

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(12/19)

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2022

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 Reverend Dr. Be Carto Draper Jr., Tucker Baptist Missionary Church, Syracuse, New York)*
3. *Roll Call – (All Present – 9)*
4. *Minutes – December 5, 2022 – (Adopted 9 – 0)*
5. *Petitions – (None)*
6. *Committee Reports – (Public Works; Neighborhood Preservation)*
7. *Communications – (From the Onondaga County Board of Elections, a letter with the Statement of Canvass with reference to votes given at the November 8, 2022 General Election; From the Onondaga County Board of Elections, a letter stating Section 4-106 of the Election Law provides that the City Clerk shall make and transmit a Certificate stating each City Officer who lawfully may be voted for in the City at the 2023 General Election; From the Landmark Preservation Board, a letter with a copy of a resolution passed recommending that the property situated at 300 Waverly Avenue be designated a Protected Site.)*

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 9-0 a. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend Chapter 11, to add a new Article III, relative to the City's ability to take civil action to enforce the licensing requirement provided under the NYS Cannabis Law (the "Cannabis Law")* **LL**

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 9-0 9. Resolution – Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2023/2024. 30-R

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- 9-0 10. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022/2023 Parks Pools Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000. 824
- 9-0 11. Authorize – The 2022/2023 Parks Pools Improvements Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, for repairs, construction, and the purchase of parts, for the operation and maintenance of nine (9) pools throughout the City, detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000. 825

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0 12. Agreement – With Bloomberg Philanthropies a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, on behalf of the Office of Accountability, Performance & Innovation, to be used to digitize processes and support procurement reform. Funds will be deposited in an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance. No local match is required. 826
- 9-0 13. Levy – Onondaga County Tax (Excluding Onondaga County Consolidated Sanitation District) for 2022. Total amount \$45,463,507.92. 827
- 9-0 14. Levy – Onondaga County Water District Tax for 2022. Total amount \$292,681.61. 828
- 9-0 15. Levy – Onondaga County Sewer Rent for 2022. Total amount \$31,317,160.98. 829

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 9-0 16. Agreement – With Fisher Associates, D.P.C., for the Design Phase Fee for the Midland Avenue Paving Project (Ostrander Avenue to Route 173 (West Seneca Turnpike), PIN 3756.83, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total cost not to exceed \$235,000, charged to Capital Account #599807.07.700375683 and paid on a time and expense basis. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP, and 15% (\$38,400) Marchiselli Funding. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,666,000. 830

- 9-0** 17. 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 Kirk Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, PIN 395079. Total amount not to exceed \$390,000. **831**
- 9-0** 18. Agreement – With NYS DOT for the Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the Kirk Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, PIN 395079. Total amount not to exceed \$390,000. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% (\$312,000) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP. **832**
- 9-0** 19. Authorize – The Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the Kirk Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, PIN 395079, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total amount not to exceed \$390,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% (\$312,000) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP. **833**
- 9-0** 20. 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 Erie Boulevard West Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project, PIN 395080. Total amount not to exceed \$670,000. **834**
- 9-0** 21. Agreement – With NYS DOT for the Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the Erie Boulevard West Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project, PIN 395080. Total amount not to exceed \$670,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% (\$563,000) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP. **835**
- 9-0** 22. Authorize – The Scoping, Preliminary & Detailed Design Phases of the Erie Boulevard West Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project, PIN 395080. Total amount not to exceed \$670,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% (\$563,000) reimbursement from the Federal Government through TIP. **836**
- 9-0** 23. Amend – Ord. #303 (5/23/2022), “Appropriate Funds – From the Appropriated and Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999, in the amount of \$25,500, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, for a new GPS unit and associated equipment and service”. Amend to increase the appropriation of funds by \$1,500 from Account #510100.01.80400. Total appropriation not to exceed \$27,000. **837**
- 9-0** 24. Amend – Ord. #697 (11/22/2021), “Agreement – With Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (SIDA) for the City to be responsible for the maintenance and management of the Center Armory Parking Garage located at 218 West Jefferson, for the period of one year with two (2) one year renewal options, with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. The City will pay SIDA the sum of \$1 per year”. Amend to authorize the first one-year renewal option, effective December 1, 2022-November 30, 2023. **838**

