

At 4:50 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving a particular person.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

At 5:00 pm

Mayor Read exited executive session to begin Public Hearing on Mayor’s 2021 Budget.

Council, Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller Returned at 5:03 pm

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

June 25, 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: Indicated it was nice to see everyone again, thanked all for practicing social distancing, its important that residents have an opportunity to address the council, tomorrow we start Phase 4, this state and especially this city has really managed this COVID virus incredibly well and we should all be proud.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on June 18, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office

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)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 24, 2020 in the amount of \$ 59,057.79 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 Barbell

(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 June 16 - 22, 2020
- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee meeting held on June 18, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated June 23, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell will be scheduling some meetings on budget. Hopefully, more information to present at committee meeting next week.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore indicated nothing new to report asked Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi if he had a chance to meet with downtown restaurants. **Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi** stated he had, extended barrier in to bike lanes to give more room and they were satisfied. He doesn't feel closing streets is a good idea.

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

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs met tonight indicated nothing new to report.

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 June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$ 2,161,955.89 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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(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 cityinfo@plattsburghcitygov.com

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves revising the Ambulance Fee rates for the City of Plattsburgh. The Common Council is relying on the authority provided in Section 132 Section 2 to establish ambulance service rates by resolution. Effective immediately, the following will be the City of Plattsburgh Ambulance Fee rates:

All Rates are for treatment provided during transport to CVPH or receiving Hospital.

All Medical Treatments compliant with NYS and Mountain Lakes Regional Emergency Services Protocols.

- 1. Basic Life Support- \$950.00
- 2. Advanced Life Support 1-\$1300
(Minimum care of I.V., 12 Lead EKG Cardiac Monitoring)
- 3. Advanced Life Support 2-\$1500
(Minimum care of I.V., 2 Drugs administered, 12 lead EKG Cardiac Monitoring)
- 4. Loaded Patient Mileage Charge- \$22.00 per Mile (Based on mileage from emergency Scene to CVPH or receiving Hospital)

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: Yes

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

(Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, Brodi and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid #2020-5-1 “Natural Gas Fueled Backup Generator” be awarded to WESCO Distribution” in the amount of \$115,100.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin
Discussion: Yes
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 approves Ed Garrow and Sons, Inc to close Leblanc Lane between South Catherine Street and Waterhouse Street for 1 day on Monday, June 29, 2020 for the installation of a new sewer lateral at the former OLVA School (a Murnane project).

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

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves CSEA to hold a “Drive thru” event for members at South Acres Parking lot on Thursday, July 16, 2020 from 2pm to 7pm to distribute materials and food. The event would require that the parking lot area near Red Barn be closed off to public.

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

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Project No. 2020-3 Bid – “Ohio Ave Water Main Replacement” be awarded to Steven E. Fuller Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$197,900. This project is to be funded out of 2020 Capital Water Distribution System H8320.80.

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

F. Whereas pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 203, every municipality with a police force, including the City of Plattsburgh, must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular

needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

Whereas, the Mayor seeks to convene with the Chief of Police, and stakeholders in the community to develop such plan, which shall consider evidence-based policing strategies, including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; and model policies, standards and guidelines; and

Whereas, upon development of such plan, it will be shared with the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh who will then be required, per the Executive Order, to review, adopt and implement the recommendations resulting from its review and consultation.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Common Council, at the request of the Mayor, hereby establishes a Public Safety Citizens' Review Panel ("Panel"). The purpose of the Panel is to accomplish the requirements set forth in Executive Order 203, as described above; and it is further

RESOLVED, that members of the Panel, per the nominations and selections below, will be approved by the Common Council. Each Panel member will be appointed for a one-year term, or until the Plan described above is adopted by the Common Council and will serve without compensation. The Panel shall include the various stakeholders in the community, which may include the following representatives:

- a. membership and leadership of the local police force;
- b. members of the community, with emphasis in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions;
- c. interested non-profit and faith-based community groups;
- d. the local office of the district attorney;
- e. the local public defender;
- f. and local elected officials; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the following individuals will be appointed to the Panel:

Bob Smith
Emily Stacey
Amanda Bulriss-Allen
Tenzin Dorjee
Michelle Cromwell
Ruby Roach
Maxine Perry
Will Brewer
Caprice Johnson
Hilary Rogers
Jaime Douthat

Police Chief Ritter

RESOLVED, that the Panel shall vote to elect their Chair and Vice Chair and shall establish their agenda and schedule for meetings at their first meeting; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Panel shall comply with the New York Open Meetings Law and the New York Freedom of Information Act; and it is further

RESOLVED, that such plan by the Panel shall be offered for public comment to all citizens in the City of Plattsburgh, and after consideration of such comments, shall be presented to the Common Council, which shall ratify or adopt such plan by local law or resolution, as appropriate, no later than December 31, 2020.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Motion to amend to add Councilor Gibbs as member of panel:

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Brodi
(All voted in the affirmative on the amendment)

Resolution as amended:

Whereas pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 203, every municipality with a police force, including the City of Plattsburgh, must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Environmental Manager is authorized to prepare and submit an application to EPA for its “Sustainable Materials Management 2020 Anaerobic Digestion Funding Opportunity” and sign all necessary documents. It is further agreed that up to \$10,000 from the Sewer Fund may be identified in the application as leveraged funds.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Line Helper A and Line Helper B attend the required 1st year of Lineman Training to be held in Fairport, NY at an estimated cost of \$3,525 each for the following travel dates; June 28-July 2, 2020, July 27-31, 2020, August 30-September 4, 2020 and September 28- October 2, 2020. This travel request was originally approved on January 30, 2020 but training dates were revised due to COVID 19 cancellations.

By Councilor Brodi; 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

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the City Chamberlain to consider two bond resolutions each authorizing \$240,000 of debt to be issued by the City of Plattsburgh to provide funding for appropriations authorized by the Common Council on June 18th, 2020, under capital projects created for the Arnie Pavone Parking Plaza construction and for the Broad Street Parking Lot renovation.

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

The following resolutions were added under New Business:

1. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF MEGHAN WEEDEN AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER “PJ” WHITBECK AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

2. Council sanctions a community group sponsored Drive in Fireworks and music event on July 4th with no cost to City of Plattsburgh at the Harborside area.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

3. Ask the Mayor to engage in discussions with our representatives about a possible resolution through the Assembly on “Curb fees” for the City of Plattsburgh.

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

Councilor Brodi asked **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** various questions about who pays for Police, Fire and Building Inspectors services. **Chamberlain Marks** indicated that is paid for by General Fund and Tax payers.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor McFarlin asked if any further discussion on employees working 4 days, furloughing one day, etc.

Mayor Read indicated Council adopted resolution asking Mayor to speak with Unions and to report back by July 2.

Councilor McFarlin asked if there has been a formal request to the city or city departments to remove the Samuel de Champlain monument.

Mayor Read no and as you recall previously the council approved a series of panels to educate people for future generations on the concerns about some of the depictions there. The installation of the panels was delayed because the group wanted to have a public gathering in June but postponed due to COVID.

Councilor McFarlin asked about OPENGOV and received a call that some of the numbers hadn't been updated.

Mayor Read indicated there is a glitch with Munis, Tyler and OPENGOV systems and Chamberlains office is working on it.

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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Brodi

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:47 pm