

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(03/27)

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 27, 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 Pastor Alicia Wood, University Methodist Church, Syracuse New York)*
3. *Roll Call – (Present – 8; Absent – Councilor Majok)*
4. *Minutes – March 13, 2023 – (Adopted 8 – 0)*
5. *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 held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.) APPEARANCES: Greg Dewan, Marwah Alobaidi, Bill Demarle, Sadia Aden, Walt Dixie, Brian Fay, Joe Russo, Shannon Cunningham, Kim McIlroy, Joseph Bizzaro, Kevin Schoon, Wenona Timmons, Twiggy Bille, Hollis Mathis, Bridget Adams, Sal Curran, Karmen Ortiz, Sharon Sherman, Eddie Lamar, Tim Kirkland, Nicole Watts. WRITTEN: NEHDA*
6. *Petitions – (A Zoning Petition signed by 10 city residents relative to Re-Zone Syracuse affecting Lafayette Road)*
7. *Committee Reports – (Finance, Taxation & Assessment)*
8. *Communications – (From the Hon. Ben Walsh, City Mayor, the 2023 State of City Address; From CenterState CEO and Syracuse University, written acceptance of the permission and consents as outlined in Ordinance No. 90-2023; From the Dunbar Association, South Side Innovation Center, New York StateWide Senior Action Council, Syracuse Housing Authority, InterFaith Works, New American Forum, BluePrint 15, Syracuse NorthEast Community Center, Syracuse TNT, and Syracuse United Neighbors, letters expressing support for the Community Broadband Program; From Empire State Development, the General Project Plans together with findings for the SCIP NUAIR Algae Bloom Monitoring & Treatment Capital Project and the Tech Garden Capital Project in Onondaga County.)*

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**NEW BUSINESS**  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 8-0** 9. Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2023/2024. **8-R**

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- WD** 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. **WD**
- 8-0** 11. Agreement - With Onondaga County and Friends of Second Chance Adoption Shelter Inc, (Friends), for the use of the building located at 6660 East Seneca Turnpike, at a cost \$1.00, 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, from the date of execution until termination by any party upon a ninety (90) day notice. There will be utilities charges for the property used and occupy. **149**
- 8-0** 12. Accept & Approve - From National Grid (10,000 Trees Program) a reimbursement of \$13,850, to transfer to Syracuse Parks Conservancy, for the 277 trees that were planted (in 2022) at a rate of \$50 per tree, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, Urban Forestry Master Plan. **150**
- 8-0** 13. Authorize – Payment to various performances at Big Rig Day on May 20, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$2,000 from Account #01.71400.540552. **151**
- 7-0** 14. Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to be deposited in an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance, to be used for the 2023 Summer Fellows Program, **152**  
Caldwell -  
Abstain
- 7-0** 15. Agreement - With Syracuse Urban Partnership (SYRUP), for the 2023 Summer Fellows Program, to provide stipends for youth to attend programming with partner agency sub grantees, to provide enrichment programming for a total of 850 youth between the ages of 10 and up, as detailed in Exhibit "A". Total cost not to exceed \$600,000, from an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance. Included is 5% for administrative costs. **153**  
Caldwell -  
Abstain

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 8-0 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.* **154**
- 8-0 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.* **155**
- 8-0 18. *Agreement – With Eastcom Companies, Inc., for installation of fiber optic cable, navigating from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall to 7<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> floors of One Park Place to utilize Verizon’s conduit system, from the date of execution to June 30, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$39,500, charged to Account #595860.01.90000. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **156**
- 8-0 19. *Contract – With Deer Island Bait Company, Inc., on behalf of the Bureau of Information Technology, for consulting services, as it relates to program management and AS400 retirement oversight, to expire June 30, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$51,000, charged to Account #541500.01.16800. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **157**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

- 8-0 20. *Contract – With Employee Network Inc., (ENI), to act as the City’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP), on behalf of the Office of Personnel & Labor Relation, at the date of execution for a 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 \$200,000 (\$40,000 annually), to be charged to Account #590701.01.90700.* **158**

