

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(10/27)

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2023

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

9. *Contract – With George’s Pro Sound to provide professional sound and lighting services for the City’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Clinton Square, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$1,425 from Account #504610 Fund 25 Department #71400 and any remaining balance from Account #71400 71400. 01.540552.*

10. Amend – Ord. #683 (10/11/2022) “Agreement - With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for General Landscape Architectural Services, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Youth Programs, for the period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$31,250, charged to Account #01.74100.541500.” Amend to change the company name to Collier Engineering & Design CT PC and authorize the first of two (2) one-year renewal options, effective October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, with an increased total cost not to exceed of \$125,000 (annually) to support the list of ongoing projects outlined in the attachment. All other terms remain the same.
11. Amend – Ord. #684 (10/11/2022) “Agreement - With Bergmann, Architects, Engineers, Planners, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Youth Programs, for General Landscape Architectural Services, for the period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$31,250, charged to Account #01.74100.541500.” Amend to authorize the first of two (2) one-year renewal options, effective October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, with an increased total cost not to exceed of \$125,000 (annually) to support the list of ongoing projects outlined in the attachment. All other terms remain the same.
12. Amend – Ord. #685 (10/11/2022) “Agreement - With Terry Horst Landscape Architecture, PC, for General Landscape Architectural Services, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Youth Programs, for the period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$31,250, charged to Account #01.74100.541500.” Amend to authorize the first of two (2) one-year renewal options, effective October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, with an increased total cost not to excess to \$125,000 (annually) to support the list of ongoing projects outlined in the attachment. All other terms remain the same.
13. Amend – Ord. #686 (10/11/2022) – “Agreement - With QPK Design, LLP, for General Landscape Architectural Services, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Youth Programs, for the period of October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$31,250, charged to Account #01.74100.541500.” Amend to authorize the first of two (2) one-year renewal options, effective October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, with an increased total cost not to exceed of \$125,000 (annually) to support the list of ongoing projects outlined in the attachment. All other terms remain the same.
14. Authorize – Payment to Eric Jones for a performance by Trumptight 315, at the Home for the Holiday’s Tree Lighting, at Clinton Square, Friday, November 24, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$500 from the Celebrations Account #504610 Fund #25 and Account #01.71400.540552.

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL; PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

15. *Resolution – In recognition of Sarah Collins Rudolph, often referred to as the “5th little girl”, who survived the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama, killing four young girls and injuring many others. The 60th anniversary of the bombing is a time to remember the victims and to reflect on the progress that has been made since then. and to acknowledge that racism is still a problem in America.*

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

16. *Authorize - An Exemption Agreement with La Liga Westside Village Housing Development Fund Corporation (“the Corporation”) pursuant to Section 573 and Section 577 of Article 11 of the New York Private Housing Finance Law and Section 402 of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, to construct 68 affordable housing units at scattered sites throughout the City, as detailed in the legislation. The term would be for the period of fifteen (15) years and each year based on 10% of the difference between gross rent minus utilities, or \$36,850, whichever is greater.*
17. *Lease Agreement - With Baruch Park Place, LLC (c/o Zamir Equities, LLC) for a portion of the property located at 300 South State Street – specifically, an 1,876± office suite on the fifth floor to be occupied by the Citizen Review Board (CRB), to provide a closed suite and confidential space to conduct work. The term will be for the period of five (5) years, commencing on or around December 1, 2023, with an annual rent starting at \$28,609, from Account #90000.01.590810, inclusive of utility costs, common area maintenance, and yearly increase, as detailed in the legislation.*
18. *Amend – Ord. #452 (07/03/2023), “Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost to continue the pre-design and implementation work related to the software systems. Total amount not to exceed \$1,825,000”. Amend to increase the total amount not to exceed by \$2,175,000 to \$4,000,000.*
19. *Agreement – With Ernst & Young, for Pre-Work Phase 2, the Implementation Phase of ERP Modernization Project, to continue pre-design and implementation work related to the software systems, which will include, business integration work, systems integration, infrastructure architecture, additional implementation prework and the necessary license to perform services, to expire June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$2,175,000 from Account #599807.07.13105.700045423. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*

