

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(04/19)

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2024

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – April 8, 2024*
5. *Public Hearing – Relative to Agenda Item #19 “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.)”*

Public Hearing – Relative to Agenda Item #27 – “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.)”

Public Hearing – Relative to Agenda Item #32 – “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.)”

6. *Petitions*
7. *Committee Reports*
8. *Communications*

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON & COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- a. *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.*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 11. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$627,700.*
- 12. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 Vehicle Replacement Program, on behalf of the Department of Fire, to purchase replacement vehicles as detailed in Schedule "A." Total cost not to exceed \$627,700.*
- 13. *Agreement – With ACCESS Global Group, LLC on behalf of the Department of Police, to provide training services to include but not limited to social, cultural, and racial awareness, and emotional literacy, for the period of April 2024 – April 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$16,000 to be charged to Account #541500.01.31220. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
- 14. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the 2025 Police Traffic Services Program, in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 to increase seat belt usage and reduce aggressive, speeding, distracted and other dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce severe injury and death from traffic crashes. No local match is required.*

15. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the 2025 Highway Traffic Safety Program, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, on behalf of the Department of Police. Funds will be used to hire a Highway Safety Coordinator, including salary and fringe benefits, travel, supplies, and overtime, to supplement education, outreach and inter-agency coordination in an effort to reduce severe injury and death from traffic accidents. No local match is required.*

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

16. *Amend – Ord. #63 (02/28/2022) - Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and enter into an agreement with the Urban Jobs Taskforce (UJTF), on behalf of Neighborhood & Business Development, from April 1, 2022-December 31, 2023, for the Interstate I-81 Construction Workforce Community Engagement and Planning Program. As part of the agreement, UJTF will facilitate community information events and ensure workforce preparation processes include City residents to maximize local hiring on the I-81 construction project.” Amend to extend the contract through December 31, 2025. All other terms remain the same.*
17. *Contract – With Guardian, for system of record and third-party administrator services, for City employees, on behalf of the Office of Personnel and Labor Relations, for the period of three years and six months, effective July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total annual cost not to exceed \$240,000 charged to Account #590600.01.90600.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

18. *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.*
19. *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.)*
20. *Agreement – With Jenoptik North America, Inc., for Automated Enforcement Technologies, to provide all three technologies (Speed, Red Light and Stop Arm) to support safety in and around School Zones and School Busses serving the Syracuse City School District, for the period of five (5) years commencing on the date of execution, with one (1) five (5) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. The City will allow them to operate and collect revenue at no cost to the City, relative to LL #5-23 & R #15-23.*

21. Amend – Ord. #97 (03/11/20204) “Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the purchase of equipment, as detailed in Schedule “A.” Total amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.” Amend to remove one (1) Plow and add one (1) Roller, as detailed in the new Schedule “A”.
22. Amend – Ord. #98 (03/11/2024) – “Authorize – The 2024/2025 DPW Road Reconstruction Program to purchase equipment listed, as detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$1,950,000.” Amend to remove one (1) Plow and add one (1) Roller, as detailed in the new Schedule “A”.
23. Amend – Ord. #797 (12/04/2023) “Agreement – With JMT Inc., for professional services, to include staffing and operation of the City’s interconnected signal system from the City’s Traffic Management Center, for the period of one (1) year with one (1) two-year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$1,373,196 from Account #01.81800.541500 or an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance, fully funded by a NYS DOT grant previously approved.” Amend to correct the effective date to December 7, 2023. All other terms remain the same.
24. Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to the D.P.W. 2024/2025 Municipal Sidewalk Program, pursuant to Local Law 2-2021, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.).
25. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 D.P.W. Municipal Sidewalk Program, pursuant to Local Law 2-2021, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.
26. Authorize – The 2024/2025 D.P.W. Municipal Sidewalk Program, for sidewalks as detailed in Exhibit “A”, pursuant to Local Law #2-2021. Special assessment details in the 2024/2025 proposed budget. The associated costs include labor, equipment, necessary legal fees, engineering costs, inspection fees, advertising fees, administrative costs, miscellaneous costs. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.).

