

**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
4:30PM**

**Roll Call:** Chair Councilor Kelly, Councilor Ensel, Councilor Armstrong, Councilor Dowdle. Mayor Read and Councilor McFarlin arrived after Roll Call.

**Others Present:** Chamberlain Richard Marks

**Absent:** Councilor Kretser

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**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Councilor Kelly** asked representatives from All State Construction for information on street closure request item #6.

**Sue Moore** asked Council since it is Budget time to work very hard to stay under Tax Cap.

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**2. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:**

1. Report from Richard Marks, City Chamberlain - YTD spending and revenue comparison

[further discussion ensued on next year's budget preparations, possibility of doing more road work by public approval on use of bonding, etc.]

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**3. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

1. Request from Councilors Armstrong, Kelly and Kretser, that the Common Council will publish a presentation and survey to gauge community interest for a ban on plastic straws, swizzle sticks, and cocktail picks.
2. Request from Environmental Manager Jon Ruff that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Access Agreement with NYSEG with respect to the City of Plattsburgh's property located on Green Street adjacent to the Saranac River.
3. Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh imposed a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to address commercial cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to SEQR, the Common Council has determined the proposed action to be a Type 1 Action; and

Whereas, the proposed action requires the approval and/or involvement of several agencies, including the Common Council; and

Whereas, the Common Council desires to serve as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting an environmental review of the proposed action in accordance with SEQR regulations; and

Whereas, the City intends to prepare a Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency for the purpose of establishing itself as lead agency; and

Whereas, the City intends to prepare a full Environment Assessment Form to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that provided no other involved agency indicates a desire to serve as Lead Agency within thirty days of the date of this notice, the Common Council will serve in that capacity, in accordance with SEQR regulations.

It is further resolved, that this resolution will be effective immediately.

4. Whereas, the City of Plattsburgh has developed a proposed local law to address commercial cryptocurrency mining operations; and

Whereas, pursuant to GML 239-m, the Common Council has determined that the proposed action requires a referral to the Clinton County Planning Department;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council authorizes the submission of a GML 239-m referral to the Clinton County Planning Department for this proposed local law.

5. Request from Canadian Pacific Railway to close the road at railroad crossing on Boynton Avenue between North Catherine Street and Margaret Street, for rehabilitation of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested from Monday, August 27 – Friday, August 31, 2018. CP Rail is expecting that the roadway will be closed all hours of the day and night. (This was request was previously approved on August 2, 2018 with a street closure daytime hours only).
6. Request from All State Construction to close Park Avenue between Olivetti Place and Sanborn Avenue on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 between 7am and 330pm to accommodate the delivery of a HTHW Generator to the Central Plant for SUNY Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

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**4. OLD BUSINESS: None**

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**5. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(RC) Roll call: All voted in the affirmative

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:01 pm**