

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(03/19)

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 25, 2024

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – March 11, 2024*
5. *Public Hearing – Relative to Item #29, “Application – To the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2024-2025 (Year 50) Fourth Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$4,906,360) HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) (\$1,565,122) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (\$435,488). Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) \$412,909, as it relates to the draft Exhibit “A”. (Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.)” APPEARANCES: Greg Dewan, Luz Marina Zender, Pie Manirarora, Joan Royale, David Marnell, Brian Fay, Jeffrey Winn, Charles Williams, Andre Harper, Gail Williams, Tyesha Martin, Sharon Sherman, Kerry Quaglia, Jamaris Carter, Tecia Evans, Julius Lawrence, Rashad Glover, Annette Butler, Tealye Pinet, Syeisha Byrd, Stephanie Pasquale, Doug Ryker, Sannon Cunningham, Bob Sekowski, Caitlin Copter, Candelaria Romero. WRITTEN: Antonio Owens.*
6. *Petitions*
7. *Committee Reports*
8. *Communications*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

10. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parks Capital Improvements Project-Onondaga Greenhouse Improvements Initiative. Total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.*
11. *Authorize - The 2023/2024 Parks Capital Improvements Project-Onondaga Greenhouse Improvements Initiative, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Funds will be used to improve the greenhouse operation, to include replacement of the original roof system to meet existing building codes, support for controlled environmental conditions, upgrades to facility security, updates to internal building components, and other work related to the project. Total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.*
12. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parks Capital Improvements Project, Eastwood Skatepark Phase II expansion located in Huntington Park. Total amount not to exceed \$50,000.*
13. *Authorize - The 2023/2024 Parks Capital Improvements Project, Eastwood Skatepark Phase II expansion, located in Huntington Park. Funds will be used for services which includes construction document design development, contract administration and construction management. Total amount not to exceed \$50,000.*
14. *Accept – From the Downtown Committee, the transfer of the awarded NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) - Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) matching grant, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000, to the City Parks Department to establish downtown’s first playground on public grounds, to be deposited in an Account determined by the Commissioner of Finance. (Relative to a municipal endorsement in support of the Downtown Committee application, which included a local match of 50%). (Ord. #491-2023).*
15. *Accept – From Central New York Community Foundation, an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from an anonymous donor to the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, for staff creativity and other initiatives identified by the Parks Commissioner, deposited in an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance.*
16. *Accept - From Cuse Pit Crew, an in-kind donation of pet food and supplies (valued at \$85,000), to be used to support City residents and their beloved pets. Parks Department, Police Dog Control Division and Cuse Pit Crew will facilitate donations.*
17. *Agreement – With Hale Transportation, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, to provide three (3) passenger Coach buses for transportation of up to 130 youth, and 15 chaperones to Hershey Park for a day trip in the month of June 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$14,000, (driver gratuity included) to be charged to Account #71400.01.540552.*

18. Authorize - Payment to Hershey Park, to purchase amusement park tickets for up to 130 youth and 15 chaperones, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, for a day trip in June 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$9,000 to be charged to Account #71400.01.541500.
19. Authorize - Payment to Falling Forward, for a performance at the 2024 Rose Day at Thornden Park on June 15, 2024, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$300, charged to Account #01.71400.540552.
20. Authorize - Payment to various performances at Big Rig Day on May 18, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$2,000 from Account #01.71400.540552.

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

21. Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of emergency repairs for Fire Engine 17. Total amount not to exceed \$75,000.
22. Authorize – Ladder Tower, a Spartan Motor Band authorized dealer to perform emergency repairs to Fire Engine 17. The vehicle was involved in an accident and there is a possibility of further damage being assessed, see Attachment “A.” Total amount not to exceed \$75,000.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

23. Amend – Ord. #467 (07/03/2023), “Purchase w/c/b – From Parkeon. Inc., IPS Group Inc., Duncan Parking Technologies, CivicPlus LLC, and Republic Parking Systems, Inc., single space, multi-space pay stations, parts, supplies, repairs, and communications, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$555,000 charged to Account #01.81800.540511”. Amend to add Flowbird America, Inc, to the list of vendors and supplies to the list of purchases.
24. Purchase w/c/b – From CMI Roadbuilding Inc., Conviber Inc., Echelon Supply & Service, Inc., F.W. Webb Company and Landauer, Inc., asphalt plant equipment, parts, repair service and mandatory radiation testing services, for the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, on behalf of Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$100,000 to be charged to Accounts #540511.01.51200, 540552.01.51200 or an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance.

