

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(12/12)

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2023

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*
8. -----
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- a. *Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse to authorize the sale of all right, title, and interest in the real property located at 200 East Genesee Street (SBL 103.-29-01.0) (aka City Hall Commons) to Hanover Real Estate Development ("Hanover"), to redevelop the property into a mixed-income, mixed-use property, construct several commercial spaces on the first floor of the property and develop approximately thirty-nine (39) residential apartments – some market-rate, some income-restricted – on the upper six stories. Total amount not to exceed \$850,000.*

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

9. *Authorize - The 2023/2024 Inner Harbor Park Initiatives Capital Improvement Project, which includes structural assessments of the pedestrian bridge and the Amphitheater (as detailed in Schedule "A") in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from a Cash Capital account to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance.*
10. *Agreement – With Green Infrastructure Center, Inc., for services related to the Municipal Tree Ordinance Modernization, to propose a new ordinance for Council review. The term will be from January 15, 2024 – June 15, 2026, with one (1) six-month renewal period with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$55,099 charged to Account #540551.01.71100.*

11. *Agreement – With SUNY Cortland, to allow students from SUNY Cortland Recreation Programs the opportunity to gain working knowledge of the day-to-day operation of a municipal Parks and Recreation Department along with the opportunity to work directly with recreation personnel, for a period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. There is no cost to the City.*

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

12. *Authorize - An Exemption Agreement with Almus Housing Development Fund Corporation (“the Corporation”) pursuant to Section 573 and Section 577 of Article 11 of the New York Private Housing Finance Law and Section 402 of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation will rehabilitate 191 units of the existing public housing building located at 313 East Raynor Avenue and Oakwood Avenue (SBL 094.-17-01.0) known as Almus Olver, formed by beneficial owner McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc., sponsored by Syracuse Housing Authority. The term would be for the period of fifteen (15) years and will not be exempt from special assessments on the facility, with one (1) fifteen (15) year renewal option subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council The payment would be calculated each year based on 10% of the difference between gross rent minus utilities, or \$105,050, whichever is greater.*
13. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the implementation of the iManage Cloud product. Total amount not to exceed \$45,000.*
14. *Agreement – With iManage Cloud, for professional services to implement a software solution that will serve as the foundational system for organizing, managing, and accessing the City’s growing volume of legal cases, providing a centralized and cohesive system, details outlined in the attached proposal. The agreement covers only one-time implementation costs and excludes any subscription cost or any other ongoing expenditures. Total cost not to exceed \$45,000.*
15. *Transfer Funds – Within the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, Syracuse City Budget transfer amendments, as detailed in the legislation, to be used for the Law Department (\$39,980.44) and Purchases for Payroll-Timeclocks (\$23,274.80). Total amount not to exceed \$63,255.24.*
16. *Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (Bruckner, Tillett, Rossi, Cahill & Associates) – for the properties located at 126 and 138 Jamesville Avenue, for property tax litigation. Total cost not to exceed \$9,500 plus \$200 per hour for trial preparation and testimony, charged to Account #541500.01.13550.*
17. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to a portion of the premise known as 601-603 Craddock Street, as outlined in the Appendix “A”, to Anthony Lee for private residential use, the City retains ownership of the rest of the property. Total amount not to exceed \$1,500, deposited in Account #426750.01.*

18. *Approve – Settlement – Strong v., City of Syracuse, et al., Federal Action No. 5:16-CV-1054 (BKS/ATB), relative to an alleged violation of constitutional rights. Settlement amount of \$85,000 charged to Judgement and Claims Account #599302.01.93.000*
19. *Agreement – With Bonadio Group, for consulting services for implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements”, from the date of execution to expire on June 30, 2024. Total amount not to exceed \$20,000, charged to Account #599892.01.90000. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
20. *Amend - Miscellaneous Provisions of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 16, entitled, “Water-Rules, Regulations and Rates” as established by Ord. #206-1974, and last amended by Ord. #261 (03/31/2014), Section 16-53, entitled, “Nonpayment”, to include language regarding placement of delinquent water charges on the tax rolls.*
21. *Levy – Onondaga County Tax (Excluding Onondaga County Consolidated Sanitation District) for 2023. Total amount \$46,389,713.10.*
22. *Levy – Onondaga County Water District Tax for 2023. Total amount \$287,825.64.*
23. *Levy – Onondaga County Sewer Rent for 2023. Total amount \$31,025,018.41.*

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

24. *Agreement – With DSI, for third party drug and alcohol testing for all City employees, including but not limited to employees with Commercial Driver’s Licenses, on behalf of the Office of Personnel & Labor Relations, for the period of two (2) years, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025, with one (1) option to renew for a one or two-year period, with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$43,000 charged to Account #595950.01.90000.*