20. *Amend – Ord. #454 (07/03/2023), “Authorize – The Department of Finance, to continue pre-design and implementation work related to the software systems, that includes, business integration work, systems integration, infrastructure architecture, additional implementation prework and the necessary license to perform services, to expire December 23, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$1,825,000, from Cash Capital, part of the 2023/2024 Capital Plan”. Amend to authorize Pre-work Phrase 2, the Implementation Phase of ERP Modernization Project and increase the total cost not to exceed by \$2,175,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,000,000.*
21. *Transfer Funds - From the 2023/2024 Budget Account #93000.01.599300 Judgement & Claims in the amount of \$63,947.89, to Account #14300.01.510100 Personnel-Salary, Account #90300.01.590300 Social Security, Account #90600.01.590600 Medical Insurance and Account #90100.01.590100 Retirement, as detailed in Schedule “A”.*
22. *Purchase w/c/b – From Aaron Nuzzo, Albany Process Service & Investigative Consultants, Metro Attorneys and Alliance Risk Group Inc., for process serving services, on behalf of the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication (“Bureau”) on an as-needed basis, for the period of July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$10,000 to be charged to Account #540552.01.13320*

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

23. *Authorize – A contract with Pro-Act Inc., to supply and administer flu shots for up to 500 city personnel as part of the City Annual Flu Clinic for 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000 to be charged to Account #590601.01.90600*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

24. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2023 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,617,308, to implement the Emergency Signal Preemption Project to update the City’s existing signal infrastructure.*
25. *Contract – With Global Traffic Technologies, LLC., a division of Miovision Technologies Incorporated, for an Emergency Signal Preemption system, to provide upgrades to the preemption system, on behalf of the Department of Public Work in collaboration with the Fire Department, for the period of five (5) years. Total cost not to exceed \$2,031,168 to be charged to an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance. ARPA funds will be used to cover \$1,617,308 of the cost. The remaining \$413,860 will be charged to Account #01.81800.541500. The system is a critical component of the Fire Department’s fast response times. The work will include replacing outdated and functionally obsolete equipment at signalized intersections across the City and cover ongoing operation and maintenance items. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*

26. *Amend - General Ord. #6 (09/5/2023), as amended "Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, entitled "Health and Sanitation", Article 6 entitled "City of Syracuse Department of Public Works Program for Updating the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection System for Household Waste Generators." Amend to (1) specifically define a Mixed Use Dwelling as property that contain a commercial waste generator and a household waste generator; (2) to specify that a mixed use dwelling containing up to four (4) units of household waste generators are eligible for residential trash pickup using a City issued regulation container; (3) updating the definition of commercial waste generator to remove language that states any combination of household waste generator and commercial waste generator; and (4) reducing the administrative fee for violations of Article 6 from \$100.00 to \$25.00.*
27. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parking Garage Rehabilitation Program. Total amount not to exceed \$2,988,000.*
28. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Parking Garage Rehabilitation Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to be used for engineering services and construction needed to make structural and other repairs to City-owned parking garages to ensure safety and structural integrity. Total amount not to exceed \$2,988,000.*
29. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 MEM HVAC Upgrades Program. Total amount not to exceed \$600,000.*
30. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 MEM HVAC Upgrades Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to replace (2) Make Up Air (MUA) units and the infrared tube heater to improve the air quality. Total amount not to exceed \$600,000.*
31. *Amend – "Ord. #477 (07/23/2023), "Appropriate Funds - From Cash Capital Account #05.120033.99999 to authorize the 2023/2024 Water Capital Equipment Replacement Project, purchases detailed in the legislation. Total amount not to exceed \$400,000". Amend to increase the appropriation by \$90,107 to purchase a flatbed truck. Details outlined in Appendix "A."*
32. *Purchase w/c/b – From T.H. Kinsella, disposal services of spoils, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, on behalf of the Department of Water. Total cost not to exceed \$80,000 charged to Account #05.83400.540552.*
33. *Purchase w/c/b – From Dehm, screen cleaning services for the Woodland Reservoir, Skaneateles Lake and Skaneateles Gatehouse, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, on behalf of the Department of Water. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000 charged to Account 05.83300.540552.*

