

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

March 30, 2017

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on March 23, 2017 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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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 March 29, 2017 in the amount of **\$ 469,233.51** 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 Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of March 23-29, 2017
- Report from the Building Inspector's office March 20-24, 2017

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

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

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's cities are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country including 25 locations in Plattsburgh, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with county officials and mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country for the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 4, 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Colin Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, NY do hereby proclaim April 4, 2017, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this thirtieth day of March in the Year Two-Thousand seventeen

Colin L. Read, Mayor

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$ 1,576,729.23 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 Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the SUNY Plattsburgh parade to honor the SUNY Women's Hockey team for their 2017 NCAA Championship date be changed from Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5pm to Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 4:30pm. The Parade will start at the Kehoe Parking Lot and move westerly on Rugar Street past the residence halls, high school and eventually turning left at the intersection with Adirondack Lane. The parade of vehicles would then turn right onto Bowman Lane and proceed to the entrance of the Field House property. The parade would then turn right onto the Loop Road and proceed to the front of the Field House.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Aleka’s Restaurant LLC located at 103 Margaret Street to use **two** 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. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades with the City installing and removing at the beginning and end of the season. The City will be reimbursed for these services and the cost shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. The requested dates are May 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017.

**Motion to waive to waive the reading and move 7B-7G as follows:**

**7B:** Aleka’s Restaurant LLC located at 103 Margaret Street to use **two** parking spaces

**7C:** Olive Ridley’s located at 37 Court Street to use **two** parking spaces

**7D:** Hobie’s Sports Den located at 68 Margaret Street to use **two** parking spaces

**7E:** The Pepper located at 13 City Hall Place to use **two** parking spaces

**7F:** Irises Café & Wine Bar located at 20-22 City Hall Place to use **four** parking spaces

**7G:** Champlain Wine Company located at 30 City Hall Place to use **one** parking space

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Resolution moved under “Other Items” 7B**

**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Olive Ridley’s located at 37 Court Street to use **two** 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. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades with the City installing and removing at the beginning and end of the season. The City will be reimbursed for these services and the cost shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. The requested dates are from May 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Resolution moved under “Other Items” 7B**

**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Hobie’s Sports Den located at 68 Margaret Street to use **two** 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. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The owners will contact Concrete Supply or similar and are prepared to purchase concrete barriers. The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades with the City installing and removing at the beginning and end of the season. The City will be reimbursed for these services and the cost shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. The requested dates are from May 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Resolution moved under “Other Items” 7B**

**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves The Pepper located at 13 City Hall Place to use **two** 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. 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 from May 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Resolution moved under “Other Items” 7B**

**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Irises Café & Wine Bar located at 20-22 City Hall Place to use **four** parking spaces in front of 16-24 City Hall Place (Irises Café Wine Bar and DeLish by Irises) for outdoor dining seating, subject to appropriate licensing by NYS Liquor authority, and subject to City permits issued by Building Inspector. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades with the City installing and removing at the beginning and end of the season. The City will be reimbursed for these services and the cost shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. The requested dates are from May 1, 2017– September 30, 2017.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**Resolution moved under “Other Items” 7B**

**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Champlain Wine Company located at 30 City Hall Place to use **one** parking space 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. All permits must be received prior to barrier placement.

The City is asked to permit the licensee to use concrete barricades with the City installing and removing at the beginning and end of the season. The City will be reimbursed for these services and the cost shall be determined by the Department of Public Works. The requested dates are from May 1, 2017– September 30, 2017.

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Engineering Design Services agreement with AEDA, PC for Contract

# 2017-04 "Plattsburgh Fire Station II Addition." The cost associated with this service is \$12,364. Funding is available through Capital Project H3410.38 (2017 Building Improvements).

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.62, 2017 Street Resurfacing, for the street repairs listed in the 2017 capital expenditure plan in the amount of \$2,685,000.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: Yes

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**J. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H8320.78, 2017 Water System Equipment, for the water distribution repairs and upgrades listed in the 2017 capital expenditure plan in the amount of \$882,000.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**K. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.61, 2017 Equipment Purchase, for a change requested by the Public Works administration to eliminate one medium duty and two light duty pieces of equipment in exchange for a heavy duty plow truck. The items change will not result in a change to the project total cost, but will result in an increased debt service requirement for the General Fund by roughly \$25,000.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**L. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with New York The Bass Federation, Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau to host the Plattsburgh Collegiate Cup Challenger Qualifier #2 on August 26, 2017.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kretser  
Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Director of Information Technology Bryan Brayton to attend the New York State Local Government Information Technology Directors Association Spring 2017 Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY, from May 16, 2017 to May 19, 2017, at an estimated cost of \$277.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle  
Discussion: None

(RC) Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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

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

**Councilor Kretser** reported that Strategic Planning Committee did not meet due to illnesses.

**Councilor Armstrong** mentioned that the Strategic Planning Committee stuff is going to be published on the website.

**Councilor Ensel** mentioned that Plattsburgh Little League is a finalist for \$65,000 grant award at Penfield Park. Council Kelly and he will be meeting with Richard Marks on the budget.



**Councilor Kelly** stated they will be changing the Council Budget meetings to smaller short meetings rather than a long meeting once a month.

**Mayor Read** introduced Eddie & Jerry Gonzalez and Herman from the Empire Pro League and they are here this week representing the new baseball team, the Plattsburgh RedBirds.

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

**Chris Bleaux** representing the Retirees group spoke of their frustration about the city and the Retirees Health Insurance issue. They request that all retirees be put back on the Traditional Blue plan.

**John Linney** said this whole procedure has been a lie. Very frustrated put them back on Traditional Blue plan and prescriptions.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kretser  
(RC) Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:01pm**