

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(04/26)

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 26, 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 – April 12, 2021 - (Adopted 9-0)*
5. *Petitions - (none)*
6. *Committee Reports - (none)*
7. *Communications – (From the Hon. Nader P. Maroun, City Auditor, the Report on the Syracuse Police COVID-19 Procedures, as requested by the Common Council Finance Committee, with Management Response from the Administration; From Costello, Cooney & Fearon, on behalf of JMA Tech Properties, LLC & Ranalli/Taylor St., LLC, accepting the terms and conditions of Ord. #451-2020 (10/13/2020) and Ord. #83-2021 (03/15/2021)*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

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BY COUNCILOR BEY:

- 9-0** 9. *Application – To the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2021-2022 (Year 47) Consolidated Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$5,083,142) HOME Investment Partnership Grant (\$1,416,256) Emergency Solutions Grant (\$431,664). Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) \$389,331. (Public Hearing was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. via Webex)*

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10. **9-0** Authorize - The Syracuse Industrial Development Agency as Lead Agency for a coordinated SEQRA Review of the 444 East Genesee Street LLC Project, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA.) and waive the 30 day notice requirement pertaining to Exhibit A. **144**
11. **9-0** Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as the abandoned portions of the 1000 Block Clinton Street and the 100 Block of Cortland Avenue, to JMA Wireless for the total sum of \$302,900, as detailed in the attachment. The appraisal fee of \$2,900 will be deposited into Account #426630.01. **145**
12. **9-0** Special Permit – To approve a restaurant located at 2921 James Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted two (2) waivers in regard to signage requirements. Syracuse Foodservice Group/applicant. Kimco Realty, LLC/owner/applicant. **Gen. #12**
13. **9-0** Special Permit – To approve a restaurant within a convenience store located at 1701 East Fayette Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted one (1) waiver in regard to signage requirements. Mohamed Al-Hashishi/owner/applicant. **Gen. #13**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

14. **9-0** Advertise Public Hearing - Relative to the Annual Estimate for the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx). **146**
15. **H** Annual Estimate - For the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. (Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx). **H**
16. **9-0** Amend – The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 5, Section 5-6 entitled, “Licensing Fees”, as amended to temporarily suspend the collection of fees in 2021 for Entertainment Licenses, to alleviate the financial burden on entertainment venues faced as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. **Gen. #14**
17. **9-0** Amend – The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 27, Section 27-163 entitled, “Business Certificate of Use”, as amended to temporarily suspend the collection of the fees for Certificates of Use for Restaurants and Bars for the period of March 7, 2020-March 7, 2022 due to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and authorize a refund of any fees already collected for the same period. **Gen. #15**
18. **9-0** Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of a settlement with Amber Jolly v City of Syracuse, et al. Index No. 2017EF506, from a vehicle accident. Total amount not to exceed \$485,000. **147**

19. Approve – Settlement – Amber Jolly v City of Syracuse, et al. Index No. 2017EF506. Settlement amount of \$485,000 relative to serious injuries from a vehicle accident, from Account #599302.01.93000 or bonds funds. **148**
- 9-0
20. Approve – Settlement – Preferred Mutual Insurance Company a/s/o Christian Carter v City of Syracuse Claim #2019-165. Settlement amount of \$14,000 to the Plaintiff's counsel, Ditcher Geiger, LLC, relative to an accident from Account #599302.01.93000. **149**
- 9-0

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

21. Application - To the Bloomberg Philanthropies, for the Asphalt Art Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Funds will be used to incorporate artwork into the street frontage of City Hall. No Local match required **150**
- 9-0
22. Accept – From 345 West Fayette Co LLC, a donation for a temporary easement, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the construction of a retaining wall along the West bank of Onondaga Creek, between the West Fayette Street and Walton Street located on 345 West Fayette Street, (Tax Map Parcel #101.-02-01.0). **151**
- 9-0
23. Agreement - With 345 West Fayette Co LLC, owner of 345 West Fayette Street (Tax Map Parcel #101.-02.01.0), to secure forty (40) monthly parking spaces at the Washington Street Garage on a temporary basis. This is to offset the loss of parking spaces from the temporary easement to facilitate the construction of a retaining wall along the banks of Onondaga Creek by the City. **152**
- 9-0
24. Amend – Ord. #33 (1/25/2021), “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.” Amend to extend for an additional one (1) month, to expire May 31, 2021 **153**
- 9-0
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. Road Reconstruction Program, as listed in Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. **154**
- 9-0
26. Authorize - The 2021/2022 D.P.W. Road Reconstruction Program for roads as detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$4,000,000. **155**
- 9-0
27. Amend – Ord. #439 (09/28/2020), “Application & Agreement – To and with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, for an Engineering Planning Grant Award, in the amount of \$50,000 for the Outer Eastwood Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study, Engineering Planning (Grant Number 94108).” Amend to correct a typographical error to be, “used to complete a sewer inflow and infiltration study”. **156**
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28. Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Onondaga Creek Bank Stabilization Project. **157**
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BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 9-0** 29. *Accept – From The Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation an award in the amount of \$35,000, funds will be used to renovate the basketball courts at Westmoreland Park, and will cover fencing and court resurfacing and other court-related upgrades.* **158**
- 9-0** 30. *Accept - From Candice and John Marsellus, a donation in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase rental ice skates, for use at City ice rinks. Funds to be deposited into Account #25.71400.504770.* **159**
- 9-0** 31. *Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 17 entitled “Parks, Playgrounds and Public Grounds,” Article 4 “Fee”; Section. 17-40.5 “Facility Usage and Service Fees”, amend the ice rental fees associated with Meachem Ice Rink for the spring/summer months, as detailed in the legislation.* **Gen. #16**
- 9-0** 32. *Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 17 entitled “Parks, Playgrounds and Public Grounds,” Article 4 “Fee”; Section. 17-40.5 “Facility Usage and Service Fees”, amend to add a new Special Events Program Fee, as detailed in the legislation.* **Gen. #17**
- 9-0** 33. *Appropriate Funds - From Account #541500.01.71400 in the amount of \$9,000 to the Syracuse Parks Conservancy for the fiscal year 2020-2021.* **160**
- 9-0** 34. *Authorize – An Intermunicipal agreement with Onondaga County, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs. The County will reimburse for all payments made in association with the City’s adopted Tick and Deer Management Program. The amount expended for the 2021 program will not exceed \$20,000, to be deposited in Account #549100.01.71100.* **161**
- 9-0** 35. *Authorize – An Intermunicipal agreement with Onondaga County, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, to borrow eight (8) kayaks, paddles and personal flotation devices, as detailed in the legislation. The equipment will be returned at the end of the Fall season.* **162**
- 9-0** 36. *Authorize – An Intermunicipal agreement with Onondaga County, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, for the Board of Elections to use the Armond Magnarelli Center and Seals Community Center, for elections held between 2021 and 2025.* **163**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 9-0** 37. *Accept - From National Grid, an in-kind donation that includes training for the Fire Department first responders on natural gas to handle natural gas leaks, and to donate three (3) methane leak detectors (valued at \$50,000).* **164**

