

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(03/01)

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 1, 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)*
4. *Minutes – February 8, 2021 - (Adopted 9-0)*
5. *Public Hearing – Relative to Agenda Item #42 “Authorize – Adopt – The Syracuse Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan, pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 203-2020, which required the City to perform a comprehensive review to improve current police force deployment, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve them.” A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx. (Ranette Releford, George Kunkel, Barry Gewanter, Peter McCarthy, TJ Davis, Cynthia Breadson, and Bishop Collette Matthews Carter).*
6. *Petitions - (none)*
7. *Committee Reports – (none)*
8. *Communications – (From the Hon. Nader P. Maroun, City auditor, the Performance Audit of Syracuse City Workers Compensation Program Fiscal Years 2015 – 2020; From The Bonadio Group, the independent audit of the City of Syracuse for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020; From Empire State Development, the general project plans for the JMA Tech Holdings Project. A public comment period will run until 5:30pm on March 16, 2021. Written comments may be submitted via email; From Syracuse University, a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance #43-2021).*
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*NEW BUSINESS*  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

10. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2021/2022.*

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BY COUNCILOR BEY & PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 9-0 11. Amend – General Ord. #1 (01/11/2021), “Amend – The Revised General Ordinance of the City of Syracuse, as amended, to add a new Chapter 62, to establish an independent citizens redistricting commission, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City Charter.” Amend Section 6-24 paragraph 7 to correct a numerical error. Gen. #3

BY COUNCILOR BEY:

- 9-0 12. Amend – Gen Ord. #26 (08/24/2020), “Zone Change - For property located at 1010, 1022, 1029, 1033, 1049, 1049 Rear, 1051, 1054, 1074 and 1080-1082 South Clinton Street, 222-224, 226, 228, and 232 Tallman Street, 980-982, 1002-1022, and 1024-1040 South Salina Street, and 120-154 Cortland Avenue from Business, Class A, Commercial, Class A, and Industrial, Class A to a Planned Development District. No one spoke in favor and two (2) people spoke in opposition to the proposal. Two letters in support of the proposal were received. Ranalli/Taylor Street, LLC and JMA Tech Properties ALA, LLC, and Catholic Charities of Syracuse, owner/applicant.” Amend for a technical correction to add 120-154 Cortland Avenue into the General Ordinance. Gen. #4
- 9-0 13. Amend – Gen. Ord. #27 (08/24/2020), “Approve – District Plan for a Planned Development District for property located at 1010, 1022, 1029, 1033, 1049, 1049 Rear, 1051, 1054, 1074 and 1080-1082 South Clinton Street, 222-224, 226, 228, and 232 Tallman Street, 980-982, 1002-1022, and 1024-1040 South Salina Street, and 120-154 Cortland Avenue. No one spoke in favor and one (1) person spoke in opposition to the proposal. Two letters in support of the proposal were received. Ranalli/Taylor Street, LLC and JMA Tech Properties ALA, LLC, and Catholic Charities of Syracuse, owner/applicant.” Amend for a technical correction to add 120-154 Cortland Avenue into the General Ordinance. Gen. #5
- 9-0 14. Contract - With Bergmann Associates to complete the Lakefront Area Master Plan, part of the City’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Project, funded by the NYS DOS grant award. (\$187,500). There is a required local match of \$62, 500 (25%) that will be met by in-kind contribution of City and Onondaga County staff time. Total cost not to exceed \$187,150 charged to Project #215000120, Account #599802, Fund 02. 50
- 9-0 15. Special Permit - To approve a Restaurant located at 1001 East Fayette Street. No one spoke in favor and one (1) person spoke in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted seven (7) waivers in regard to off-street parking, on-site curbing, street line treatment areas, sidewalk width, and arterial setback, lot width, and lot size regulations. Josh Davis, applicant. T. Andrew Devorsetz, owner. Gen. #6

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0 16. Agreement - With Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab at Harvard University (d/b/a “GPL), on behalf of the Office of Accountability, Performance, & Innovation, to provide services to the City to adopt results-driven contracting strategies and improve the outcomes of key procurement and contracts, as well as identify other procurement best practices, details in the attached Scope of Services, for the period of 180 days commencing from date of execution. The Mayor waived the RFP process. 51

