

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(01/05)

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2026

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – December 22, 2025*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT PANIAGUA:

8. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2025/2026.*

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

9. *Agreement – With Onondaga County, Department of Adult and Long-Term Care Services, for a Senior Center grant in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, for the upgrade of the sound and audio systems at the Cecile and Magnarelli Community Centers. No local match required.*
10. *Authorize – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc, (CFE) to continue the use of CFE's client data platform, FEC counselor training, certification, and support, and \$50,000 in grant funding for the implementation of Financial Empowerment Legacy Planning, for a term ending August 31, 2027, as detailed in the MOU. There is no cost to the City.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

11. Amend – Ord. #747 (10/30/2023) “Contract – With Global Traffic Technologies, LLC., a division of Miovision Technologies Incorporated, for an Emergency Signal Preemption system, to provide upgrades to the preemption system, on behalf of the Department of Public Work in collaboration with the Fire Department, for the period of five (5) years. Total cost not to exceed \$2,031,168 to be charged to Account #01.81800.541500 and an account designated by the Commissioner of Finance. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend to: Change the name to “Miovision Technologies US, LLC”; extend the contract to a period of five (5) years from the date of execution, with one five (5) renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council and increase the total amount not to exceed to \$2,500,000. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

BY COUNCILOR EHRENREICH:

12. Agreement – With Elite Gaming, for services related to instructional e-gaming programs for youth at Wilson Park and Southwest Community Centers, during the after-school recreation program between January 20 – June 30, 2026. The program includes delivery of up to 48 hours of *ESports* instruction, instructional staff, programming designing various *ESports* game titles for various age groups, assessment of existing equipment for preparation, and ongoing support as needed. The Parks department will work closely with API to administer. The total cost not to exceed is \$13,750, charged to Account #01.71400.541500.
13. Agreement – With Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA), to support OCRRA’s battery recycling program, by placing battery collection kiosks at Magnarelli, Seals, Westmoreland, and Cecile Community Centers, for the period of three (3) years February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2029, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. There is no cost to the City.
14. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2025/2026 Westminster Stairs Reconstruction Project. Total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.
15. Authorize – The 2025/2026 Westminster Stairs Reconstruction Project, for the design, engineering, repairs, and reconstruction of the Stone Walls, Stairs, and Railings within Westminster Park, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$1,700,000.
16. License Agreement – With the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) for the annual license to play copyrighted music at various Parks facilities for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$2,000 charged to Account #540552.01.71400.

17. License Agreement – *With the Society of European Stage Authors and Composers (SESAC) for the annual license to play copyrighted music at various Parks facilities for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$3,100 charged to Account #540552.01.71400.*

BY COUNCILOR NAVÉ:

18. Amend – *Ord. #91 (02/18/2025) “Contract - With VeoRide Inc., to operate the Syracuse “SYNC” Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of one (1) year effective February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026, with two (2) one-year renewal options subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council.” Amend to authorize the first one (1) year renewal option, to expire February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027. All other conditions remain the same.*

BY COUNCILOR MOORE:

19. Agreement – *With Crouse Health Hospital – HelpPeople Employee Assistance Program (EAP), to provide Syracuse Firefighters access to counseling, critical incident support, supervisor consultation, training, and wellness services, for the two (2) year period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027, with three (3) one (1) year renewal options subject to the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$12,000 annually charged to Account #541500.01.34100.*

20. Amend – *Ord. #66 (02/18/2025) “Agreement – With WellNow Occupational Medicine, to retain a medical exam/testing provider on behalf of the Department of Fire, for the period of January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000 from Account #590401.01.90400. All payments will be made through a third-party administrator (NCA Comp). The Mayor has waived the RFP process.” Amend to extend the contract for an additional one-year period ending December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions remain the same.*

21. Agreement – *With the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for reimbursement of overtime salary and related expenses, pursuant to Title 28 USC Section 524(c), for a five (5) year period from the date of execution, on behalf of the Department of Police. Reimbursements will be deposited into an account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.*

22. Amend – *Ord. #409 (05/20/2024) “Agreement – With SoundThinking, Inc., for Shotspotter gunfire location, alert, analysis services, and a subscription for the Phase II Northside Expansion, for the period of three (3) years, from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$449,400 annually. Total cost not to exceed \$716,626, charged to Account #540530.01.31230. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend to increase the cost not to exceed to \$699,400. All other terms remain the same.*

