

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

**July 1, 2021**

**5:00 P.M.**

*(started at 5:32p after Public Hearing)*

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Christopher Rosenquest, Councilors Jaime Canales (W1) Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Jennifer Tallon (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on June 17, 2021 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Canales; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore

(All in Favor/opposed)

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Ron Nolland, 47 Couch Street and Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.** Concerned that a citizen's name, Danielle Erb, interested in filling a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals was not moved to the Council from a committee and requested that Danielle Erb's appointment be on the next Council meeting agenda. Indicated he is stepping down as Chair and would like to be moved to a regular member position and recommends current Regular member Scott Demane be appointed as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Joel Bogensberger, Hillcrest Ave,** spoke about Part Time Assistant Fire Chief position that was withdrawn, doesn't feel it can be done and feels it should be a full time position and city code should be followed.

**Michael Trudeau, 21 Morrison Ave,** spoke in opposition of the purchase of the Plattsburgh Boat Basin property.

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR/LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**City Operations** – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates, noted committee will need new Chair next month

**Finance and Community Development** – Chair Mayor Rosenquest met last month, items moved to agenda, next meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore asked for public patience as many projects going on. Councilor Gibbs noted Rugar Street looks great.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs met last week, will be looking for data from Fire Department and meet with Mayor.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Liaison Councilor McFarlin indicated Library fully opened, if not fully vaccinated wear mask.

**MLD** - MLD Board President Councilor Kelly next MLD Board Meeting is July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Corporation Counsel** – Dean Schneller indicated no updates and no need for executive session.

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:**

- Correspondence received from the **City of Plattsburgh Planning Board** regarding proposed Local Law P-4 of 2021: A local law amending chapter 360 “Zoning” of the City Code of the City of Plattsburgh by amending and restating Section 360-26(A) “Off-street parking requirements”

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**5. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$ 548,933.85 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending July 2, 2021 in the amount of \$ 602,782.17 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**The Public Safety Committee requested Resolutions #7.154-7.155 be placed on the agenda.**

**7.154 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER GENERAL FUND MAYOR’S OFFICE  
CONTRACT SERVICES**

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

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**7.155 AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE**

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

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**The City Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #7.156-7.159 on June 15, June 21, and June 28, 2021**

**7.156 VENDOR PERMITS ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY**

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

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**7.157 AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE –BRINKERHOFF (MARION TO MARGARET)**

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

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**7.158 APPROVAL OF “BEER GARDEN” ON CITY PROPERTY FOR MAYORS CUP**

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

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**7.159 APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL ON CITY PROPERTY FOR CVPH GALA EVENT**

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

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**The Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolution #7.160 on June 28, 2021**

**7.160 \*\*WITHDRAWN\*\***

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**The Finance and Community Development Committee was polled on Resolutions #7.161-7.166 on June 28, 2021**

**7.161 AUTHORIZE NYSEG ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER TESTING, INVESTIGATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, AND WORK**

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

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**7.162 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER GENERAL FUND – OLD BASE MARINA BUILDING DEMOLITION AND DISPOSAL**

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

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**7.163 AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER GENERAL FUND REC COMPLEX TRANSFER – OLD BATHHOUSE DEMOLITION**

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

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**7.164 APPROVAL OF THIRD PARTY AIR MONITORING AGREEMENT FOR DEMOLITION OF NORTHERN BEACH BATHHOUSE & OLD BASE MARINA BUILDING**

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Canales

Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**7.165 APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION PROPOSALS FOR NORTHERN BEACH BATHHOUSE AND OLD BASE MARINA BUILDING**

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

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**7.166 APPROVAL OF CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MALANA TAMER**

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

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**LOCAL LAW:**

**7.167 Whereas, on June 10, 2021 Councilor McFarlin introduced Local Law P-4 of 2021 and a public hearing on said Local Law was completed on July 1, 2021 in City Hall; and**

**Whereas, pursuant to SEQRA, the Common Council has determined the proposed action of Local Law P-4 of 2021 to be an Unlisted Action; 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 SEQRA regulations; and**

**Whereas, the City intends to prepare a short Environment Assessment Form to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action; 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 City Attorney to prepare a short Environmental Assessment Form and further to submit a GML 239-m referral packet to the Clinton County Planning Department for this proposed local law.**

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion:

**Motion to Table**

By Councilor Canales; Seconded by Councilor Tallon

Discussion:

**Councilor McFarlin** explained reasons for bringing forward has been working on for 2 years.

[further discussion ensued]

**Motion to withdraw motion to Table**

By Councilor Canales; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin abstained since it is his last day on the Council)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**7.168 DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF FINDING BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

By Councilor Canales; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore  
**(All voted in the affirmative)**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if applicable, on motion): None**

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**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Moore** wished Councilor McFarlin success in new job and new city. Appreciated his hard work on the Council

**Councilor Gibbs** will miss Councilor McFarlin on the Council.

**Councilor Tallon** will miss Councilor McFarlin and his family.

**Councilor Kelly** thanked Councilor McFarlin for his time on the Council.

**Councilor McFarlin** spoke of a recent incident where his mom was trying to cross a busy street with his daughter. A police officer passing by saw this, stopped and helped them cross the street safely. He thanked

Captain Kiroy and the police officer. He has enjoyed his time on the Council, working with everyone, is sad to be leaving, loves Plattsburgh and will miss it.

**Mayor Rosenquest** thanked Councilor McFarlin for serving on the Council.

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**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Canales

Roll call: Councilors Canales, Kelly, Gibbs, Tallon, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:44 pm**