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA & COUNCILOR MAJOK:

25. *Amend – Ord. #41 (02/07/2022), “Authorize – The City of Syracuse to enter into a Labor Agreement with the Syracuse Firefighters Association, Local 280, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, for five (5) and a half year, for the period of January 1, 2021-June 30, 2026. Effective 01/01/21 3% general wage increase. Effective 01/01/26 1.5% general wage increase. Healthcare contributions and other terms are detailed in the ordinance.” Amend to include the settlement agreement to resolve the materiality and reopener demands for negotiations, as detailed in Appendix “A.”*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

26. Amend – Ord. #511 (07/24/2023) “Contract – With Collier Engineering & Design, CT PC, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of July 15, 2022-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$250,000, from Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend to increase the cost not to exceed to \$500,000 and to extend the contract through December 31, 2025. All other terms and conditions remain the same.
27. Agreement - With Rubicon Global, LLC, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for SmartCities Software, to include technology and equipment for turn-by-turn directions in all sanitation vehicles and route optimization, for the period of three (3) years from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$227,160, as detailed in the legislation, charged to Account #540530.01.81600.
28. Application – To NYSDOT’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,737,500, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Funds will be used for the Lemoyne Avenue Greenway, to support non-driver access to public transportation, enhance mobility, community improvement activities and equity. The project will connect two parks, one school and other existing bicycle infrastructure projects. If funds are approved, a local match of 20% (\$347,500) is required, which will be provided through bond authorization upon the approval of the authorization of the project by the Common Council.
29. Application – To NYSDOT’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$4,930,000, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Funds will be used for the Westside Trail Project, to support safe, ADA-compliant facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists at a high accident location near PSLA Fowler High School. If funds are approved, a local match of 20% (\$986,000) is required, which will be provided through bond authorization upon the approval of the authorization of the project by the Common Council.
30. Application – To NYSDOT’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Funds will be used to replace the Chaffee Avenue Pedestrian Bridge over Onondaga Creek with a wider structure to support multi-use travel (pedestrian/bicycle), connecting the Chaffee Avenue neighborhood to the Meachem field area. If funds are approved a local match of 20% (not to exceed \$1,000,000) is required, which will be provided through bond authorization upon the approval of the authorization of the project by the Common Council.

31. *Application – To NYSDOT’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, for the Inner Harbor Area Sidewalk Improvement Project. Funds will be used to construct/replace sidewalks along Van Rensselaer Street (Hiawatha Blvd. to West Kirkpatrick Street) and West Kirkpatrick Street (N. Geddes to Solar Street, including adding sidewalks to the West Kirkpatrick Street Bridge over Onondaga Creek). If funds are approved a local match of 20% (not to exceed \$1,000,000) is required, which will be provided through bond authorization upon the approval of the authorization of the project by the Common Council.*
32. *Amend – Ord. #681 (11/08/2021) – “Contract – With NYS Environmental Design & Research, (EDR) for general engineering services, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the period of two (2) years with two two-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total amount not to exceed \$700,000 charged to Account #05.83110.541500.” Amend to authorize the first two-year renewal option. All other terms remain the same.*
33. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Department of Health, for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 on behalf of the Department of Water. Funds will be used for the development and implementation of a lead service-line inventory (both public and private) throughout the City, as well as develop a web-based portal for city residents to look up the service material of their homes. There is no local match required.*
34. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Department of Health, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, on behalf of the Department of Water. Funds will be used to replace residential lead service-lines with copper service-lines in existing and future project areas throughout the City. If funds are approved a local match of 40% (not to exceed \$1,000,000) is required, which will be provided through bond authorization upon the approval of the authorization of the project by the Common Council.*

BY COUNCILOR SCHULTZ:

35. *Resolution – To recognize Riley’s restaurant, which first opened in 1897 and still remains a Northside staple 126 years later, having stood the test of time through Prohibition, the Great Depression, World Wars, and COVID-19.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

36. *Amend – Ord. #729 (10/24/2022) – “Agreement – With OMNI Procurement Solutions, LLC. (OMNI), to implement a Business Growth Accelerator (BGA) Program, to deliver a development program for thirty (30) current NYS-certified MWBEs, for a twelve (12) month period, in the amount of \$202,000 awarded by NYS Empire State Development for Central NY and Mohawk Valley regions, administered by NBD. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend to increase the grant amount to \$245,000 due to an extension of the program. All other terms remain the same.*