25. Authorize – A Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation Inc., on behalf of the Department of Engineering, for a City-owned Aerial Fiber Optic Cable carrying the DPW Traffic Signal Interconnect over the Midler Avenue Railroad Crossing, located on Midler Avenue between Erie Blvd. East and Canal Street, as part of the NSEW Interconnect Project, PIN 3754.79. The City needs to string on existing utility poles in the City R.O.W. the fiber optic lines aerially over the railroad crossing, the railroad owns the R.O.W. where the tracks are located. The associated fee for the project not to exceed \$2,750, from Account #599807.07.701037000.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS & COUNCILOR HOGAN:

26. Authorize – The City of Syracuse to declare the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (SDC) Site Infrastructure Development Project to be a Type II Action, which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), on behalf of Engineering to complete the Engineering Design.
27. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray cost of the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (SDC) Site Infrastructure Development Project, Engineering Design Phase. Total amount not to exceed \$325,000.
28. Authorize – The Department of Engineering to proceed with the Former Syracuse Developmental Center (800-802 South Wilbur Avenue) Site Infrastructure Development Project, Design Phase, which includes site improvement to the property for future sale and development, utility improvements, new roads to be dedicated as City streets, drainage, sidewalks, streetlights, grass, trees, bike paths, other ancillary work, along with a SEQR, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) and drainage reports. Total cost not to exceed \$325,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$29,000,000, to be fully reimbursed from a grant from the NYS Empire State Development (ESD).

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN & COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

29. Application – To the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2024-2025 (Year 50) Fourth Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$4,906,360) HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) (\$1,565,122) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (\$435,488). Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) \$412,909, as it relates to the draft Exhibit “A”. (Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.)

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

30. Amend - The City of Syracuse Cash Management and Investment Policy, adopted by Ord. #197-1994 and amended by Ord. #104-1999, Ord. #518-2006, and Ord. #531-2010, to add three (3) additional investment instruments highlighted in the attached copies and detailed in the legislation.

31. Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – NFNYS Business Trust (“NFNYS”) vs. The City of Syracuse, et al. – 1900 Grant Blvd. & Butternut Street, (Tax Map No.: 011.-11-20.1) relative to assessed value - Tax Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024.
32. Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – FBBT/US Properties, LLC. (“FBBT”) vs. The City of Syracuse, et al. – 2922-2928 East Genesee Street, (Tax Map No.: 042.-02-03.1) relative to assessed value - Tax Years 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024.
33. Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – McKesson Corporation vs. The City of Syracuse, et al. – 800 Van Rensselaer Street, (Tax Map No.: 116.-01-09.0) relative to assessed value - Tax Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024.
34. Correct Tax Rolls – (705-09 North Salina Street; 742; 732-740; 746; 802; and 727 South Crouse Avenue; 710-22 University Avenue to Adams Street; 701-27 University Avenue; 700 University Avenue & Adams Street; 801-41 South Crouse Avenue & Marshall Street; 801-33 University Avenue & Marshall Street; 137 Marshall Street; 129-31 Marshall Street; 808 South Crouse Avenue & Waverly Avenue; 167-69 Marshall Street; 1011 East Adams Street; 123 Marshall Street; 113 Marshall Street; 731-33 South Crouse Avenue; 159-63 Marshall Street; 153 Marshall Street; 610-14 University Avenue & Adams Street; 1015 East Adams Street; 1013 East Adams Street; 713 South Crouse Avenue; 701-05 South Crouse Avenue & East Adams Street; 1004-08 East Adams Street to Crouse Avenue; 710-30 South Crouse Avenue; 704 South Crouse Avenue & East Adams Street; 737 South Crouse Avenue & Marshall Street; 637-49 South Crouse Avenue & East Adams Street; 726 University Avenue & Marshall Street; 705-09 North Salina Street; 204 South Collingwood Avenue; 705-09 North Salina Street; and 210 Miles Avenue, for tax years 1993/1994 – 2023/2024) to change the assessment roll, as detailed in Appendixes “A” – “R”.
35. Approve – An installation of an Honorary Street Sign on the corner of Irving Avenue and East Raynor Avenue in recognition of Jim Boeheim. Coach Boeheim is a true legend in the Syracuse community for his impressive run as head coach at his alma mater, Syracuse University (SU), serving for 47 years. Boeheim led the Syracuse Orange to 35 trips to the NCAA Tournament, including Final Four appearances in 1987, 1996, 2003, 2013, and 2016. His strong leadership landed the Orange the National Championship in 2003. Boeheim was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He served as assistant coach for USA Men’s National Olympic team, leading them to gold medals in 2008, 2012, and 2016. Boeheim is also known for his charitable contributions to the Syracuse community, he and his wife run the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation, a local non-profit enriching the lives of kids in CNY, as well as providing support for eliminating cancer through research and advocacy.

