

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(05/10)

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 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. Khalid Bey, President Pro-Tempore of the Syracuse Common Council)*
3. *Roll Call - (All Present – 9) President Helen Hudson – Absent*
4. *Minutes – April 26, 2021 - (Adopted 9-0)*
5. *Public Hearing – (Relative to Agenda Item #14, “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 was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx.” (Lori Nilson and Rich Puchalski)*
6. *Petitions - (none)*
7. *Committee Reports - (none)*
8. *Communications – (From Empire State Development, the General Project Plans for the Cryomech Manufacturing Facility Project. Public Comments about the plans may be submitted via email by 5:30 PM on May 18, 2021)*

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NEW BUSINESS  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- 9-0**      9. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2021/2022.*      **10-R**

BY COUNCILOR BEY:

- 9-0**      10. *Advertise Public Hearing – Relative to the abandonment of a portion of Prospect Avenue adjacent to 522-524, 526-528 and 530 North Salina Street. To SS Funding & Procurement Resources, LLC, petitioner. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.)*      **185**

- H** 11. *Abandon – A portion of Prospect Avenue adjacent to 522-524 North Salina Street. To SS Funding & Procurement Resources, LLC, petitioner. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.)* **H**
- H** 12. *Abandon – A portion of Prospect Avenue adjacent to 526-528 North Salina Street. To SS Funding & Procurement Resources, LLC, petitioner. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.)* **H**
- H** 13. *Abandon – A portion of Prospect Avenue adjacent to 530 North Salina Street. To SS Funding & Procurement Resources, LLC, petitioner. (Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.)* **H**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 9-0** 14. *Annual Estimate - For the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.(AS AMENDED) (Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx)* **201**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

- 9-0** 15. *Application & Agreement - To and with the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), to implement its Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Program (CDC), in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, to identify and train residents about COVID-19 vaccination facts and opportunities for immunization. The workers will assist in building and strengthening community resilience to fight COVID-19 and address existing health disparities in the City. No Local match required.* **202**

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 9-0** 16. *Amend – Ord. #14 (01/07/2019), “Contract - With GHD Consulting for roof engineering services, for the Morningside Reservoir Roof Replacement Project, to investigate the failure of the roof dome structure and provide recommendations for rehabilitation and or replacement. Total cost not to exceed \$350,000. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.” Amend to increase the amount by \$100,000 for additional services for the construction of the roof replacement project and provide additional facility upgrades. Total cost not to exceed to \$450,000 from Account #05.99805.83405.501572000.* **203**
- 7-2** 17. *Acquire – Property located at 945—951 South Geddes Street (Tax Map #092.-05-56.0) from Hassan Luxury Suites, LLC in the amount of \$39,032, owed to the City for an emergency demolition resulting from a fire.* **204**  
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- 9-0** 18. *Agreement – With O’Connell Electric Company Inc., to perform Street Lighting Maintenance, for the period of one year from the date of execution with one (1) one year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council.. Total cost not to exceed \$450,000, to be charged to Account #01.81800.540551.* **205**
- 9-0** 19. *Amend – The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 24, Section 24-64 of Article 14 entitled, “Street and Sidewalks”, as amended to temporarily suspend the collection of Sidewalk Cafe` Permits Fees, due to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and authorize a refund of any fees already collected.* **Gen. #19**
- 9-0** 20. *Amend – Ord. #231 (05/11/2020), “Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Scoping, the Design Phase and additional funds for the Construction and Construction Inspection for the Downtown (Salina/State) Mill and Pave Project Phase PIN 3756.06 to comply with the ADA requirements for handicap assessable corners and curbs. Total amount not to exceed \$12,504,000.” Amend to increase the Construction and Construction Inspection Phase by \$700,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$13,204,000.* **206**
- 9-0** 21. *Amend – Ord. #232 (05/11/2020), “Agreement - With NYS DOT for the Scoping, the Design Phase and additional funds for the Construction and Construction Inspection for the Downtown (Salina/State) Mill and Pave Project Phase PIN 3756.06. Total amount not to exceed \$12,504,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% reimbursement from NYS DOT through TIP.” Amend to increase the Construction and Construction Inspection Phase by \$700,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$13,204,000 from Account #599807.07.7010560000.* **207**
- 9-0** 22. *Amend – Ord. #233 (05/11/2020), “Authorize – The Scoping, the Design Phase and additional funds for the Construction and Construction Inspection for the Downtown (Salina/State) Mill and Pave Project Phase PIN 3756.06 on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total amount not to exceed \$12,504,000. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% reimbursement from NYS DOT through TIP.” Amend to increase the Construction and Construction Inspection Phase by \$700,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$13,204,000 from Account #599807.07.7010560000.* **208**
- 9-0** 23. *Amend – Ord. #522 (11/23/2020), “Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project, PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total amount not to exceed \$4,810,000.” Amend to add additional funds of \$175,000 for the Construction and Inspection Phase. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000.* **209**

