

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

June 18, 2020

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

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

Absent: **Councilor Elizabeth Gibbs (W3)**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: spoke about COVID 19, community has done a phenomenal job, baseball opening June 26th and soccer July 6th. Will be forming citizens panel to review various programs, recommend and implement polices by end of year. The members of the Public Safety Citizens' Review Panel are; Amanda Bulriss-Allen, Bob Smith, Caprice Johnson, Emily Stacey, Maxine Perry, Michelle Cromwell, Ruby Roach, Tenzin Dorjee, Will Brewer, Hilary Rogers and Jaime Douthat. Also working with a community group to have events downtown Harborside/curbside drive in to listen to live music, hopes to begin on July 4th and have fireworks.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on June 4, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, 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 June 17, 2020 in the amount of \$ 469,360.00 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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Moore
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for June 9 – June 15, 2020

- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on June 11, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated June 15, 2020
- Report from City Planner to Establish Traffic Zone Designation No. 969

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated no updates.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated no updates.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly met tonight nothing to add.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicates she and Councilor Barbell will meet next week and congratulations to advisory panel.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Brodi
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, 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 June 19, 2020 in the amount of \$ 1,548,541.97 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 Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, 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 cityinfo@plattsburghcitygov.com

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the City Chamberlain is authorized to revise capital project H5110.70, 2019 Broad Street Parking Lot, by increasing the appropriation by \$38,300 for additional costs estimated to complete the project which will be funded by an transfer from the General Fund in advance of issuing debt service obligations for borrowing the funds to pay for this project.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, 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 approves that the City Chamberlain is authorized to revise capital project H5110.65, 2018 Arnie Pavone Memorial Parking Plaza, by increasing the appropriation by \$239,000 for additional costs estimated to complete the parking lot construction segment of the project which will be funded by a transfer from the Parking Fund in advance of issuing debt service obligations for borrowing the funds to pay for this project.

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

C. APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD FOR ARNIE PAVONE MEMORIAL PARKING PLAZA & BROAD STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT PORTIONS OF DOWNTOWN AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh revitalization efforts will involve several downtown area improvement projects known as the Downtown Area Improvement Projects (DAIP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh Common Council determined to conduct comprehensive review of the DAIP through preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Section 617.10 of Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, as duly designated Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA, conducted a thorough SEQRA review of the DAIP, including conducting scoping, preparing Draft and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), conducting a Public Hearing and adopting a SEQRA Findings Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Findings Statement determined, among other things, that given the demonstrated public need and benefit of the DAIP, its lack of significant adverse environmental impacts and its avoidance of

such impacts by project design, location and mitigation, the decision to proceed with the Project as proposed gave due consideration to and represented a reasonable and proper balancing of environmental considerations with social, economic and other relevant considerations; and

WHEREAS, the Findings Statement further determined and certified that, consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the DAIP avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable and incorporates as conditions to the Board’s decision those mitigation measures that were identified as practicable; and

WHEREAS, approval from the Common Council is now needed for award of the “City of Plattsburgh Parking Lot Improvements” construction contract, which is required to enable the Arnie Pavone Memorial Parking Plaza (“APMPP”) and the Broad Street Municipal Parking Lot (“BSMPL”) projects to proceed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council awards the “City of Plattsburgh Parking Lot Improvements” Work Scope #3 construction contract to the low bidder, Luck Brothers Inc., in the amount of \$599,200.
2. The Common Council has reviewed the proposed contract award and finds that it constitutes an integral component of both the APMPP and BSMPL portions of the DAIP which was thoroughly reviewed under SEQRA.
3. The potential environmental impacts of this contract award were adequately addressed as an essential component of both the APMPP and BSMPL portions of the DAIP in the GEIS and the Findings Statement and the proposed contract award is not likely to result in any new or different environmental impacts than those previously considered during SEQRA review of the DAIP. Therefore, no further SEQRA review is necessary.
4. The Common Council authorizes and directs the Mayor, City Clerk, Director of Community Development, City Attorney and/or Special Legal Counsel to take such further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, 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:

Councilor Kelly spoke about COVID crisis and how it may change how we do business in future and it is ok to have a Zoom meeting and it should still be an option. If it is more convenient for department heads, etc.

Mayor Read indicated he feels it is important for community to see council in person, together and be able to have face to face discussion.

Councilor Barbell mentioned beach has had a number of phone calls about access to beach, in favor of keeping open as ark but not without bathroom. Requested DPW go in to building to see what cost to open up and would health department or NYS require it be staffed

Councilor McFarlin received calls about closing streets for restaurants, suggested a resolution to ask Mayor to explore.

Mayor Read said certainly if council wants to empower the Mayor to sit down with restaurateurs to help find other options.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor McFarlin added the following resolution:

RESOLVED: The Common Council gives the Mayor authority to discuss with restaurant owners, department of Public Works and enact policies to provide them more outdoor seating whether that's shutting down bike lanes, closing off parking spots or even closing off streets.

Discussion:

Mayor Read asked for "closing off streets" to be removed as that involves more.

Councilor McFarlin amended resolution:

RESOLVED: The Common Council gives the Mayor authority to discuss with restaurant owners, department of Public Works and enact policies to provide them more outdoor seating whether that's shutting down bike lanes or closing off parking spots.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Brodi

Discussion:

Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller asked if this is intended to supersede a prior resolution that parking spaces cant extend beyond their property.

Mayor Read presumes it does.

Councilor McFarlin said yes but he would ask that the Mayor take in all sides if he decides to do that.

Mayor Read wanted to make sure everyone understands that this does override your prior decision to allow parklets to extend on to adjacent properties.

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

Mayor Read asked if Council ok with creating Public Safety panel and will have a formal resolution next week. Council members all agreed to that.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

No one addressed the Council in person, in writing or via email to cityinfo@plattsburghcitygov.com

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Brodi; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Brodi, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:41pm