

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

May 14, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, we commend the brave men and women of our law enforcement community for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their solemn oath to protect and serve, and

Whereas, we also pause to remember all those who have lost their lives and who have suffered permanent disabilities defending their communities and the rule of law, including the heroes we have lost this year to the coronavirus, and

Whereas, law enforcement officials have never wavered in the face of crisis or tragedy, and

Whereas, during uncertain times, law enforcement officers bravely face challenges and continue to protect the American people, and

Whereas, they steadfastly ensure the safety of our communities, providing a much needed sense of security for our citizens, and our country is extremely grateful for their efforts.

Whereas, we must continue working toward a time when all people respect and understand the important work that law enforcement officers do, and

Whereas, their ability to work well in the face challenges is extraordinary, and we have incredible appreciation for their public service and selflessness.

THEREFORE, do I, Colin Read, as Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh proclaim May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through May 16, 2020, as Police Week, in honor of our hardworking law enforcement officers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the city of Plattsburgh to be affixed.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this fourteenth day of May
in the Year Two-Thousand Twenty
Colin L. Read, Mayor

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on May 7, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$ 54,812.22 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for April 28 – May 11, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated May 11, 2020
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy and City Operations Committee meeting held on May 7, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated nothing to report.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated just met nothing additional to report.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated nothing to report.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated meeting with Fire Chief Lawliss next week.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated nothing to report.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated nothing to report.

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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending May 15, 2020 in the amount of \$ 627,702.05 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign an addendum to the City’s DRI Streetscape and Riverfront Access project contract with Saratoga Associates to reallocate budgeted fees within that contract from Construction Inspection to Preliminary and Final Design to address scope changes realized since the start of the project.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council agrees to and authorizes the execution of Amendment 1 to CDM Smith’s Water WIIA agreement per their April 22,

2020 proposal. The amendment will be on a time and expense basis not to exceed \$55,000, increasing their upper limit from \$26,100 to \$81,100.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to advertise for bids for “Ohio Avenue Water Line Replacement Project.”

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: None

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Mayor Read asked **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** to update Council on Saranac River Trail.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller gave Council updates on Phase II of the Saranac River Trail. He would need an answer within a month or two if the Council would like to move forward or not.

Mayor Read reminded Council this is a project Director of Community Development Matthew Miller inherited.

[further discussion ensued on Phase II of the Saranac River Trail]

Mayor Read asked **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** to clarify the chain link fence along the Saranac River was not placed there by the City.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller indicated that the chain link fence that was put up at the eastern edge of the Durkee Street parking lot and also along the Saranac River near the Broad Street parking lot were put up by NYSEG in anticipation of their river remediation project.

Councilor Barbell asked what self-funding health care system is costing the city on an annual basis. Work with our management company to get competing bids on health care for the city and compare with what we currently pay.

Councilor Moore welcomed new Councilor Brodi.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to carlinb@cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:28 pm