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

27. 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.)

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

28. 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, 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.
29. Amend – Ord. #40 (01/24/2022) “Approve – Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) relative to the Lower Ley Creek Superfund site the Creek (on file with the City Clerk). Total cost \$1,735,300 the City’s share will be \$252,082, charged to the DPW Account #541500.01.81600. In addition, the Legislation should authorize the Mayor to execute the US EPA AOC PRP agreement.” Amend settlement to increase by \$58,332.24, to cover the final invoice and minor expenses occurred during the EPA approval process, to be paid in two installments to Thomson Hines LLP Lower Ley Creek Operable Unit Escrow Account. Total amount not to exceed \$310,415.34.
30. Amend – Ord. #658 (10/02/2023) “Agreement – With Sarah Stephens d/b/a SS Funding and Procurement and Consulting Resources, LLC, for grant management services that includes researching, writing, reporting, and incorporating best practices to fulfill grant requirements to make the City attractive to funding institutions, for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$6,330 from (ARPA Funds) PeopleSoft Account #800051821. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend to increase the scope of services to include program management services associated with the CARES Act grant received by the City and extend the contract through August 31, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$72,100 charged to CARES Act project grant Account #202022122.
31. Authorize - A Tax Exemption Agreement with CSD-Housing, LLC known as Cortland Avenue Development Fund Corporation, LLC, (the “Company”) 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 build 67 new units of affordable and supportive housing located at 102, 106 and 108 Alexander Avenue and 343, 335, 329-331, and 327, 321-323, 323 rear, 309, and 301-305 Cortland Avenue as detailed in the legislation, for the period of fifteen (15) years, with one (1) fifteen (15) year renewal option subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. The annual payment to the City would be 10% gross revenue less utilities or \$550 per unit annually, whichever is greater.
32. 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.)

33. *Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse authorizing a real property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c, commencing on July 1, 2024.*

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

34. *Amend – Ord. #765 (10/30/2023) – “Accept – Twelve (12) 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, Servpro of East Onondaga, and Pest Master Services of CNY, to perform emergency repairs, as it relates to the \$186,000 of ARPA Funds. The contractors will be approved on a per project basis.” Amend to add Courcy Enterprises. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
35. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 207 Catawba Street, a brick building, 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 1515 Lodi Street, a brick garage, 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 521 Seymour Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2)*
38. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 417 Winkworth Parkway, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2)*
39. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1143 Bellevue Avenue & Stinard Avenue, a wood apartment building, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2)*
40. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 629-631 West Belden Avenue, a brick factory building, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 2)*
41. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1231 West Fayette Street to Nelson Street, a brick 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 207-209 Hartson Street, a wood house, 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 327 Rowland Street, a wood house & 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 613 Rowland Street, 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 229 Fitch Street, a wood house & carport, 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 201 Fitch Street & Dudley Street, a vacant lot, 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 426-428 Delaware Street & Sabine Street, a wood house, 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 523 Delaware Street, a 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 560 Delaware 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 806 North Geddes Street, a vacant lot, 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 129 Hobart Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)*
52. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 106-108 Mark Avenue, a double wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)*
53. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1523 Valley Drive, a wood building, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)*

54. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 127 West Ostrander Avenue, a wood house & barn, 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 1120-1122 Midland Avenue, a wood house & 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 543 West Colvin Avenue & Hope Street, a vacant lot, 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 2612-2614 Midland Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)1*
58. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 2616-2618 Midland Avenue, a wood house & 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 300 West Ostrander Avenue & Midland Avenue, a wood apartment house, 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 601-603 West Colvin Street & Hope Avenue, a wood house & garage, 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 321 Bruce Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*
62. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 328-330 Ellis Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*
63. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 136 South Collingwood Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*
64. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 423 Wendell Terrace, a wood house & barn, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – APRIL 22, 2024)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

65. *Special Permit – To establish an Indoor Self-Storage Facility, with interior and exterior renovation, on the property located at 613-17 Erie Boulevard West. One (1) person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission meeting. Martin McDermott, applicant. Erie Place Associates, LLC, owner.*