9-0 38. *Application & Agreement - To and with the United States Conference of Mayors, for the Institute of Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration grant, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, to be used by the Police Department and mental health partner, Liberty Resources, to purchase ten (10) iPads and the related data plans to connect trained mental health staff from Liberty Resources with citizens in distress and allow evaluation to be conducted remotely to develop the most appropriate course of action.* **165**

9-0 39. *Purchase w/c/b – Agreement with Public Safety Psychology, PLLC, to provide psychological testing services to the Police Department for the purpose of screening new applicants for the police academy and/or transfer candidates, to include administering a battery of psychological tests and conducting individual interviews, for the period of May 1, 2021-June 30, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$20,000, to be charged to Account #541500.01.31230.* **166**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

9-0 40. *Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 27, Article 2, Section 15(b) (2) as amended, entitled Housing Code of the City of Syracuse, in its entirety, to be replaced by the Property Conservation Code of the City of Syracuse, amend to comply with regulations issued by the New York State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration, as set forth in 19 NYCRR §1202.3h)(2), to change to a one-year inspection interval for dormitories and a three-year inspection interval for all other multiple dwellings.* **Gen. #18**

9-0 41. *Permission – To Ali Ismail, owner of the property located at 601 Lemoyne Avenue to encroach approximately 10’ for an existing set of concrete steps into the Spring Street right of way.* **167**

9-0 42. *Permission – To Provision Holding LLC, owner of the property located at 401 North Lowell Avenue encroach approximately 3’4” x 47’ for a steel awning into the North Lowell Avenue right of way.* **168**

9-0 43. *Permission – To KGB-SYR LLC, owner of the property located at 511-515 East Fayette Street to encroach approximately 4’ to construct a concrete ramp with metal handrails and aluminum canopy into the East Fayette Street right of way.* **169**

9-0 44. *Amend – Ord. #177 (03/30/2020), “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 104 Graves Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)”. Amend to correct from “a wood house & garage” to “a vacant lot”.* **170**

9-0 45. *Amend – Ord, #182 03/30/2020), “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 518 Mosley Drive, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 5)”. Amend to correct from “a wood house & garage” to “a vacant lot”.* **171**

- 9-0** 46. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 329 Beech Street North, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **172**
- 9-0** 47. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 119 Beecher Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **173**
- 9-0** 48. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 160 Calthrop Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **174**
- 9-0** 49. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 232 Corning Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **175**
- 9-0** 50. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 132 Culbert Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **176**
- 9-0** 51. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 223 Englewood Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 3)* **177**
- 9-0** 52. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 147 Fitch Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)* **178**
- 9-0** 53. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 167 Lafayette Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **179**
- 9-0** 54. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 248 -250 Lincoln Avenue to Clover Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **180**
- 9-0** 55. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 228-230 Palmer Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **181**
- 9-0** 56. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 102 Rosewood Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **182**
- 9-0** 57. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 711 Willow Street East, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **183**

- 9-0** 58. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 547 Spencer Street & Sand Street, a vacant lot, to MC4P Management, LLC for the total sum of \$45. (District 2)* **184**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – APRIL 26, 2021)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA AND PRESIDENT HUDSON; AND COUNCILORS GREENE, HOGAN AND DRISCOLL:

- 9-0** 59. *Resolution - Memorializing the Governor of New York, the State Senate, and State Assembly of New York to support the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 2474), to increase protections for workers' right to organize and bargain for higher wages, better benefits, safer working conditions, and more.* **9-R**

Syracuse Common Council
Adjourned at 1:44 P.M.