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COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 18, 2026

12:30 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Led by the Hon. Rita Paniagua, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
2. *Roll Call – (All Present – 9)*
3. *Communications – (From the Hon. Sharon F. Owens, Mayor, a Message of Necessity, relative to the Local Law to correct FY26-27 Budget; From the Hon. Rita Paniagua, Council President, a letter directing the City Clerk to give notice of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Common Council; From the City Clerk, a Notice of a Special Meeting to the Members of the Common Council; From the City Clerk, a Notice of a Special Meeting to the News Media.)*

NEW BUSINESS:

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

- 9-0** 4. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, to include two (2) amendments based on the attached to accurately reflect \$20 million in additional state aid, which was included in the State budget after the City budget was adopted, as set by Section 6-102 of the City Charter.* **LL**
- 9-0** 5. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, relative to the General Fund Revenue, decrease “Surpluses and Balances – Fund Balance” by \$20,000,000 for a new revenue surplus amount of \$800,879.* **402**
- 9-0** 6. *Amend – The Budget for the year July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, relative to the General Fund Revenue, increase “Temporary Aim Aid” Account #435209 by \$20,000,000 for a new revenue amount of \$35,000,000.* **403**

Syracuse Common Council
Adjourned at 12:36 PM

Local Law No.
City of Syracuse

2026

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE
TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO AMEND THE
ANNUAL ESTIMATE (ANNUAL BUDGET) OF
THE CITY OF SYRACUSE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2026/2027 AFTER THE JUNE 1ST DEADLINE
FOR ADOPTION OF A FINAL BUDGET AS SET
BY SECTION 6-102 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY OF SYRACUSE, AS AMENDED, TO
DECREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE IN
THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET BY
\$20,000,000 IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR
INCREASED STATE AID APPROPRIATED BY
NEW YORK STATE AFTER THE CITY ANNUAL
ESTIMATE WAS ADOPTED ON MAY 8th 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, there is a June 1st deadline for adoption of a final Annual Budget for each new Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance No. 262-2026 approving the Annual Budget for the City of Syracuse for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 at a Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2026 and the Mayor approved Ordinance No. 262-2026 on May 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, following passage of Ordinance No. 262-2026 and after the June 1st deadline, the New York State Legislature appropriated, with the approval of the Governor, an extra Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in Temporary Aid to Municipalities specifically for the City of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget has recommended that the appropriate use of this additional State financial aid in FY2026/27 would be to decrease the planned use of \$20,000,000 from Fund Balance in the City's FY26-27 Annual Estimate as adopted by Ordinance #262-2026 by adding in the additional Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in State

financial aid as additional revenue and thereby balance the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Annual Budget without the use of Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Mayor and Common Council to make the necessary changes to the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget it is necessary for a Local Law to be passed that would extend the June 1st Budget adoption deadline in Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, until June 30th and authorize the Mayor and the Common Council to make the necessary amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget including decreasing the use of Fund Balance by Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000.000) in order to account for the increased State Aid revenue in the amount of \$20,000,0000, and thereby balance the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Annual Budget by avoiding the use of Fund Balance, in the manner provided by law; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Common Council of the City of Syracuse, as follows:

Section 1. This Local Law is to authorize the City to amend the Annual Estimate (Annual Budget) of the City of Syracuse for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 after the June 1st deadline for adoption of a Final Budget as set by Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, to decrease the use of Fund Balance in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget by Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), in order to account for the increased New York State Aid revenue in the amount of (\$20,000,000) allocated to the City of Syracuse as Temporary Aid in the recently passed 2026-27 New York State Budget, and balance the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Annual Budget by avoiding the use of Fund Balance, in the manner provided by law.

Section 2. This extension of the June 1st Budget adoption deadline in Section 6-102 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, as amended, is being made of out of necessity to account for the increased revenue from New York State appropriated after the City's Annual Estimate was adopted on May 8, 2026.

Section 3. This Local Law hereby authorizes the Mayor and Common Council to take the necessary actions to amend the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Annual Budget through June 30, 2026, including receiving Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) in extra Temporary Aid to Municipalities to be designated as revenue for the Annual Estimate for FY 2026-27 to allow the decrease of the use of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) from Fund Balance so as to balance the Budget, in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. This Local Law shall only apply to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and shall have no force or effect with respect to future or past Fiscal Years.

Section 5. In accordance with New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20 (5) the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide three (3) days' notice of the public hearing for this proposed Local Law.

Section 6. This local law shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT
OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027 RELATIVE TO
THE REVENUE OF SURPLUSES & BALANCES-
UNRESERVED & UNDESIGNATED (GENERAL
FUND BALANCE)**

BE IT ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget entitled the Revenue of Surpluses & Balances – Unreserved & Undesignated is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 Budget is to be decreased by:</u>
Revenue of Surpluses & Balances Unreserved & Undesignated (General Fund Balance)	\$20,000,000 (for a new Surpluses & Balances Unreserved & Undesignated revenue (General Fund Balance) amount of \$800,879)

;and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2026

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT
OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027 RELATIVE
TO REVENUE ACCOUNT 435209 FUND 01
ENTITLED “TEMPORARY AIM AID”**

BE IT ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget relative to the Revenue Line, Account 435209 Fund 01 entitled “ Temporary Aim Aid” is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 Budget is to be increased by:</u>
435209.01 (Temporary Aim Aid)	\$20,000,000 (for a new total revenue of \$35,000,000)

;and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).