

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

May 28, 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 21, 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 May 27, 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 of Fire and Ambulance Responses for May 12 - 25, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated May 26, 2020
- Minutes from the Finance and Budget Committee meeting held on May 21, 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 May 29, 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. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves an agreement with Ron Santor for 2020 Police Academy Director/Training Director Services. The total cost is \$20,000 no increase in cost from 2019.

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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**B. 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.

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 the City Chamberlain to revise the 2020 Rec Complex Fund budget to reinstate the appropriations for the Marina utility accounts for the remainder of the 2020 budget year per the lease agreement with the Plattsburgh Boat Basin requiring the City to provide for the utility expense to operate the City Marina at 2 Dock Street.

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 that any individual who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face-covering when in any City of Plattsburgh Building. This will be in effect until PAUSE NY or other health directives no longer recommend or require face-coverings.

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 approves Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc to close Johnson Avenue for 1 day on Monday, June 1, 2020 for the replacement of a failed sewer lateral at Richard’s Beverage Center located at 71 Johnson Avenue.

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. ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ANNEXATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING FILING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Plattsburgh seeks to annex an approximately 224-acre parcel (the “Subject Parcel”) which is located in the Town of Plattsburgh but is owned by and situated adjacent to the City (the “Action”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Plattsburgh Common Council determined that the Action is a Type I Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and identified the potential Involved Agencies under SEQRA, which included the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** the City was duly designated as SEQRA Lead Agency by Determination of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Section 617.6 of the SEQRA Regulations set forth at Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** although the Action under SEQRA is solely the annexation of the Subject Parcel by the City, the Common Council determined to review the potential environmental impacts of a purely hypothetical development scenario that could possibly be achieved on the Subject Parcel following annexation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Common Council engaged consultants to prepare a Preliminary Master Plan–Land Use Map (“Preliminary Plan”) and to conduct several related studies and investigations to enable the Council to review potential impacts of such a reasonable development scenario for the Subject Parcel following annexation; and

**WHEREAS,** these studies and investigations included:

- Natural Resource Inventory by Trudell Environmental Services
- Phase 1A Literature Search and Sensitivity Assessment by Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants, Ltd.
- Traffic Assessment by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

• Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) by KAS Environmental Science & Engineering  
**WHEREAS**, the City would not be actually undertaking all of the potential uses included in the Preliminary Plan, but would seek to encourage private development consistent with the hypothetical scenario; and

**WHEREAS**, Architectural & Engineering Design Associates, PC, the Common Council’s consultant, prepared Part 1 of a SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) for the Action together with an Addendum which supplemented the information provided in Part 1 and provided additional information to enable the Common Council to take a hard look at any potential adverse environmental impacts of the Action.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Common Council, as Lead Agency, reviewed and fully considered the proposed Action, Part 1 of the FEAF and the Addendum, including referenced studies and reports, and completed Part 2 of the FEAF after consideration of each item during the Council’s May 7<sup>TH</sup> meeting; and
2. The Common Council identified potential impacts of the proposed Action as “Moderate to Large” as opposed to “No or Small” in Part 2 whenever it appeared at all possible that an EAF threshold might be met in order to provide an opportunity to further clarify these hypothetical impacts in FEAF Part 3; and
3. In order to determine the significance of these potential impacts, the Council evaluated several characteristics of each potentially Moderate to Large impact, as appropriate to the particular impact, in FEAF Part 3; and
4. The Common Council has taken a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of the Action by carefully considering them and thoroughly evaluating their potential significance as fully discussed in FEAF Part 3;
5. Based on its extensive review of the impacts that may be reasonably expected to result from the proposed Action including, to the extent possible, the purely speculative development scenario represented by the Preliminary Plan, and governed by the rule of reasonableness, the Common Council determines that the proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and the particular facts and circumstances of the proposed Action do not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.
6. The Mayor is authorized and directed to indicate the Common Council’s determination by completing and signing Part 3 of the FEAF and to cause the entire completed FEAF with the supporting documentation to be filed and distributed as the Common Council’s SEQRA Negative Declaration for the Action in accordance with SEQRA requirements.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_