

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 20, 2020

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Paul DeDominicas (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on February 13, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 19, 2020 in the amount of \$_____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 11-17, 2019
- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of February 12-18, 2019
- Reports from the Police Department dated February 18, 2020
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on February 13, 2020
- Report from City Historians for 2019

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor DeDominicas

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending February 21, 2020 in the amount of \$_____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. WHEREAS the City was awarded \$125,366 from NYS DOS LWRP grant in 2018 to finalize the City’s draft LWRP and update the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS the City has followed the applicable procurement policy outlined in the Department of State master contract; and

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Consulting Services contract for the finalization of the LWRP and update of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance be awarded to Saratoga Associates Landscape Architects, Architects, Engineers, and Planners, P.C. Payment for the contract will be made using funds from the DOS grant award.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. ADOPTING FINDINGS STATEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh revitalization efforts will involve several downtown area improvement projects (collectively the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the Plattsburgh Common Council ("Common Council") determined that the Projects collectively are a Type I Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), identified the potential Involved Agencies under SEQRA and was duly designated as SEQRA Lead Agency with consent of the Involved Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council determined to conduct comprehensive review of the Projects through preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) pursuant to SEQRA and Section 617.10 of the implementing Regulations set forth at Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR); and

WHEREAS, The Chazen Companies (Chazen) prepared a Draft Scoping Document pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.8 and the Common Council, as SEQRA Lead Agency, provided a copy of the Draft Scope to all Involved Agencies, made it available to any individual or SEQRA Interested Agency that expressed an interest in writing to the Lead Agency and provided both a period of time for the public to review and provide written comments on the Draft Scope and a public scoping session to provide for public input; and

WHEREAS, a Final Scoping Document was accepted by the Common Council and Chazen prepared a Draft GEIS ("DGEIS") in accordance with the Final Scoping Document to assess the potential impacts of the Projects, and the DGEIS was accepted as complete for public review by the Common Council on November 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the DGEIS and Notice of Completion were duly circulated to all SEQRA Involved and Interested Agencies; the DGEIS was posted on the City’s website and a Notice of Acceptance of Draft

GEIS and Public Hearing was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on December 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the DGEIS was held on December 9, 2019 and written comments on the DGEIS were accepted by the Common Council, as Lead Agency, until December 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Final GEIS (“FGEIS”) was prepared and was accepted by the Common Council on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the FGEIS and Notice of Completion were duly circulated to all SEQRA Involved and Interested Agencies; the FGEIS was posted on the City’s website and a Notice of Final GEIS was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on February 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a proposed SEQRA Findings Statement has been prepared and reviewed by the Common Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council hereby adopts the SEQRA Findings Statement, including the specific findings and certifications required by the SEQRA Regulations at 6 NYCRR Section 617.11(d).
2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file the Findings Statement as required by SEQRA.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____
Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____