

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

June 4, 2020

**5:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

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

**Absent:**

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on May 28, 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, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 3, 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, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of May 2020 in the total amount of \$2,986.50
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 28, 2020
- Building Inspector's Tree Report 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated June 3, 2020

**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 McFarlin

**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, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending June 5, 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, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. Motion to remove item 7A from the Table.**

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2020 City budget for an 85% reduction in the remaining overtime appropriations based on a resolution adopted by the Common Council on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The combined reduction in overtime appropriations across all City funds equals approximately \$558,164.00 with a corresponding reduction in appropriated fund balance for all City funds.

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves rejecting all bids received for PIN 7805.88 “Saranac River Trail Phase 2”.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common council approves Canadian Pacific Railway to close Dock Street and have a short term detour for maintenance of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested for Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6am to 8pm.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mickey’s Restaurant & Lounge, located at 26 Riley Avenue to use **four** parking spaces in front of their establishment for outdoor dining seating, subject to appropriate licensing by NYS Liquor authority, and subject to City permits issued by Building Inspector which may include additional COVID-19 restrictions. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades. The requested dates are subject to NYS Business reopening permission – September 30, 2020.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh has prepared and approved a five year budget plan commencing on January 1, 2021 which will be presented to the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh for use in preparing the 2021 Mayor's Budget.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**F.** The Council established Council/Department Liaison Committees, assigning the Chair and members, during the Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2020, which will be held each Thursday in the Common Council Chambers prior to the Council Meetings. Due to a vacancy on the Council and then appointment of new councilor it has become necessary to reassign the following:

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations Committee** – Chair: Councilor Barbell; Member: Councilor Brodi

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair: Councilor McFarlin; Member: Councilor Brodi

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves amending 2020 Committee Chairs and second member as stated above.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**G.** Whereas, the following resolution supersedes and replaces in its entirety the resolution 7L dated May 21, 2020; and

Whereas, it has been the policy of the City of Plattsburgh to minimize, and where able, eliminate overtime compensation; and

Whereas, in his role as chief executive officer of the City—which includes the direction and supervision of the administration of all departments—the Mayor has directed department heads to constrict, to the maximum amount possible, the use and approval of overtime; and

Whereas, as a result of declining revenue projections for the City of Plattsburgh 2020 and 2021 Budgets due to the Covid-19 pandemic, even, further constriction of overtime compensation is required.

Now therefore, it is hereby resolved, that all overtime in every department’s budget shall be frozen; and, any emergency requiring the use of overtime must be approved by the Mayor

It is further resolved that the Mayor is directed to report to the Common Council, for every instance where overtime used and approved a monthly report on overtime approvals, containing a description of the unique circumstances that required the use of overtime to allow the Common Council to audit and authorize payment thereon.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**H. WHEREAS**, the City of Plattsburgh has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (hereafter “LGBTQIA+”) community, and the Common Council is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in our community; and

**ACKNOWLEDGING**, residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Plattsburgh who contribute to the enrichment of our City are part of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

**RECOGNIZING**, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ persons throughout the nation, but that there continues to be opposition to members of this community, making it important for cities like Plattsburgh to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

**NOTING**, June has become a symbolic month in which the LGBTQIA+ community and their supporters come together in various celebrations of pride; and

**NOTING FURTHER**, several cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and

**DESIRING**, to recognize and celebrate all members of our community, especially those who are often excluded or oppressed; and

WHEREAS, given its unique geographical location, the City of Plattsburgh wishes to make this celebration of support visible not only in our own community, but to neighboring communities around the North Country, in Vermont, and Quebec.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh does hereby declare June 13th, 2020 to be LGBTQIA+ Pride Day in the City of Plattsburgh, and invites everyone to reflect on ways we can all live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding; and further encourages the community to join others in the North Country and throughout the world to increase its awareness of LGBTQIA+ persons in our community.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** \_\_\_\_\_