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 8-0 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.* **159**
- 8-0 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.* **160**

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. **8-0** **Gen. #6**
24. Authorize – A pilot agreement with Rubicon Global LLC, (“Rubicon”), for turn-by-turn directions for the City’s fleet of sanitation vehicles, for the period of three (3) months with two (2) three-month renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. The turn-by-turn technology and equipment will enable the City to monitor, effectively measure and manage the impact and efficiency of its waste removal services. Rubicon will offer the first three (3) months at no cost to the City. Total cost not to exceed \$37,000 (\$6,200 monthly) from Account #01.51420.540530. **8-0** **161**
25. Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2022 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$436,858, on behalf of the DPW, to purchase two (2) Packer for the switch to use semi-automated collection of solid waste in carts. **8-0** **162**
26. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds to defray the cost of the Transportation Improvements within the City and along Onondaga Boulevard from the City line to its intersection with Velasko Road “Onondaga Blvd. Project. Total amount not to exceed \$700,000. **8-0** **163**
27. Authorize – An Inter-municipal agreement (IMA) with Onondaga County, for Transportation Improvements within the City and along Onondaga Boulevard from the City line to its intersection with Velasko Road “Onondaga Blvd. Project”, as detailed in the attached IMA. The City will pay all costs for the portion of the project that fall within City limits. Total amount not to exceed \$700,000. **8-0** **164**
28. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Genesee Dig Once Capital Improvement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$165,000. **8-0** **165**
29. Authorize – The 2023/2024 Genesee Dig Once Capital Improvement Program, to address pavement, water service and related infrastructure, along with addressing deficient streetscape and ADA compliance. Total amount not to exceed \$165,000. **8-0** **166**
30. Amend – Ord. #81 (02/28/2022), “Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,070,000, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the Intake Construction Project which extends Intake Number Two to address turbidity concerns”. Amend to reduce funds by \$2,070,000 to use for the West Genesee Street replacement project from Salina to Myrtle Street. **8-0** **167**