37. *Authorize – The establishment of the Syracuse Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) as a new local development corporation, as detailed in the legislation.*
38. *Authorize – The establishment of the formation of an Advisory Board for the Syracuse Housing Trust Fund Corporation, as detailed in the legislation.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

39. *Contract – With UnBEYlievable Enterprises Corporation, to assist the City with implementing gun violence reduction outreach, mediation, and victim support services in geographically specific areas, as detailed in Exhibit “A,” on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence. UnBEYlievable will provide Trauma Response Tier II services, which includes hiring two (2) part-time outreach employees and associated budget costs, detailed in Exhibit “B”, for the period of two (2) years. Total cost not to exceed \$183,472, to be charged to the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) grant project Account #599802.02.14805.204042223. These funds are part of a previously approved \$1.5 million USDOJ CVI grant project. (Ord. #404-2022). An outreach map is provided for reference. The Mayor waiver the RFP process.*
40. *Contract – With Syracuse Model Neighborhood Facility, Inc. (SMNF), dba Syracuse Community Connection, to fulfill the US Department of Justice Community Violence Intervention (USDOJ CVI) grant previously approved for \$1.5 million (Ord. #404-2022), to assist the City with implementing gun violence reduction outreach, mediation, and victim support services in geographically specific areas, as detailed in Exhibit “A”, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence. SMNF will hire one (1) part-time outreach worker, as detailed in Exhibit “B”, for the period of two (2) years. Total cost not to exceed \$169,223, to be charged to the CVI grant project Account #599802.02.14805.204042223. An outreach map is attached for reference. The Mayor waiver the RFP process.*
41. *Contract – With OGs Against Gun Violence (OGAGV), to fulfill the US Department of Justice Community Violence Intervention (USDOJ CVI) grant previously approved for \$1.5 million (Ord. #404-2022), to assist the City with implementing gun violence reduction outreach, mediation, and victim support services in geographically specific areas, as detailed in Exhibit “A”, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence. OGAGV will hire one (1) part-time outreach worker, as detailed in Exhibit “B”, for the period of two (2) years. Total cost not to exceed \$169,223, to be charged to the CVI grant project Account #599802.02.14805.204042223. An outreach map is attached for reference. The Mayor waiver the RFP process.*

42. *Contract – With the Good Life Youth Foundation (GLYF) to fulfill the US Department of Justice Community Violence Intervention (USDOJ CVI) grant previously approved for \$1.5 million (Ord. #404-2022), to assist the City with implementing gun violence reduction outreach, mediation, and victim support services in geographically specific areas, as detailed in Exhibit “A”, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence. GLYF will hire one (1) part-time outreach worker, as detailed in Exhibit “B”, for the period of two (2) years. Total cost not to exceed \$169,223, to be charged to the CVI grant project Account #599802.02.14805.204042223. An outreach map is attached for reference. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
43. *Lease Agreement – With 1153 Owner, LLC for the entire property and all improvements thereon at 1153 West Fayette Street, including an approximately 84,600 square foot Office Complex, a 6,660 square foot Garage Facility, and an approximately 9,700 square foot Training Facility (100,960 square feet), to satisfy current and future needs for the Police and Fire Departments, with operation currently located in the Public Safety Building at 511 South State Street and at Patrol East, at 2109 Erie Boulevard East, for period of nineteen (19) years. Total annual rent will start at \$1,768,819, as detailed in Appendix “A”. The Landlord will be responsible for all build-out, capital expenses, and for structural repairs and maintenance. The City and the landlord are still developing an understanding of maintenance terms. The lease is expected to commence by the third quarter of calendar year 2025.*
44. *Agreement – With Lexipol, for professional services, which includes grant acquisition and writing services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board (CRB) from the date of execution to June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$5,000 charged to Account #540530.01.10500. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
45. *Agreement – With Lexipol, for professional services, which provides a platform for training and development of CRB Board members from the date of execution to June 30, 2024 . Total cost not to exceed \$685, charged to Account #540530.01.10500. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
46. *Accept – From Blueprint 15, Inc., a donation in the amount of \$350, to reimburse the Fire Department for cost of DJ services during the Fire Prevention Bureau’s Open House on October 14, 2023. Total amount to be deposited in Account #427700.01*
47. *Accept – From the Syracuse Housing Authority, a donation in the amount of \$500, to reimburse the Fire Department for the bounce house and concessions provided during the Fire Prevention Bureau’s Open House on October 14, 2023. Total amount to be deposited in Account #427700.01*
48. *Application & Agreement – To and With the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission grant program in an amount not to exceed \$37,500. Funds will be used for the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide alarms in city households. There is a 25% local match (\$12,500) paid from Account #540541.01.34100.*