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

23. *Agreement – With Mosaic Consulting Group (RFP #25-266) for Software Implementation Services for UKG Pro (Human Capital Management and Payroll Modernization, from the date of execution for the period of eighteen (18) months expiring March 2027. Total cost not to exceed \$900,000, paid monthly over the term of the contract at \$50,000 per month, charged to Account #599807.07.700045423.*
24. *Correct Tax Rolls – (1314 Spring Street and 112-114 Burt Street to correct the assessment roll for tax years 2022/2023, 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026) as detailed in Appendixes “A” – “D”.*
25. *Lease Agreement – With Nik Realty, LLC to lease one hundred (100) parking spaces located at 220-228 South Geddes Street (Shopping Plaza) for the Department of Public Safety headquarter employee’s parking. The period will be for a term of two (2) years with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council, at an annual rate of \$45,000, from an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance. The city will maintain the lease spaces.*
26. *Transfer Funds – Within the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, Syracuse City Budget, to, Accounts #16800.01.510100 (Bureau of Information Technology Salaries) from Account 70200.01.510100 (Park Salaries), as detailed in Appendix “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$28,989.*

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

27. *Local Law – Amend – “Local Law #5 (03/17/2011), of the City of Syracuse to adopt the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code which includes the latest editions of the following codes: Building, Residential, Existing Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel/Gas, Energy Conservation Construction and Property Maintenance”. Amend for various provisions as detailed in the legislation, to bring the City’s Local Law up to date with current New York State Code.*
28. *Amend – Ord. #834 (10/14/2025) “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1407-1409 West Onondaga Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1 (District 2).” Amend to make a technical correction, as detailed in the legislation.*
29. *Amend – Ord. #836 (10/14/2025) “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 228-232 Furman Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1 (District 4).” Amend to make a technical correction, as detailed in the legislation.*
30. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 264 Crescent Avenue & Creek, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*

31. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1521 South Salina Street, a masonry building, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).
32. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 307 East Kennedy Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)
33. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 203 East Raynor Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1 (District 4)
34. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 205 East Raynor Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1 (District 4)
35. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 209 East Raynor Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$1 (District 4)

BY COUNCILOR MONTO:

36. Revoke – Ord. #621 (07/01/2024) Permission – (revocable) To Flock Group, Inc., to construct, own, operate and maintain a Citywide Deployment of Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reading (ALPR) Cameras (Solar Powered) in the City Right of Way, under a Master Services Agreement executed with the Department of Police, relative to Ord. #630-2023, in accordance with Section 15 of the Ordinance. The revocation is necessary because of the possibility that Flock has been collecting personal data that may violate the privacy of members of the public and the concerns that such data may be inappropriately shared. This legislation demands the removal of Flock cameras from the City right of way.
37. Authorize – A Tax Exemption Agreement with a Housing Development Fund Corporation to be known as Parkside Commons Phase 1 Housing Development Fund Corporation, pursuant to Section 573 and Section 577 of Article 11 of the New York State Private Housing Finance Law and Section 402 of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, for the properties located at 1935 East Fayette Street 1951 East Fayette Street; 1961 East Fayette Street; 1965 East Fayette Street; 1953 East Fayette Street; 256 Westmoreland Avenue; 2000 East Fayette Street; 2012 East Fayette Street; and 2016-2024 East Fayette Street, to rehabilitate two hundred (200) units of affordable housing across six (6) existing buildings, and to construct two (2) buildings containing one hundred ninety-three (193) total units of affordable housing, as detailed in the legislation. The agreement will be for a 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% of gross revenue less utilities or \$550 per unit annually, plus a two percent (2%) annual escalator; the first year's liability would be \$216,150.

38. Special Permit – To establish a “Utility Major” to establish Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on the property located at 426 East Brighton Avenue. No one spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Owner, Joseph Tesiero. Applicant, Terrence Nolan.
39. Special Permit – To establish a funeral home on the property situated at 4400 South Salina Street & West Glen Avenue. One (1) person spoke in favor, and one (1) person spoke in opposition to the proposal. David P. Colegrove, LaBella Associates, applicant. 4400 South Salina Street LLC, owner.

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