25. Amend – Ord. #412 (06/22/2022), “Purchase w/c/b – From JGB and/or OMNI Services Inc., hydraulic repair service and parts for various trucks, for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, on behalf of D.P.W. Total cost not to exceed \$30,000 to be charged to Accounts #540210.01.51320 or #540220.01.51320”. Amend to purchase from “Echelon Supply & Service Inc. and/or OMNI Services Inc.” instead of JGB Enterprises Inc. **839**
26. Amend – Ord. #628 (10/12/2021), “Contract – With JMT Inc., to assist in the operation of the Traffic Management Center (formally the Traffic Control Center) for the period of one (1) year with first of (3) one year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$407,660, charged to DPW Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend to authorize the second of three (3) one year renewal options, for the period of December 7, 2022-December 6, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$432,486, 80% reimbursable by NYS DOT. **840**
27. Purchase w/c/b – From Transcore, Inc., a contract for proprietary software services for the City’s Traffic Control System, for the period of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, on behalf of D.P.W. Total cost not to exceed \$52,500, to be charged to Account #07.599807.14905.707562223. **841**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

28. Accept – Eleven (11) qualified developers, Albanese Organization, Inc, Acacia Real Estate Development, Inc, Edgemere Development, Inc, Empire Housing, Home HeadQuarters, Inc, Housing Visions, Inc, Jubilee Homes, Lakewood Development III, NHP Foundation, Pennrose, A Tiny Home for Good, Inc, as it relates to the \$11,000,000 of ARPA Funds, previously approved by Ord. #295-2022, for Infill Housing Development Projects. Prior to receiving funding, the individual projects will come before the Council. All projects involve M/WBE compliance monitoring and reporting, in addition to local hiring requirements. **842**
29. Amend – The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 49, “Business Certificate of Use”, relative to Section 49:16 “Failure to maintain good order at the business location”. Amend to add a sub section permitting that a said violation of the Cannabis Law shall be assigned a point value of four (4) points, pursuant to Section 49:16 and amend the Penal Law to replace the citation found at the at Section 49-16(a)(1)(b) from Article 221 to Article 222, as detailed in legislation. **Gen. #24**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

30. Accept & Agreement – From and with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the FY 2022 \$1,000,000 Community Project Funding Grant, for Infill Housing construction, directed toward the City’s Resurgent Neighborhood Initiative (RNI) for new home construction. The funding will help reach the City’s goal of 50 owner occupied and 150 rental infill units, 84 units are completed or in development. **843**

31. Authorize – The City to provide \$50,000 each for six (6) Community Centers projects, (Dunbar Association, Huntington Family Centers, Inc., Jubilee Homes of Syracuse, Mercy Works, Inc., Syracuse Northeast Community Center, Westcott Community Center) that have been deemed to have qualifying projects as defined in the Neighborhood Community Center Improvement Program, previously authorized by Ord. #467-2022., as detailed in the legislation”. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000. **844**
32. Accept – Four (4) qualified contractors, Ali Fix It Construction, Solid Rock Construction, Chiodo Heating & Air, GC Contracting, to perform emergency repairs when landlords refuse to adequately address critical code violations, as it relates to the \$186,000 of ARPA Funds, previously approved by Ord. #295-2022, in which \$36,000 of that amount will be used by the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development for administrative costs. The contractors will be approved on a per project basis. All projects involve M/WBE compliance monitoring and reporting, in addition to local hiring requirements. **845**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – DECEMBER 19, 2022)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN; PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

33. Resolution – To Honor the Syracuse University Men’s Soccer Team for their 2022 National Championship. **31-R**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK; PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

34. Resolution – Memorializing the Governor of New York, the State Senate, and State Assembly of New York to provide greater financial support to municipalities to enforce the Cannabis Law. (See Exhibit A-E) **32-R**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

35. Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration in accordance with the environmental assessment form, as detailed in “Appendix “A”, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), relative to the request to initiate an eminent domain Corporation Counsel’s request, to obtain easement rights in the Equitable Tower Parking Garage owned by Towers Realty LR, LTD (“Towers”). **846**

- 9-0** 36. *Authorize – The City of Syracuse to initiate an eminent domain proceeding under the New York State Eminent Domain Law (Chapter 839 of the Laws of 1977) to obtain necessary easement rights in the Equitable Tower Parking Garage owned by Towers Realty LR, LTD, (“Towers”), as detailed in Exhibit “A, “B” and “C”. This action is relative to the settlement of the Towers lawsuit against the City.* **847**

*Syracuse Common Council
Adjourned at 1:20 PM*