17. Amend – Ord. #411 (9/14/2020), “Purchase w/c/b – From AppealTech, the service of printing certain appellate court submissions for various legal actions on behalf of the Law Department, for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$27,000 to be charged to Account #540310.01.14200.” Amend to change the company name from AppealTech to the new name Counsel Press. **9-0 52**
18. Authorize – The Commissioner of Finance, on behalf of the Fire Department, to collect reimbursement for expenses incurred while providing emergency services outside of the City, which include use of materials, apparatus, labor, and equipment in the provision of hazardous material mitigation and technical rescue services, as detailed in the attached Proposed Fee Schedule, effective April 1, 2021, to be deposited in Account #01.415380.34100 – Fire Reimbursements – Outside Agencies. **H H**
19. Lease Agreement - With CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity, to lease the property located at 235 Harrison Street, (aka the Tech Garden), for the purpose of supporting startups and new business incubation services, for the period of fifteen (15) years for \$1.00 a year with (3) three five year renewal options upon the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. CenterState is responsible for all cost associated with renovation, use, and operation of the premises during the term of the lease. **H H**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

20. Application & Agreement – To and with Cities for Financial Empowerment, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000, to implement the Summer Jobs Connect program to support innovative programmatic approaches to helping municipally-led Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants to open safe financial institution accounts and receive financial education services. **9-0 53**
21. Agreement – With Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) to provide training, programming and supervision to youth hired for the summer and to collaboratively run the “Park Corp” and “Clean Streets Crew”, as part of the City youth employment and service program, for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$13,000 to be charged to the Syracuse Opportunity Works Budget Account #01.14810.541500. **9-0 54**

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

22. Advertise Public Hearing - Relative to the D.P.W 2021/2022 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal) for streets as detailed in Appendix “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$1,100,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.) **9-0 55**
23. Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of the D.P.W. 2021/2022 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal) for the streets as listed in Appendix “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$1,100,000. **H H**
24. Authorize – The 2021/2022 Unimproved Street Program (Slurry Seal), on behalf of the D.P.W. as detailed in Appendix “A”, cost thereof to be charged to the premises fronting thereon. Charge to the proceeds from the sale of bonds. Total cost not to exceed \$1,100,000. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. via Webex.) **H H**

25. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of the 2021/2022 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000.* **56**  
**9-0**
26. *Authorize – The 2021/2022 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program, to comply with the federal guidelines under the Americans with Disability Act by replacing deteriorated corners with handicap accessible corners and curbs, based on public complaints, community programs and complementing projects. Total cost not to exceed \$300,000.* **57**  
**9-0**
27. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2020/2021 DPW MEM Garage Wash Bay. Total amount not to exceed \$487,500.” Total project cost not to exceed \$1,011,500.* **58**  
**9-0**
28. *Amend – Ord. #126 (3/16/2020), “Authorize – The Department of Public Works to proceed with the 2020/2021 DPW MEM Garage Wash Bay project, to demolish and rebuild the MEM Garage Wash Bay. Total cost not to exceed \$524,000.” Amend to increase funding by \$487,500 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,011,500.* **59**  
**9-0**
29. *Contract - With LAZ Parking, for the operation and maintenance of the City-owned public parking structures, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of three (3) years, with two (2) two year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. The agreement year to year operating costs and new equipment costs are detailed in the ordinance. Total cost not to exceed \$2,938,739 to be charged to Account #01.81800.541500, D.P.W Operating Budget.* **60**  
**9-0**
30. *Purchase w/c/b – Contract with Harlan Electric Company, to replace 150-200 utility poles with street lights for the upcoming street light transfer project, for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, on behalf of the D.P.W. Total cost not to exceed \$70,000 to be charged Account #01.81800.540551.* **61**  
**9-0**
31. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of the Water Main Replacement Projects throughout the City. Total amount not to exceed \$2,575,000.* **62**  
**9-0**
32. *Authorize – The Water Main Replacement Projects, to replace 1600 feet of 16” water main on Jefferson Street and lining 2500 feet of 24” water main on Montgomery Street, to reduce leakage, improve service to customers and reduce maintenance costs associated with emergency repairs. Total cost not to exceed \$2,575,000.* **63**  
**9-0**
33. *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$200,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2020-2021 Fire Hydrant Replacements.* **64**  
**9-0**
34. *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$75,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2020-2021 Valve Repair and Replacements.* **65**  
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35. *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$50,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2020-2021 Facilities Securities.* **66**  
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- 36. **9-0** *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$75,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2020-2021 Rehabilitation of Skaneateles Facilities.* **67**
- 37. **9-0** *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$406,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2020-2021 Capital Equipment, as detailed in the Schedule "A".* **68**
- 38. **9-0** *Transfer Funds - From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$1,150,000 to a Capital Account entitled Brighton Avenue Main Replacement.* **69**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 39. **9-0** *Accept - From Syracuse Parks Conservancy a donation in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of dog waste bags to use in dispensers at multiple City-owned locations to encourage responsible dog owners to clean up after their dog. Funds will be deposited in Account #71100.01.540541.* **70**
- 40. **9-0** *Amend - Ord. #455 (10/13/2020), "Purchase w/c/b – Agreement with Galaxy Communications, for promotion of the Clinton Square and Sunnycrest Ice Rinks, a social media campaign will be created and businesses will be brought on board to support the air time, during the 2020/2021 winter ice skating season. In return for the promotion of open skating and group rental, Galaxy shall receive 12% of the revenues made through cost of admission and group ice rentals." Amend to correct Galaxy to receive 12% of the revenues made through "cost admission and skate rental fees.* **71**
- 41. **9-0** *Application & Agreement – To and with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFW) Service Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (NRDAR) in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the Onondaga Creek Canoe/Kayak launch at Inner Harbor. The USFW grant will cover 80% of the project costs and TNT funding will cover the remaining 20%.* **72**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 42. **H** *Adopt – The Syracuse Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan, pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order No. 203-2020, which required the City to perform a comprehensive review to improve current police force deployment, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve them. (A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx).* **H**
- 43. **9-0** *Application & Agreement - To and with CNY Works, for their Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA) Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to plan and implement the Syracuse Police Cadet Program, a post high school program to act as a bridge between graduating high school and obtaining eligibility at 19.5 years minimum, to take the Police Officer Civil Service exam. No local match required.* **73**

- 9-0 44. Amend – Ord. #349 (07/13/2020), “Purchase w/c/b – Agreement with Axon, Inc., on behalf of the Police Department, for a total of one hundred and seventy (170) Body 3 camera systems, for a term of five (5) years effective July 1, 2019-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$452,554.” Amend to add fifty (50) Body 3 cameras. Total cost not to exceed \$121,572, from A/C #599802.02.31225 Project #222160319 (\$100,000 US DOJ Grant). There is a \$100,000 local match, \$21,572 will come from the SPD operating budget, and the remaining \$78,428 will be provided as an in-kind match of personnel salaries and benefits. Annual Maintenance costs will be charged to Account #540542.01.31230. This will bring the total utilization to 220 cameras. 74
- 9-0 45. Accept - From County of Onondaga, an in-kind donation of three hundred (300) carbon monoxide and smoke detectors (valued at \$3,300), on behalf of the Fire Department, to install in residential properties. 75
- 9-0 46. Contract – With Air Cleaning Systems, Inc., to complete the replacement of the source capture vehicle exhaust system at all City fire stations to proactively reduce firefighters’ exposure to harmful diesel exhaust. Funded by a previously approved FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (Ord. #50-2021) which required a 10% local match (\$48,820) that will be charged to the Technical Equipment Account #520620. Total cost not to exceed \$537,015. The project must be completed by July 23, 2021. 76

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 9-0 47. Permission – To Bill Rapp/PPAR3 Realty, LLC, owner of the property located at 3446 Burnet Avenue to encroach approximately 8.5’ for existing parking spaces into the Burnet Avenue right of way. 77

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Adjourned at 1:28 P.M.