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

36. Amend – Ord. # 573 (08/14/2023), “Agreement – With Blueprint 15, Inc., to construct a new multipurpose Children Rising Center, to be located on South State Street and East Taylor Street. The Facility will include an early learning center, parent/child play center, and a YMCA for wellness programming. Total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, from the ARPA Funds. The City’s funding is contingent upon Blueprint 15 securing the necessary funding sources for development of the project by March 31, 2024. The Allyn Family Foundation and Onondaga County have committed \$10 Million, Blueprint 15 is currently seeking additional grant funding from the State and other public and private sources, as well as tax credit financing.” Amend to extend the contract to June 30, 2024, to permit Blueprint 15, Inc., additional time to secure the necessary funding sources needed.
37. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 144-46 Seventh North Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
38. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1131 Lemoyne Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
39. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 131 Wadsworth Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
40. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1227 Highland Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
41. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1006 Spring Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
42. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 118 Warham Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
43. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 118 Mary Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)
44. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 119 Cummings Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)

45. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 124 Strand Place, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 1)*
46. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 310 Lewis Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
47. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1801 West Genesee Street & Willis Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
48. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 113-15 Sabine Street, a double wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
49. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 226-28 Holland Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
50. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 216 Shonnard Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
51. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 242-44 Richmond Avenue, a wood house and barn, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 2)*
52. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 147 Strong Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 3)*
53. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 216 Lennox Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 3)*
54. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 112 Fernwood Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
55. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 214 Forest Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*

56. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1713-15 South State Street, a brick & wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
57. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 121 White Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
58. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 228-30 Martin Luther King West, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
59. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 168 Hope Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
60. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 243 McLennan Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
61. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 246 McLennan Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
62. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 161 Lincoln Avenue, a wood & stucco house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
63. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 145 Forest Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
64. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 235 Furman Street, a wood house and barn, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
65. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 128 McLennan Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
66. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 172-74 Hope Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*

67. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 229-31 Warner Avenue & Cannon Street, a wood house and garage unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
68. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 330 Hatch Street & West Brighton Avenue, a wood house and garage unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
69. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 145 Hixson Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
70. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 2674 East Fayette Street & Candee Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
71. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 238 Fenway Drive, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
72. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1012 Hawley Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
73. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 260 North Edwards Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
74. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 208 Paul Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
75. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 225 Gertrude Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
76. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 113 Mather Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*
77. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 308 Lexington Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*

78. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 2646 East Fayette Street, a wood house and garage unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
79. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1445 Burnet Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*
80. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 318 Shuart Avenue, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*

BY COUNCILOR MONTO:

81. *Agreement – With NYS DOT for reimbursement, under Executive Law Section 29-h(8)(c) to reimburse the Assisting Local Jurisdictions for any money paid for salaries or other compensation, traveling and maintenance expenses incurred from the activities performed while rendering assistance in regard to the City of Buffalo Blizzard in December 2022. Total amount not to exceed \$68,650.54. Funds will be deposited in Account #01.423010.*