

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

SPECIAL MEETING - MAY 6, 2020

1:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Suspended during Webex meetings)
2. Roll Call - (All Present – 9)
3. Communications - (A letter from Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council, directing the City Clerk to give notice of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Common Council; By the City Clerk, Notice of Special Meeting - PLEASE BE ADVISED, that Pursuant to Section 3-106 of the Charter of the City of Syracuse-1960, as amended, at the direction of the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council, I have been requested to give you notice that a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, to consider Budget Amendments and the Annual Estimate, held on WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M. via WebEx)
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED:

BY COUNCILOR RUDD:

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| <b>9-0</b> | a. Annual Estimate - For the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. (AS AMENDED) (Public Hearing held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via WebEx) | <b>224</b> |
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 NEW BUSINESS  
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BY COUNCILOR RUDD:

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| <b>9-0</b> | 5. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to "Gain on Disposal Assets" Line - 426750 Increase \$3,000,000.               | <b>215</b> |
| <b>9-0</b> | 6. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to "Overtime Wages" Police Department Line – 510400 decrease \$1,500,000.      | <b>216</b> |
| <b>9-0</b> | 7. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Special Objects of Expense "Allowance for Negotiations" decrease \$500,000. | <b>217</b> |

- 8. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to General Fund "Unreserved, Undesignated Surpluses and Balance" decrease \$5,000,000. **218**
- 9. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Syracuse City School District, Tax, Levy and STAR decrease by \$2,565 to \$66,418,788. **219**
- 10. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Syracuse City School District, Sales Tax, decrease by \$228,434 to \$450,000. **220**
- 11. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Syracuse City School District, State Aid Basic (General Aid), decrease by \$36,902,846 to \$356,463,861. **221**
- 12. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Syracuse City School District, All Other Revenues, increase by \$720,000 to \$8,106,250. **222**
- 13. Amend - The Budget for the year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 relative to Syracuse City School District, Various Expenditures Accounts decrease by \$36,413,845. **223**

Syracuse Common Council  
Adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2020/2021  
ANNUAL CITY BUDGET**

BE IT ORDAINED, that the annual budget for the year 2020/2021 submitted by the Mayor, being an itemized statement of the estimated General Fund revenues of the City of Syracuse amounting to Five Hundred Ninety-Six Million Four Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Five Dollars (\$596,442,105), which includes Three Hundred Eighty-Three Million Five Hundred One Thousand Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$383,501,057) estimated revenue of the City School District, and itemized statement of the estimated General Fund expenditures for the City amounting to Seven Hundred Million One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$700,185,237), which included Four Hundred Forty-Nine Million Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$449,262,233) estimated expenditures for the City School District, making the tax budget of the City One Hundred Three Million Seven Hundred Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$103,743,132) including Sixty-Five Million Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$65,761,176) thereof for the City School District, and that

(a) The several sums in the budget of the City of Syracuse enumerated in the fourth column as "Proposed 2020/2021", together with separate salary schedule totals for each office, board, commission, bureau, department or other agency thereof, and the definite appropriations made for the specific purpose indicated, be and the same hereby is approved and adopted; and

(b) The several sums of the budget of the City School District, including the third column denoted as "Proposed 2020/2021", which are in the nature of estimates only, and the sum given as the total definite appropriation for the year 2020/2021 are approved accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that there be and hereby is added to such budget a

statement of estimated Water Fund revenues of the City of Syracuse amounting to Twenty-Three Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$23,875,652) and a statement of estimated Water Fund expenditures of Twenty-Three Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$23,875,652), a statement of estimated Sewer Fund revenues of Six Million Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$6,480,651) and a statement of estimated Sewer Fund expenditures of Six Million Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$6,480,651), a statement of estimated Aviation Enterprise Fund revenues of Ten Million One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$10,174,133) and a statement of estimated Aviation Enterprise Fund expenditures of Ten Million One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$10,174,133), and a statement of estimated Downtown Special Assessment Fund revenues of Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$985,000) and a statement of estimated Downtown Special Assessment Fund expenditures of Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$985,000), and a statement of estimated Crouse-Marshall Special Assessment Fund revenues of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$93,750) and a statement of estimated Crouse-Marshall Special Assessment Fund expenditures of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$93,750), and such addition be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that there be and hereby is added to such budget one per cent (1%) of the aggregate amount of such budget, to wit: One Million Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$1,037,431), which includes Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$657,612) thereof for the City School District added pursuant to law, and that such addition to such aggregate amount be and is hereby approved.