24. Amend – Ord. #523 (11/23/2020), “Agreement - With N.Y.S. DOT for the Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, total cost not to exceed \$4,810,000. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement from Federal (80%) and State (20%) funds through TIP.” Amend to add additional funds for the Construction and Inspection Phase in the amount of \$175,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000. **210**
- 9-0
25. Amend – Ord. #524 (11/23/2020), “Authorize - The Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, total cost not to exceed \$4,810,000 from Account #07.599807.701071000.80405. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement from Federal (80%) and State (20%) funds through TIP.” Amend to add additional funds for the Construction and Inspection Phase in the amount of \$175,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000” **211**
- 9-0

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

26. Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 17 of Article 4 entitled “Fee”; Section. 17-40.1 entitled “Golf Fees”, to add a new golf tournament fee and a new intro one day camp to Section 14-40.3 entitled “Summer Camp Fees”. **Gen. #20**
- 9-0
27. Application & Agreement – To and with the YMCA of Greater Syracuse, to offer the Power Scholars Academy in City Parks, the YMCA will provide a program coordinator, additional instructional staff and volunteers, necessary supplies, and all related logistics, including registration for the 5-week Summer Power Scholars Academy, and an after school academic support program for youth. The Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs Department will provide facilities, staff assistance, and assist in generating interest and enrollment, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. **212**
- 9-0
28. Agreement – With Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs, for community-based tree planting, invasive species management & natural restoration services utilizing the Youth Conservation Corps Services Model, for a period of July 1, 2021 June 30, 2022, with two one (1) year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council.. Total cost not to exceed \$800,000, charged to various accounts, as detailed in the legislation. **213**
- 9-0

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

29. Agreement – With the Downtown Committee of Syracuse Inc., on behalf of the Department of Police, to match funds to reimburse the Police Department for 50% of security cost, as detailed in the ordinance, until June 30, 2022. Downtown Committee cost not to exceed \$104,300, to be deposit to Account #415910.01. **H**
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30. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for the 2022 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 serious injury and death from traffic crashes. No local match is required.* **214**  
**9-0**
31. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000. Funds will be used by the Department of Fire (\$102,679) for active shooter training, response exercises, CBRNE equipment, interoperable radios and WebOC software and by the Department of Police (\$173,950) to continue a courtyard fence and gate project for the Public Safety Building, laser protective eyewear, EOC software, cybersecurity enhancements, and security awareness training. No local match required.* **215**  
**9-0**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

32. *Accept – From TNT “Erie Canal Themed Poster Panel” a public area art installation by the Syracuse Poster Project into the City’s permanent art collection, valued at \$1,200, to be attached to a portion of the City owned stone retaining wall located at the Onondaga Creekwalk between West Washington and West Fayette streets. The City will own, insure, and maintain the panel.* **216**  
**9-0**
33. *Amend – Ord. #48 (02/08/2021), “Application & Agreement - To and with the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund, for their Financial Empowerment Center Planning Grant in the amount of \$250,000, and an additional grant from the CFE Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$109,302, to support staffing and activities. There is a 1:2 match by grants from the CNY Community Foundation (\$25,000), Allyn Foundation (\$18,504), NYS Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (\$97,488), In-kind staff salary + fringe from CDBG (\$40,863), and CDBG-CV stimulus funding (\$20,000) on behalf of the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development. The required 1:1 match will be met by pending grants from Allyn Family Foundation (\$75,000) and the United Way of Central New York (\$75,000)” Amend to extend contract to February 28, 2022.* **217**  
**9-0**
34. *Correct Tax Rolls - (1927 Erie Boulevard West and Emerson Avenue for tax year 2020/2021) to remove clean up charges, as outlined in Appendix “A”.* **218**  
**9-0**
35. *Permission – To Seagate 301 South Salina Street LLC, owner of the property located at 301 South Salina Street to encroach approximately 3’ for a bike rack into the South Salina Street right of way.* **219**  
**9-0**
36. *Permission – To Harvey A. Tull, owner of the property located at 501 Pacific Avenue to encroach approximately 2’ with an existing mobile access ramp into the Pacific Avenue right of way.* **220**  
**9-0**

37. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 809-811 Colvin Street West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **221**  
**9-0**
38. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 106 Elk Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **222**  
**9-0**
39. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 721 Lemoyne Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)* **223**  
**9-0**
40. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1829 Midland Avenue & Forest Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **224**  
**9-0**
41. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 223 Newell Street West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **225**  
**9-0**
42. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 228 Ostrander Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **226**  
**9-0**
43. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 242 Ostrander Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **227**  
**9-0**

BY COUNCILOR DRISCOLL:

44. *Resolution – To nominate Anthony Q. Davis Sr. and Brian Driscoll to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire on July 31, 2025. The appointment is to fill a vacant CENTRO board seat.* **11-R**  
**9-0**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MAY 10, 2021)  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

**(A motion made to move waiver items #45-47 onto the agenda ( Defeated 5-4)**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

45. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend Chapter 18, Parts S of the Special Acts entitled, “Street and Sidewalks”, (the Department of Public Works Act), to create a Municipal Sidewalk Program. The City will assume responsibility for the repair and replacement of existing sidewalks, incorporate, make permanent and continue to expand upon the Supplemental Sidewalk Snow Removal PILOT initiative, and an annual expansion of the existing sidewalk network by installing new sidewalks, as detailed in the ordinance.*

46. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of 2021/2022 Municipal Sidewalk Program. Total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.*
47. *Authorize- The 2021-2022 Municipal Sidewalk Program, to implement a program that the City will assume responsibility for the repair and replacement of existing sidewalks. The program includes an annual expansion of the existing sidewalk by installing new sidewalks, as detailed in the ordinance. Total cost not to exceed \$4,500,000.*
- 9-0** 48. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase revenue in the Federal American Relief Plan by \$250,000.* **186**
- 9-0** 49. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to “Land Bank” Line – 599898, increase expenditure by \$250,000 for demolitions.* **187**
- 4-5** 50. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase revenue in the Federal American Relief Plan by \$80,000.* **D**  
*Driscoll, White,  
Greene, Paniagua*
- WD** 51. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to “Salaries” (Citizen Review Board) Line – 510100, increase expenditure by \$80,000.* **WD**
- 6-3** 52. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase revenue in the Federal American Relief Plan by \$75,000.* **188**  
*Green, Paniagua  
White*
- 6-3** 53. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to “Arts Acquisition Conservation Fund” Line – 59505, increase expenditure by \$75,000 for the Mural Project.* **189**  
*Green, Paniagua  
White*
- 8-0** 54. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase revenue in the Federal American Relief Plan by \$1,000,000.* **190**  
*Abstain- Allen*
- 8-0** 55. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to “Special Objects of Expense” increase expenditure by \$1,000,000 for Home HeadQuarters new construction.* **191**  
*Abstain- Allen*
- 4-5** 56. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase revenue in the Federal American Relief Plan by \$2,000,000.* **D**  
*Driscoll, White,  
Greene, Paniagua*
- WD** 57. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to “Special Objects of Expense” increase expenditure by \$2,000,000 for a City-wide property tax assessment.* **WD**
- 9-0** 58. *Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 increase expenditures in the Sewer Fund “Cash Capital Appropriation” by \$994,000.* **192**

- 9-0** 59. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to increase revenue in the Sewer Fund “Unreserved, Undesignated” by \$994,000. **193**
- 9-0** 60. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, Salaries and Benefits decrease by \$17,363,714 to \$305,422,715. **194**
- 9-0** 61. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Supplies and Equipment decrease by \$2,310,581 to \$17,163,861. **195**
- 9-0** 62. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, Professional Services decrease by \$793,740 to \$92,219,653. **196**
- 9-0** 63. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, Debt increase \$619 to \$41,828,107. **197**
- 9-0** 64. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, Tax, Levy and STAR decrease by \$480,410 to \$66,942,176. **198**
- 9-0** 65. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, State Aid Basic (General Aid), increase by \$15,012,994 to \$384,884,969. **199**
- 9-0** 66. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to Syracuse School City District, Federal CRRSA Funding, decrease by \$35,000,000 to \$0. **200**

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Adjourned at 2:15 P.M.