Neighborhood and Business Development to award \$2,000,000 to preferred developers for the Infill Housing Development Plan Projects, as it relates to the \$11,000,000 of ARPA Funds, previously approved by Ord. #295-2022. The plan includes properties located at 414-416 West Onondaga Street, 308, 310, 312, 314 Shonnard Street, 208, 201½, 307, and 311 West Beard Avenue, 1413, 1425, 1429, 1506, 1514, 1526 Midland Avenue, and 521 and 527 West Colvin Street, Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2024, other details outlined in the legislation. **286**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 9-0** 48. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022/2023 Police Department COPS Camera Replacement Plan. Total amount not to exceed \$350,000. **287**
- 9-0** 49. Authorize – The 2022/2023 Police Department COPS Camera Replacement Program, as part of the 2022/2023 Capital Improvement Plan, to replace end-of-life COP Cameras and related equipment throughout the City. Total cost not to exceed \$350,000. **288**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 9-0** 50. Permission – To Glen Coir, owner of the property located at 600 Park Avenue to encroach approximately 18’ for a 250’ hemlock, picket, fence into Van Rensselaer Street right-of-way. **289**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MAY 22, 2023)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK; PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

- 9-0** 51. Resolution – Honoring Chad Norton on the achievement of induction into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame. Mr. Norton is President of Friends of Wildlife at Webster Pond, and for twenty-five years he has worked tirelessly, overseeing the care, upkeep, and improvement of Webster Duck Pond. **16-R**

- 9-0** 52. *Resolution – Memorializing the President of the United States, United States Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Williams to intervene by encouraging cease fire in the conflict in Sudan between the Sudan Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces.* **17-R**

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 9-0** 53. *Approve & Accept – An invitation for Richard Devesty, Director of Fleet Operation, to visit the JCB Manufacturing Plant in Savannah, Georgia, on July 1, 2023. Total monetary value not to exceed \$800. (relative to item #21 on this agenda).* **290**

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Adjourned at 1:25 PM