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# Office of Management & Budget

CITY OF SYRACUSE, MAYOR BEN WALSH

**Mary E. Vossler**  
Director

**Julie Castellitto**  
Assistant Director

April 2, 2020

Mr. John Copanas  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Syracuse, New York 13202

**Re: Request for Legislation – Approval of 2020-2021 Annual City Budget Proposal**

Dear Mr. Copanas:

Please prepare the necessary legislation to be introduced at the next Common Council meeting authorizing approval of the 2020-2021 proposed budget for the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Vossler  
Director of Budget

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Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE GAIN ON SALE OF ASSETS REVENUE LINE, FUND 01 ACCOUNT 426750**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget entitled Gain on Sale of Assets, Revenue Line, Fund 01 Account 426750 is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Added to July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
01.426750	\$3,000.000 (for a new total revenue of \$3,125.000)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF POLICE - OVERTIME FIELD SERVICES SWORN, DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE LINE, DEPARTMENT 31230 FUND 01 ACCOUNT 510400**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget entitled Department of Police- Overtime Field Services Sworn, Departmental Expense Line, Department 31230 Fund 01 Account 510400 is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Decreased From July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
31230.01.510400	\$1,500,000 (for a new total expense of \$6,500,000)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE ALLOWANCE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE LINE DEPARTMENT 90000 FUND 01 ACCOUNT 590050**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget entitled Allowance for Negotiations, Departmental Expense Line, Department 90000 Fund 01 Account 590050 is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Decreased From July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
90000.01.590050	\$500,000 (for a new total expense of \$3,500,000)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);  
and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE REVENUE OF SURPLUSES & BALANCES – UNRESERVED & UNDESIGNATED**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget entitled the Revenue of Surpluses & Balances – Unreserved & Undesignated is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Decreased from July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
Revenue of Surpluses & Balances Unreserved & Undesignated	\$5,000,000 (for a new Surpluses & Balances Unreserved & Undesignated revenue amount of \$8,900,000)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the Syracuse City School District's July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 General Fund budget entitled Tax Levy and STAR is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Deleted from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
Tax Levy and STAR	\$2,565.00 (for a new Tax Levy and STAR revenue amount of \$66,418.788)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s):

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the Syracuse City School District's July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 General Fund budget entitled Fund Balance – Assigned is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Deleted From July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
Sales Tax	\$228,434 (for a new revenue amount of \$450,000)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO STATE AID BASIC (GENERAL AID)**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the Syracuse City School District's July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 General Fund budget entitled State Aid Basic (General Aid) is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Decreased from July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
State Aid Basic (General Aid)	\$36,902,846 (for a new State Aid Basic revenue amount of \$356,463,861 )

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the Syracuse City School District's July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 General Fund budget entitled Other Revenues is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Added to July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
Other Revenues	\$720,000 (for a new Other Revenues amount of \$8,106,250)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s):

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

Ordinance No.

2020

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021 RELATIVE TO THE SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND**

BE IT ORDAINED, that part of the Syracuse City School District's July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 General Fund budget entitled Total Expenditures is amended as follows:

<u>Budget Item/Account</u>	<u>Amount Decreased from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget</u>
Total Expenditures	\$36,413,845 (for a new Total Expenditures amount of \$449,919,845)

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget be and is hereby amended to reflect necessary amendments resulting from the aforementioned amendment(s);

and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized to make the appropriate changes to the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget to reflect the aforementioned amendment(s).

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**CITY OF SYRACUSE COMMON COUNCIL**

**TIMOTHY RUDD**  
**Councilor-at-Large**

May 4, 2020

Mr. John P. Copanas  
City Clerk  
231 City Hall  
Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Clerk Copanas:

Please prepare the following budget amendments to the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Annual Estimate of the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse City School District for the Special Common Council meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm via WebEx:

For the City of Syracuse:

Increase revenue in line 426750 "Gain on Disposal of Assets" \$3,000,000  
Decrease expenditure in line 510400 "Overtime Wages" Police Department \$1,500,000  
Decrease Special Object of Expense "Allowance for Negotiations" \$500,000.  
Decrease General Fund "Unreserved, Undesignated Surpluses and Balances" \$5,000,000

For the Syracuse City School District:

Revenue:

Tax Levy and STAR - from \$66,421,353 to \$66,418,788 decrease of \$2,565  
Sales Tax – from \$678,434 to \$450,000 decrease of \$228,434  
State Aid Basic (General Aid) – from \$393,366,707 to \$356,463,861 decrease of \$36,902,846  
All Other Revenues – from \$7386, 250 to \$8,106,250 Increase of \$720,000

Expenditures:

Various Accounts – decrease expenditures from the entire budget by \$36,413,845

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Rudd  
Finance Chair