

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(04/05)

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 8, 2024

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – March 25, 2024*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

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NEW BUSINESS  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON & COUNCILOR MAJOK:

9. *Amend - Local Law #1-2012 Of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, Section 6-(3a) and (3b) entitled "Officers and Staff", relative to the Citizen Review Board, as set forth in the attached legislation.*

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON & COUNCILOR HOGAN:

10. *Resolution - Memorializing the Governor of New York, the State Senate, and State Assembly of New York to increase the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding.*

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

11. *Agreement – With Central New York SPCA, for shelter services, basic veterinary care, vaccinations, etc., for all dogs dropped off by the City Dog Control and Police Department, for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options subject to the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total annual cost not to exceed \$30,000 charged to Account #541500.01.35100. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*
12. *Amend – Ord. #1 (01/09/2023) “Purchase w/c/b – With Barks & Rec, LLC, for contract to provide shelter services, basic veterinary care, vaccinations, etc. for all dogs dropped off by the City Dog Control and Police Department, for the period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024, with one (1) one-year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$75,000 to be charged to Account #541500.01.35100.” Amend to authorize the final one-year renewal option. All other terms remain the same.*
13. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Neighborhood Parks Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000.*
14. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Neighborhood Parks Improvements Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, to support the improvement of playgrounds at Barry Park and Ward Bakery Park, including the design, purchase, and installation, as well as other additional needs in the parks. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000.*
15. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Thornden Park Rose Garden Paver & Accessibility Capital Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000.*
16. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Thornden Park Rose Garden Paver & Accessibility Capital Improvements Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, to support construction and engineering related to the Thornden Park Dr EM Mills Rose Garden to restore and improve approximately 10,000 square feet of 100-year-old brick paver paths and walkways within the Rose Garden, as detailed in the legislation. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000.*
17. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Stonewalls & Steps Capital Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$450,000.*
18. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Stonewalls and Steps Improvement Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Funds will be used to support the design, engineering, repairs and restoration of various stone retaining walls and steps, as detailed in Appendix “A.” Total cost not to exceed \$450,000.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

19. *Application & Agreement – To and with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), under the FY 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (SAFER), in an amount not to exceed \$7,200,000, to help increase the number of trained “front line” firefighters, by using funds to offset the salary and benefit costs for twenty (20) new firefighters for a period of three (3) years, to enhance the department’s ability to comply standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. No local match required.*
20. *Resolution – Calling on the President and the Congress of the United States to support a cessation of all hostilities the release of all hostages and the promotion of peace in Israel and Gaza.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

21. *Amend – Ord. #24 (01/22/2024) “Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the DPW 2024/2025 Capital Equipment and Vehicles Program, purchases detailed in the legislation. Total amount not to exceed \$4,285,500.” Amend to change the number of roll-off containers being purchased from two (2) to four (4), as detailed in the new Schedule “A”. Total amount remains the same.*
22. *Amend – Ord. #25 (01/22/2024) “Authorize – The DPW 2024/2025 Capital Equipment & Vehicles Program, purchases detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$4,285,500.” Amend to change the number of roll-off containers being purchased from two (2) to four (4), as detailed in the new Schedule “A”. Total cost remains the same.*
23. *Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to the 2024/2025 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal), for streets as detailed in Appendix “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$1,600,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.)*
24. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal) for streets as listed in Appendix “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.*
25. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal), on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the streets as listed in Appendix “A”. Cost thereof to be charged to the premises fronting thereon. Charge the proceeds from the sale of bonds. Total cost not to exceed \$1,600,000 (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.)*

26. *Accept – The lining of two (2) sewer manholes and the replacement of their frames and covers at the intersections of Midland Avenue & Dawes Avenue, and at Midland Avenue & Anderson Avenue, by Brighton Mews, LLC, the owner of the Splash Car Wash project (1001 East Brighton Avenue) in accordance with Onondaga County’s 1:1 offset requirement (Local Law No. 1, 2011). Brighton Mews, LLC shall submit a refundable fee in the amount of \$17,000. The fee shall only be returned upon successful completion and City Engineer approval.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

27. *Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to the abandonment of a portion of East Genesee Street on property known as 300 East Genesee Street. The intent is to sell to a private developer for the potential development of an 8-story apartment building. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.)*
28. *Abandon – A portion of East Genesee Street on property known as 300 East Genesee Street. The intent is to sell to a private developer for the potential development of an 8-story apartment building. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission Hearing. Owner/applicant Department of Assessment, City of Syracuse. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.)*
29. *License Agreement – Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (“National Grid”) for the Utility Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) Project Design Work, to perform a survey and geotechnical work on the City-owned property located at 399 Kirkpatrick Street West and Van Rensselaer Street (Tax Parcel 117.-08-01.1) in the month of June 2024, as detailed in the legislation. The Department of Neighborhood and Business Development has been working with National Grid on the potential UTEN in the Inner Harbor area. The City shall be compensated at the rate of \$150 per day, to be deposited in Account #01.417110. The Mayor included a letter in support.*

