

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(11/13)

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 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 Rev. Molly Hammerhand, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse)*
3. *Roll Call – (All Present – 9)*
4. *Minutes – October 30, 2023 – (Adopted 9 – 0)*
5. *Petitions – (none)*
6. *Committee Reports – (Joint Economic Development & Neighborhood Preservation)*
7. *Communications – (From Hon. Ben Walsh, City Mayor, a letter vetoing General Ordinance #26-2023; From John Hoover of TLSP Coda LLC, a letter accepting the permission and consent outlined in Ord. #703-2023; From Andrea Goyette of 960 Glencove Road, a letter accepting the permission and consent outlined in Ord. #730-2023.)*

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Gethers made a motion, seconded by Councilor Schultz, and approved by unanimous vote, to override the Mayor's veto of General Ord. #26, as it relates to Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, entitled "Health and Sanitation."

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

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BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- WD** 9. Amend – Ord. #487 (08/02/2021) – “Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for the implementation of urban forestry master plan including planting 3,600 street trees, pruning of 4,000+ young trees and site improvements on public spaces to improve growing conditions, over three years.” Amend to appropriate \$125,000 of ARPA funds from Account #08.8.70205.800048721 to be used by the Department of Engineering, to facilitate the construction of the Canoe/Kayak Launch at Kirk Park. **WD**
- WD** 10. Authorize - The Canoe/Kayak Launch at Kirk Park Project, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, to include funds in the amount of \$125,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Account #08.8.70205.800048721, in addition to grant funding was authorized by Ord. #415-2019 in the amount of \$381,000. A SEQRA was approved by Ord. #648-2022. **WD**
- 9-0** 11. Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQRA Act, as it relates to the potential environmental impact of the implementation of the Tick and Deer Management Program. **768**
- 9-0** 12. Agreement – With United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services, (WS) to conduct wildlife management, in accordance with the adopted Tick and Deer Management Plan, from November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$50,000, charged to Account #541500.01.71100. **769**
- 9-0** 13. Agreement – With Marsh Mill Ranch, to provide meat processing services for all deer culled, as part of the City’s Tick and Deer Management Plan, from November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. As an approved processor, the meat will then be donated to homeless shelters. There is no cost to the City. **770**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0** 14. Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost and expense of the combined attorney’s fees, as the result of a judgement with Mario Franco v. City of Syracuse, et al, Federal Civil Action No. 5:16-cv-00634 who alleged a violation of his Fourteenth Amendment rights on July 5, 2014. Total amount not to exceed \$141,305,25. **771**
- 9-0** 15. Approve – Judgement – “The Law Office of Fred Lichtmacher PC” who served as Plaintiff’s counsel in the litigation matter of Mario Franco v. City of Syracuse, et al, Federal Civil Action No. 5:16-cv-00634. Judgement amount of \$101,521.50, relative to attorney’s fees and costs. **772**

- 9-0** 16. Approve – Judgement – “Bergstein & Ullrich LLP” who served as Plaintiff’s counsel in the litigation matter of Mario Franco v. City of Syracuse, et al, Federal Civil Action No. 5:16-cv-00634. Judgement amount of \$39,783.75, relative to attorney’s fees and costs. **773**
- 9-0** 17. Approve – Judgement – Mario Franco v. City of Syracuse, et al, Federal Civil Action No. 5:16-cv-00634, relative to an alleged violation of his Fourth Amendments rights on Julu 5, 2014, in the amount of \$5,001 from Judgement and Claims Account #599302.01.93000. **774**
- 9-0** 18. Correct Tax Rolls – (3800-3862 East Genesee Street & Dewitt Road to change assessment roll for tax year 2023/2024) as detailed in Appendix “A”. **775**

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 9-0** 19. Amend – Ord. #560 (08/14/2023) “The 2023/2024 DPW Municipal Sidewalk-Capital Equipment Program, to purchase one (1) work truck fleet vehicle. Total amount not to exceed \$35,000, from a Cash Capital account determined by the Commissioner of Finance.” Amend to increase the cost not to exceed by \$4,000 to account for an increase in the equipment cost. Total cost not to exceed \$39,000. **776**
- 9-0** 20. Approve - Participation in the Central New York (CNY) Regional Planning and Development Board’s Proposal for the CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program Year 16 (2024). Total cost not to exceed \$3,600 from Account #541500.06.81100. **777**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 9-0** 21. Amend – Ord. #595 (09/27/2023), “Application – With NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) for supplemental Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding (\$4,000,000) in conjunction with Home HeadQuarters to complete substantial renovations of at least 33 units of rental property and clear (demolish) 10-blighted properties. Public Hearing to be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.” Amend contract with NYS HCR, to apply as an amendment, for supplement CDBG-CV funding of \$500,000, to include six (6) additional properties, as listed in Appendix “A” and extend the existing contract until June 2024. **778**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 9-0** 22. Amend – Ord. #333 (06/05/2023) “Agreement – With Jordan Holliday, MD, for services as Medical Services Director for emergency services, on behalf of the Department of Fire, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$12,000, charged to Account #34100.01.541500.” Amend to add Lindsay Nausin, D.O., as Medical Services Director and Consultant. In addition, increase total cost not to exceed to \$18,000. All other terms remain the same. **779**
- 9-0** 23. Appropriate Funds – From Account #541500.01.31230 in the amount of \$72,000 for the 2023-2024 Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse. **780**
- 9-0** 24. Authorize – An Intermunicipal Agreement with Syracuse City School District (“SCSD”), on behalf of the Department of Police, to supply the SCSD with School Resource Officers (“SROs”) that include at least six (6) but no more than ten (10) School Resource Officers and one (1) Sergeant to supervise the SROs, as it relates to maintaining public and student safety and officer availability. The term of the contract will be for the 2023/2024 school year. The District will pay the City \$112,373 for each SRO, to be charged to Account #519100.01.31230. **781**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 9-0** 25. Application & Agreement – To and with Onondaga County, for the Onondaga County Public Arts Grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 as part of the City-wide mural program. Funds will be used for administration and marketing expenses. Two (2) local artists will be hired to work with the community to create two (2) murals in the City with an educational component. No local match required. **782**
- 9-0** 26. Contract – With the following six (6) (Crisafulli Trucking Inc, Bronze Contracting, LLC, Jackson Demolitions, Republic Services, Ritter & Paratore Contracting, LLC and Scanlon Trucking & Excavation, LLC) firms to be permitted to quote the Removal of Blighted Structures, on behalf of the Division of Code Enforcement. The contract will be for the period of two (2) years with a one (1) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$633,934, from Account #596220.01.90000. The firms were recommended by the RFQ Committee. **783**

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Adjourned at 1:09 PM