

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(05/05)

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 8, 2023  
1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – April 24, 2023*
- a. *Public Hearing – (Relative to Item #11, “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.)*  
*(NO APPEARANCES)*

*Public Hearing – (Relative to Item #17, “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.)*

*Public Hearing – (Relative to Item #19, “Authorize – The 2023/2024 D.P.W. Municipal Sidewalk Program, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”, pursuant to Local Law #2-2021. Special assessment details in the 2022/2023 proposed budget. The associated costs include labor, equipment, necessary legal fees, engineering costs, inspection fees, advertising fees, administrative costs, miscellaneous costs. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500,000”. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.)*

5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

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*UNFINISHED BUSINESS*  
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BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- a. *Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse authorizing a real property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c, commencing on July 1, 2023.*

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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. *Amend – Ord. #421 (07/21/2022) “Agreement – With Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (SURA), to allow the City to manage and control requests for the use of Perseverance Park, from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2032. All fees will be deposited in Account #420010.01”. Amend to add two SURA-owned properties, a parking lot located at 109 West Washington Street and South Clinton Street (Tax 104.-27-01.01, aka Lot 21) and a vacant commercial lot with basketball courts at 203-205 University Avenue and East Washington Street (Tax #ID 030.-22-01.1). All other terms remain the same.*

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 11. *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.)*
- 12. *Amend – Ord. #42 (02/07/2022) “Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 and enter into an agreement with the Downtown Syracuse Foundation to administer a Syracuse Festivals Fund, to cover direct costs such as booking, supplying performers, artists, staging, tenting, lighting, audio/visual needs, permitting, venue-related fees, and marketing, in accordance with the ARPA, from May 2022-May 2023. There is a 10% administrative fee.” Amend to extend the contract for a period of four (4) months, to expire October 31, 2023. All other terms remain the same.*

13. Approve – Settlement – GEICO a/s/o Shaeeda Scott and Davell Scott v. City of Syracuse, Index No: 2014EF1096, Claim #C-2021-230, relative to a motor vehicle accident. Settlement amount of \$6,715.58, from Account #599302.01.93000.
14. Authorize – Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (Integra Realty Resources) for an unopened portion of the 300 block of East Genesee Street for potential disposition purposes. Total cost not to exceed \$3,200 for a self-contained report, charged to Account #13550.01.541500.

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

15. 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.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

16. 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.
17. 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.)
18. 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. Municipal Sidewalk Program, pursuant to Local Law 2-2021, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.
19. Authorize – The 2023/2024 D.P.W. Municipal Sidewalk Program, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”, pursuant to Local Law #2-2021. Special assessment details in the 2022/2023 proposed budget. The associated costs include labor, equipment, necessary legal fees, engineering costs, inspection fees, advertising fees, administrative costs, miscellaneous costs. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.)

20. Amend – Ord. #521 (08/01/2022), “Agreement - With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for the Dig Once City Infrastructure Butternut Street Project, for consultant engineering services, additional Construction Inspection Services, and additional Design Costs. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement from NYS Dormitory Authority Through the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM). Total cost not to exceed \$784,988 charged to Account #599807.07.701251000”. Amend to increase by \$33,000 to add additional Construction Inspection Services. Total cost not to exceed \$817,988, be charged to Account #599807.07.701251000.
21. Amend – Ord #15 (01/09/2023), “Agreement – With IoT Right, DBA, IntelAQ, to provide software and system Support for HVAC Air Quality Monitoring, on behalf of Department of Public Works, for the period of three (3) years with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$12,672 (\$4,224/year) from Account #01.16800.540530. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend for technical correction in legislation.
22. Amend – Ord #565 (09/13/2021), “Contract – With Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) for the design of the Mosley Pump Station Replacement Project, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the period of 253 days. Total cost not to exceed \$141,700, charged to Capital Account #83405.588340122”. Amend to increase the total cost not to exceed to \$513,300. All other terms remain the same.

