

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(01/25)

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2021
1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Suspended during Webex meetings)*
2. *Invocation - (A Moment of Silent Reflection was led by the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
3. *Roll Call - - (All Present – 9) Councilor Carni joined the meeting at item #8.*
4. *Minutes – January 11, 2021 - (Adopted 8-0)*
5. *Petitions – (none)*
6. *Committee Reports – (none)*
7. *Communications – (From Patricia Sims a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance #557-2020; From Launch; Whole Me, Inc.; Vera House; the Samaritan Center; the Syracuse Northeast Community Center; Access CNY; the Westcott Community Center; the Food Bank of CNY; the Center for Community Alternatives; ARISE Child and Family Services, Inc.; and Circare, letters in opposition to a change in the Zoning regulations requiring a special permit review for care homes city-wide)*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 9-0** 8. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2021/2022.* **2-R**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0** 9. *Authorize – A one (1) year contract with the Erie Canal Museum and the Appropriation of Funds for operation and management of the Syracuse Urban Cultural Park (Heritage Area) Visitor Center at the museum. Total amount not to exceed \$21,000. From General Fund-Special Objects of Expense Account #59580.01.90000.* **24**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA & PRESIDENT HUDSON:

10. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Nakeia Y. Chambers, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **25**
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11. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Tysha A. Martin, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **26**
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12. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Cydney M. Johnson, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **27**
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13. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Luz Marina Trilla, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **28**
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14. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Francis S. Caliva, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **29**
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BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

15. Amend – Ord. #15 (01/13/2020), “Agreement – With UMR (formerly POMCO) for medical and dental third party administrative services, for all active employees and retirees under age 65. For the period of January 1, 2020-Deember 31, 2020, the one (1) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. All other terms and conditions remain the same. Total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000 charged to Hospital, Medical Surgical Insurance Account #590600.01.90600. Fee schedule detailed in Appendix A”. Amend to authorize a one (1) month extension, to transition all remaining Local 280 Bargaining unit Firefighters and Deputy Chiefs of Fire to Excellus BCBS. All current contract terms with Excellus BCBS will remain the same. **30**
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16. Authorize – Budget transfer in relation to Civil Service Law 70.2, position 426349 (salary \$54,000) from DPW budget line 51320 (MEM) to Personnel budget line 14300, effective February 17, 2021. **31**
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BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

17. Amend – Ord. #662 (11/04/2019), “Agreement - With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for the preliminary & final design service fees of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project PIN 3756.25, which will include South Clinton Street (W. Genesee Street to West Jefferson), South Warren Street (Erie Boulevard East to East Adams Street) and Jefferson Street (South Clinton Street to Montgomery Street), on behalf of the Department of Engineering. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement; Federal (80%) and NY State (20%) through TIP funds. Total cost not to exceed \$459,000 from Capital Account #701071000.07.599807.80405.” Amend to provide Construction Inspection Services at the additional cost of \$373,000. Total cost not to exceed \$832,000. **32**
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- 9-0** 18. *Agreement - With Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (SURA) and Zamir Equities LLC, to lease eighteen (18) monthly parking spaces in City Lot 21 at the corner of South Clinton Street and West Washington Street, at the rate of \$50 per space, for the period of three (3) months effective February 1, 2021-April 30 2021.* **33**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- WD** 19. *Zone Change - Text Amendment to Part B, Section V, Articles 1 and 2 and Part B, Section VI, Article 1 of the City of Syracuse Zoning Rules and Regulations, as amended, to Require Special Permit Review for a Care Home in Commercial, Class A, Commercial, Class B, and Industrial, Class A Zoning Districts. The Planning Commission considered the request from the Common Council and recommended Disapproval. No one spoke in favor. Twenty-one people spoke in opposition and five letters in opposition were received. City of Syracuse Common Council, petitioner.* **WD**
- 9-0** 20. *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, 2021-December 31, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$80,000 to be charged to Account #541500.01.35100.* **34**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 9-0** 21. *Application & Agreement - To and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (SFG) Program, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Funds will be used to purchase thermal imaging cameras that will allow our firefighters to search burning buildings for trapped occupants in zero visibility. There is a local match of 10% and will be provided through Account #34100.01.520620* **35**
- 9-0** 22. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, under the FY 2019 Tactical Team Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to be used to purchase Tactical Team Training equipment, Protective Security Detail training and bipod/tripods and equipment packs for the SWAT Team. No local match required.* **36**
- 9-0** 23. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, under the FY 2019 Critical Infrastructure Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, if awarded the Police Department will use the funds to install fencing at the Townsend Street police parking lot to close off and secure the lot from vehicle ramming attacks and people disrupting governmental services. In addition the Fire Department will purchase interoperable radio equipment that will allow firefighters and police officers to communicate safely and securely. No local match is required.* **37**

- 9-0** 24. Purchase w/c/b – From Nagashi Protective Clothing, on behalf of the Police Department, new body armor. The Model L5 Person Proactive Equipment for full upper body protection, boots, gloves, and a customized carrying case to accommodate their existing riot shields. Total cost not to exceed \$53,000, charged to the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant, Account #02.31225.599802, Project #222160218. **38**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 9-0** 25. Authorize – Intermunicipal Agreement with the Onondaga County Department of Social Services to administer direct financial housing assistance to Syracuse residents, as funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) second allocation Community Development Block Grant-(CDBG-CV 3) through HUD. Total contract cost not to exceed \$704,064. **39**
- 9-0** 26. Authorize - Pursuant to the newly enacted New York State COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act, the assessor to require an exemption renewal application in cases where there is reason to believe that the qualified owner has changed their primary residence; an owner has been added to the deed; the property has transferred ownership; or the owner has died, to prevent unqualified individuals from taking advantage of the Senior Citizen and Disability Property Tax Exemptions. **40**
- 9-0** 27. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 212 Merriman Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2) **41**

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Adjourned at 1:24 P.M.