34. *Amend – Ord. #588 (08/22/2022), “Agreement - With CHA Consulting, Inc., for the Preliminary design Phase Fee for East Colvin Street Paving Project (Comstock Avenue to the City Line), PIN 3756.81. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% reimbursement from Federal funds through TIP and 8.38% Marchiselli funds. Total amount not to exceed \$242,000, from Capital Account #07.599807.700375681”. Amend to add the Final Design Services and an additional amount of \$292,000. Total cost not to exceed \$534,000.*
35. *Amend – Ord. #830 (12/19/2022), “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. Total cost not to exceed \$235,000, charged to Capital Account #599807.07.700375683.80405. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,666,000.” Amend to add the Final Design Services and an additional amount of \$294,000. Total cost not to exceed \$529,000.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS & COUNCILOR HOGAN:

36. *Amend – Ord. #182 (03/27/2022), “Authorize - The Demolition Design of the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (800-802 South Wilbur Avenue) on behalf of the Department of Engineering, so that the City can bid the demolition package as soon as possible after the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) is completed and approved by the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$450,000, from the appropriated and unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999.” Amend to include the scope of site work design. All associated costs from Capital Account #599807.07.700040523.80405. This project will be fully reimbursed from a NYS Empire State Development (ESD) grant of \$29,000,000.*
37. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Demolition Phase of the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (800-802 South Wilbur Avenue). Total amount not to exceed \$26,400,000.*
38. *Authorize – Demolition Phase of the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (800-802 South Wilbur Avenue), on behalf of the Department of Engineering, which includes demolition and remediation of the existing structures on the site, testing, construction administration and inspection and other ancillary costs associated with the Demolition Phase of this project. Total amount not to exceed \$26,400,000. This project will be fully reimbursed from a NYS Empire State Development (ESD) grant of \$29,000,000, in which a portion of these funds will used for infrastructure investment to expand water/sewer service lines, access roads, sidewalks, tree planting and street lighting along the access roads to the site.*

BY COUNCILOR SCHULTZ:

39. *Accept – From the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, (SMTC) an amount not to exceed \$9,500 to establish the Community Streets Program, as part of their 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program.*
40. *Authorize – An agreement with Adapt CNY, Inc. to administer the Community Streets Program. The Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, (SMTC) will assist in structuring an ongoing process to engage and encourage community members in more bike and pedestrian activity, along with demonstration projects aimed at improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists. No City funds are required.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

41. *Application & Agreement - To and with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the 2021 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant (EDC21) in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, to enhance the Police Department's existing Canine Detection Dog Program. No local match is required.*
42. *Application & Agreement - To and with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) through the Law Enforcement Technology Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, to be used for COPS Cameras, LED lighting, blight removal and additional law enforcement technologies. No local match is required.*

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

43. *Permission - To Anna Akins, owner of the property at 508 Hickory Street, for existing stairs that will encroach approximately 3'6" into the Hickory Street right-of-way.*
44. *Amend - Ord. #634 (09/05/2023) "Accept – Eleven (11) qualified contractors, Ali Fix It Construction, Solid Rock Construction, Chiodo Heating & Air, GC Contracting, 24Seven HVAC, Cornell Bell, LLC, Krell Inc., Kelley Electrical Services LLC, FYM The Contractor LLC, Servpro of North Onondaga and Servpro of East Onondaga, to perform emergency repairs, 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." Amend to add Pest Master Services of CNY. All other terms and conditions remain the same. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*

45. *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 \$240,000, to offset project costs for rehabilitation of properties located at 1404 Midland, 308 West Beard, 121 West Borden, 118-120 East Borden, 516 Garfield, and 212 Seward Avenues. Marlon Simmons (AADM REALTY LLC) will serve as the developers for all addresses, to be completed by the end of 2024. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN & COUNCILOR HOGAN:

46. *Authorize - The Department of Neighborhood and Business Development to use the American Rescue Plan Act (12) funds set aside for Infill Housing, as it relates to Ord. #295-2022, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to offset project costs of construction located at 1081 South Salina Street, for 24 mixed income rental units and ground floor commercial units for JHP & E Smith Contractors and Sharrdon's Pet Grooming Salon. City funds will be targeted at 80% of AMI. Additional funds will be leveraged from SIDA, SEDCO and the City Commercial Corridor Improvement Fund and state sources. Salina 1st, LLC will serve as the developer for all addresses, to be completed by the end of 2024. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – OCTOBER 31, 2023)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

47. *Resolution - Recognizing the "Taste of Strathmore" as one of the biggest community support events and annual fundraiser, in benefit of Most Holy Rosary Elementary School.*