BY COUNCILOR SCHULTZ:

23. Agreement – With NYS Department of Transportation, for the Shared Use of Services, Materials and/or Equipment, to promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways, relative to the State-Owned salt barn located off of Van Rensselaer Street, as detailed in the legislation, for the period of three (3) years commencing on April 1, 2023-March 32, 2025. No cost to the City.

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

24. Special Permit – To approve an Apartment House on property located at 208, 210, 212-214 and 224 Ashworth Place and 316 Pine Street. The permit is a companion application to a Resubdivision and a Project Site Review to combine seventeen (17) properties situated at 1219-1221, 1225-1227, 1231, 1237, 1301, 1311, 1317, and 1323 East Genesee Street, 206 and 208, 210, 212, (aka 212-214), 216, 218, 222, and 224 Ashworth Place, and 316 Pine Street into one new Lot and construct a five-story apartment building with 286 dwelling units and 150 accessory parking spaces. One person spoke in favor and two people spoke in opposition to the proposal. There were six (6) waivers granted in regard to the Residential, Class C front yard, side yard, density, height limitation, structural coverage, and parking requirements. Northside Genesee Associates, LLC, applicant. Northside Genesee Associates, LLC; The Greater Syracuse Land Bank; and Matthew and Margie Gantt, owners.

25. *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.*
26. *Special Permit – To approve a Restaurant on property located at 320 Lombard Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. There were four (4) waivers granted in regard to off-street parking, sign, street line treatment area, and rear yard treatment regulations. Domingo Ronaldo, applicant. TJW Asset Management, LLC, owner.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK; PRESIDENT HUDSON AND ALL COUNCILORS:

27. *Resolution – To honor Professor Dr. Robert B. Silver for receiving the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director’s Community Leadership Award (DCLA) for his work in tracking the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, including infections, deaths, vaccines, and vaccinations worldwide, which made him a trusted resource for public officials on best practices for public safety.*

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

28. *Amend – Ord #22 (01/11/2021), “Authorize – The Community Development Block Grant-CV3 Supplemental Funding (2020-2022) by the CARES Act in the amount of \$1,676,401, to prevent, prepare and respond to the novel coronavirus as soon as possible.” Amend to reallocate Liberty Resources unused fund in the amount of \$33,159.81 to Catholic Charities for Direct Financial Assistance for rental payment.*
29. *Application & Agreement – To and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, over a five-year period, on behalf of Department of Neighborhood and Business Development. the funds will be used to implement programs that support expanded tree canopy, improved health, ecological, economic benefits, urban forest planning, planting, and management. A percentage of the funding received (80%) would be made available as sub-grant awards to local community-based organizations and partners. There is no local match required.*
30. *Application & Agreement – To and with the Bloomberg Philanthropies for its Public Art Challenge, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. This is an initiative that encourages cities to partner with artists, and the creative sector to address urban issues. If awarded, the City is proposing Syracuse STEAM Engines, the program will work with high school student to co-create temporary works of public art with guidance of artist-in-residence, selected through an application vetting process, to introduce new career pathways and mentor students’ artistic growth while showcasing their creations to the larger community. There is no local match required.*

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MAY 8, 2023)  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

31. *Amend – Ord. #37 (01/25/2023), “Contract – With Cherry Road Technologies (CRT), to complete the four phases of the Payroll Modernization Program, funded by a NYS Financial Review Board Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 to upgrade payroll systems, to expire April 30, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$2,308,440, from Account #16800.01.540530.”. Amend to extend the contract to expire June 30, 2023. All other terms remain the same.*
32. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, relative to the Department of Police “Temp Services for Security for City Hall & One Park Place”, Account – 510300, increase expenditure by \$300,000, for security.*
33. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, relative to the Citizen Review Board “Professional Services”, Account – 595500, increase expenditure by \$65,000, for an investigator position and database software.*
34. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, relative to the Downtown Committee Special Object, “Miscellaneous Celebrations”, Account – 595500, increase expenditure by \$150,000.*
35. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, relative to the Department of Public Works “Manual Services”, Account – 540551, increase expenditure by \$100,000, for use as it relates to sidewalks.*
36. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, relative to “Surpluses and Balances-Unreserved, Undesignated (Fund Balance)” increase revenue by \$615,000.*