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

30. *Advertise Public Hearing – Annual Estimate – For the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.)*
31. *Amend – Ord. #77 (02/27/2023) “Agreement – With Fust Charles Chamber, LLP, on behalf of the Department of Finance, to provide accounting and financial advisory services to support the ongoing needs of the department and to provide technical expertise for special one-time projects, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of execution, with two (2) 12-month renewal options subject to the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000 charged to Account #90000.01.593260.” Amend to authorize the first one-year renewal option. All other terms remain the same.*

32. *Appropriate Funds – From the General Fund-Special Objects of Expense Account #595850.01.90000 an amount not to exceed \$21,000 and authorize a one (1) year contract with the Erie Canal Museum for operation and management of the Syracuse Urban Cultural Park (Heritage Area) Visitor Center at the museum.*
33. *Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – A & W Realty Partners LLC vs. The City of Syracuse, et al. – 401 Smith Street and Polk Street, (Tax Map No.: 034.-02-11.0) relative to assessed value - Tax Years 2022/2023, 2023/2024.*
34. *Approve - Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings – 455 North Franklin Street, LLC vs. City of Syracuse, et al. – 455 North Franklin Street and Plum Street. (Tax Map No. 118.-08-09.1) - Tax Year 2023/24. Total settlement amount \$11,753.98.*

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

35. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 436-38 Hawley Avenue, a parking lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 1).*
36. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 607 James Street & North McBride Street, a masonry building unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 1).*
37. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 910 North McBride Street, a wood house, 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 728 East Laurel Street, 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 607 Park Street, a wood house, 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 634 East Division Street, a wood house unfinished, 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 2129 South Geddes Street, a stone front house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*

42. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 577 Delaware Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
43. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 819-21 Avery Avenue & Driscoll Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
44. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 363 Tennyson Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
45. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1901 Bellevue Avenue & Bungalow Terrace, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
46. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 925 West Onondaga 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 1075 West Onondaga Street, 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 417 Elliot Street, a wood house and concrete garage, 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 141 Hoefler Street, a wood house and garage, 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 938 Emerson Avenue, a wood house and garage unfinished, 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 433 Gifford Street, a wood house, 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 600-02 North Lowell Avenue & School Street, a wood house and garage unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*

53. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 723 Tully Street & Ontario Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
54. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 218 Putnam Street, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
55. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 2036 South Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2).*
56. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 959 Westcott Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 3).*
57. *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).*
58. *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).*
59. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 163 Baldwin Avenue, a wood house and car port, 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 239 Valley Drive & Bertram Place, a wood house unfinished, 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 232 Loomis Avenue, a wood house and garage, 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 3700-08 South Salina Street & Hall Avenue, a wood 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 324 East Seneca Turnpike, 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 2136-38 Midland Avenue, a wood house and garage, 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 151 Clyde Avenue, a wood house, 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 856 East Lafayette 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 248-50 West Calthrop Avenue, a wood house, 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 345-47 Furman Street, a stone front house, 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 506 West Newell Street, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
70. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 150 Hall Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
71. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 128 West Corning Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)*
72. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 423-25 West Lafayette Avenue, a brick house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
73. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 309-11 Palmer Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
74. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 227 West Pleasant Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*



75. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 213 Lincoln Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
76. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 173 Baldwin Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
77. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 126 Coolidge Avenue, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
78. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 120 East Lafayette Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
79. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 207 Elmhurst Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
80. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 855 South Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
81. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 468 Midland Avenue, a wood house and barn, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
82. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 122 Huron Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
83. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1304-06 South Avenue to Temple Place, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
84. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 270 West Corning Avenue, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
85. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises know as 310 Rich Street, a wood house and garage unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
86. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 308-10 Palmer Avenue, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*

87. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 528 South Midler Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5).*
88. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 449 Wendell Terrace, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5).*

*(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – APRIL 8, 2024)*  
*WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:*

*BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:*

89. *Amend – Ord #202 (04/24/2023), “Authorize – The 2022/2023 Landscape Restoration & Repair Capital Improvement Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs as detailed in Appendix “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$170,400 from Cash Capital Account #70205.07.99999”. Amend to appropriate the remaining amount of \$151,900 to the Parks & Recreation System Master Plan (PRSMP) Initiative Project.*
90. *Authorize – The Parks & Recreation System Master Plan (PRSMP) Initiative Project, to create a comprehensive and forward-think strategy for the development and enhancement of Syracuse parks, green spaces, and recreational program. Parks will seek proposals through the RFP process to select a qualified professional firm to assist with the development of the PRSMP over a 12–18-month timeline using community engagement, feedback, and stakeholder involvement. Total amount not to exceed \$151,900.*

*BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:*

91. *Lease Agreement - With the property owner of a 43,095 ± square foot section of office/warehouse space in a building owned by the entity, on behalf of the Department of Police, for period of five (5) years with two (2) five (5) year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$320,000 in the first year, with a rent increase up to 3% each year, as detailed in the legislation, charged to Account #540513.01.31230.*

*BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:*

92. *Purchase w/c/b – Agreement with Two Brothers Printing of Moravia, New York to print Common Council Proceedings, for the period of five (5) years effective April 1, 2024-March 31, 2029. Total cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be charged to Printing and Advertising Account #593620.01.90000, subject to an annual appropriation.*