

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

May 16, 2019
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Spoke about recent fire at a home near Momot Elementary, Fire Department did a great job and grateful no injuries. Thanked Municipal Lighting Manager Bill Treacy for working with NYMPA regarding Plattsburgh Renewable Energy credits.

Mayor Read presented the following proclamation:

Whereas, our Department of Public Works team has increased the rate of road building tenfold over the last couple of years through ingenuity and hard work,

Whereas, their novel new approaches have greatly stemmed the rate of water breakages in the city,

Whereas, whenever there's a difficult job to be done in the worst of conditions, our Department of Public Works crews are there to serve,

Whereas the Department of Public Works crew will rely on our patience and assistance in there repavement of Cornelia Street, South Catherine Street, Protection Avenue and elsewhere over this very busy paving season,

RESOLVED, That I, Colin L. Read, Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, proclaim this week to be Dedicated Employee Week in Honor of the Department of Public Works supervisors and maintenance staff for their continuing efforts for both routine maintenance and preparation this seasons upcoming paving projects.

The City thanks and honors the Department of Public Works supervisors and maintenance staff.

Done in the City of Plattsburgh, New York this sixteenth day of May in the Year Two-Thousand Nineteen
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 9, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 15, 2019 in the amount of \$ 147,306.70 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 Gibbs
(All in Favor/opposed)

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

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 7-13, 2019
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee held on May 9, 2019

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Armstrong met with Mayor and Dean on how Plattsburgh Sustainability Task Force to be formed. Resolution next week.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore attended Streetscape presentation, they mentioned water feature. He asked to consider maintenance aspect.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly met tonight, discussed 5 year plan.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs researching what other communities are doing for animal control. Asked to place a link on website from DEC for help to deter animals.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor Ensel nothing to report.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin nothing new to report Mayor made comments earlier.

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 Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 17, 2019 in the amount of \$ 891,275.76 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 Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2018 General Fund Budget by an increase of \$5,049.60 to Estimated Revenue and Appropriations for the donation by Clinton County of the cost of adding a camera system to a new police vehicle funded by the County's Stop DWI Program.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.68, 2019 Monument Stage for \$80,000 as an amendment to the Bridge & Waterfront category of the 2019 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, 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 the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.51, 2015 Building Improvements to increase the

appropriations for the City Hall windows by \$300,000 through funding provided from New York State, under a DASNY SAM Grant for \$300,000.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin abstained)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.65, 2018 Arnie Pavone Memorial Parking Plaza to include additional costs for engineering design work, a pre-demolition asbestos survey, and establishment of bid specifications for the completion of the project.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor Ensel abstained)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Gibbs asked about concerns she received about Blumette Park area.

Department of Public Works gave information.

Councilor Gibbs mentioned she called Casella in Vermont to inquire where recyclables go and is waiting for a call back.

Councilor Ensel mentioned a constituent called with Assessment concerns.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor Armstrong spoke about 5 year plan, research fee structure to increase revenue.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor Moore mentioned Livable Community Advisory committee will meet on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5pm.

Councilor Kelly thrilled about Walworth Street paving.

Councilor McFarlin mentioned MLD Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 4:30pm.

Councilor Armstrong asked for a summary of the Plattsburgh Parking Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilor McFarlin gave summary.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor McFarlin mentioned he feels the city needs a new email system he has had trouble.

Councilor Kelly indicated still doing research getting close to issuing an RFP.

Councilor Armstrong mentioned at Opengov meeting Councilor Kelly mentioned one reason may not be able to buy the software was due to possible hardware needs in future.

Councilor Kelly elaborated on some the equipment and software needs.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor McFarlin asked about suggestion he had received about sign warning bicyclist at Railroad crossing, harbor area feels we need to start getting things down there and make it a functional part of our city.

[further discussion ensued]

Councilor Kelly asked if way to institutionalize long range plans on operational things to have them stick.

Mayor Read mentioned organizing a council trip to visit harborside area.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:34 pm