- 8-0 31. Amend – Ord. #82 (02/28/2022), Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,030,000, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the West Genesee Street replacement project from Salina Street to Myrtle, to replace water valves, replace lead services along with the replacement main from 1894”. Amend to the increase ARPA appropriation by 2,070,000 from the Intake Construction Project (Ord. 81-2022). Total amount not to exceed \$4,100,000. **168**
- 8-0 32. Contract – With American Leak Detection for a professional service, to survey for locations leaks throughout the water distribution system, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the period of two (2) years. Total cost not to exceed \$167,420 (\$83,710 annually) charged to Account #05.83110.541500. **169**
- 8-0 33. Accept – Lining of 350 foot long 12” Combined Sewer Main and the construction of a 100 foot long new 18” stormwater sewer main with associated right-of-way improvements along East Fayette Street (1000 Block) by TLSP Coda, LLC, the owner of the South Crouse Apartments Project (1001 East Genesee Street) in accordance with Onondaga County’s 1:1 offset requirement (Local Law No. 1, 2011). **170**
- 8-0 34. Agreement – With C&S Engineers, Inc., for consultant services, for the Arsenal Park Hydraulic Study and Benefit/Cost Analysis, as detailed in the legislation. Total amount not to exceed \$139,000, charged to Account #07.599807.702792122.80405. To be paid on a time and expense basis for all services required to completion. (Previously authorized in Ord. #706-2019, #278-2021 and #279-2021). **171**
- 8-0 35. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds to defray the cost of the Scoping, Preliminary & Detail Design Phases of the NSEW Corridors Interconnect Project- Phase 2, PIN 3757.80. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000. **172**
- 8-0 36. Agreement – With NYS DOT the Scoping, Preliminary & Detail Design Phases of the NSEW Corridors Interconnect Project- Phase 2, PIN 3757.80, on behalf of the Engineering Department. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% Federal reimbursement and 15% Marchiselli reimbursement through NYS TIP. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000, from an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance Total project cost not to exceed \$3,250,000. **173**
- 8-0 37. Authorize – The Scoping, Preliminary & Detail Design Phases of the NSEW Corridors Interconnect Project- Phase 2, PIN 3757.80, on behalf of the Engineering Department. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% Federal reimbursement and 15% Marchiselli reimbursement through NYS TIP. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000, from an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance Total project cost not to exceed \$3,250,000. **174**
- 8-0 38. Confirm – Appointment of Nikita Jankowski to the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) Board of Directors to complete John P. Copanas term expiring December 31, 2024. **175**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 6-0** 39. 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, as it relates to Exhibit “A”. (Public Hearing held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.) **176**  
Paniagua,  
Allen –  
Abstain
- 7-0** 40. Amend – Ord. #510 (08/23/2021), “Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (Closing Cost Assistance Program (CCA) until December 31, 2023, to provide financial support to generate and assist City first-time home buyers with closing cost assistance.” Amend to decrease the appropriation of ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$164,500 to increase ARPA appropriation for SHARP. (Ord. #508-2021). SHARP demands have exceeded the allocated funds. **177**  
Allen –  
Abstain
- 7-0** 41. Amend – Ord. #508 (08/23/2021), “Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (Syracuse Homeowner Assistance and Repair Program (SHARP) until December 31, 2023, to provide small home improvement mini-grants to eligible owner-occupied homeowners for small repairs.” Amend to increase the appropriation of ARPA funds from the “Closing Cost Assistance Program” previously approved (Ord. #510-2021) in an amount not to exceed \$164,500 to support the demand for “SHARP”. **178**  
Allen –  
Abstain
- H** 42. Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend Sections 5-1801 of the City Charter, entitled “Functions” to include the support of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA), Landmark Preservation Board, and other related zoning and long-term planning services. Also revise Section entitled 5-1803 entitled “Deputies” to change the number of deputies in Neighborhood and Business Development to read four (4), adding Deputy Commissioners of Code Enforcement and of Planning and Sustainability, detailed in the legislation. (Relative to the new IMA regarding planning services between the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County) **H**
- H** 43. Authorize – To establish a new Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) with Onondaga County Planning regarding planning services between the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County. The new plans involve the creation of new City Administrators/positions to be included in the FY23-24 Budget to support Zoning Administration and the Planning Commission. The IMA of June 19, 2013, known as Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA) will termination July 1, 2023, on the same date the new IMA will be effective, attached is a draft of the new IMA. **H**
- 8-0** 44. Designate – Property located at 300 Waverly Avenue as a protected site. One person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission meeting. The Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board, petitioner. Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Chi Omega, owner. **Gen. #7**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 8-0** 45. *Accept – From the Summit Federal Credit Union, a donation in the amount of \$250, to the Police Department K-9 Program, to allow the K-9 Unit to purchase equipment and/or supplies. The funds will be deposited in Account #404090.26.* **179**
- 8-0** 46. *Agreement – With Paradigm Polygraph Associates, LLC, to conduct polygraph examination, on behalf of the Police Department, as part of the department’s recruit hiring process, to expire June 30, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500 from Account #541500.01.31230. Mayor has waived the RFP Process.* **180**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- WD** 47. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 124–126 Calthrop Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).* **WD**
- 8-0** 48. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1921 Midland Avenue, a vacant, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).* **181**

BY COUNCILOR MONTO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT HUDSON & ALL COUNCILORS:

- T** 49. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend Sections 5-503 entitled “Scope of Audits” and Section 5-505 entitled “Legal Counsel”, as detailed in the legislation.* **T**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MARCH 27, 2023)  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE)

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 8-0** 50. *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. This project will be fully reimbursed from a NYS Empire State Development (ESD) grant of \$29,000,000.* **182**

Syracuse Common Council  
Adjourned at 1:16 PM