

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(08/02)

REGULAR MEETING –AUGUST 2, 2021  
1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - (Led by the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
2. *Invocation – (Delivered by Pastor Alicia Wood, United Methodist Church, Syracuse New York)*
3. *Roll Call - (Present – 8; Councilor Carni – Absent)*
4. *Minutes – July 12, 2021 - (Adopted 8-0)*
5. *Petitions - (none)*
6. *Committee Reports - (none)*
7. *Communications - From John P. Copanas to President Helen Hudson, a letter pursuant to the NYS Municipal Home Rule Law, the Clerk laid the Local Law upon the desk of all members of the Syracuse Common Council on July 21, 2021 at 11:15am, making the Local Law eligible for a vote at the August 2 2021 Regular Meeting; From the Hon. Nader P. Maroun, City Auditor, the Cash & Investments Audit July 2020 – September 2020; From Empire State Development, the General Project Plan for the Crouse Hospital Chemical Dependency Treatment Capital project. A public hearing will be held on August 12, 2021 at 2:30pm at the State Office Building, Hearing Room B.; From Empire State Development, the General Project Plans for the Onondaga County NBT Stadium Renovation Capital project. A public hearing will be held on August 13, 2021 at 2:30pm at the State Office Building, Hearing Room B.; From Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection, a letter acknowledging the receipt of Ordinance No. 355-2021 and accepting the terms and conditions within.*

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*UNFISHED BUSINESS*  
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BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 8-0** a. *Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse to grant a permanent easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/d National Grid on City owned lot (Tax Map 085.-04-03.0), located on the Northwestern corner of Salina Street and Dr. Martin Luther King West, as detailed in Exhibit "A".*

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NEW BUSINESS  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- WD** 9. Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2021/2022. **WD**

BY COUNCILOR BEY:

- H** 10. Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 and enter into an agreement with the Syracuse Economic Development Corporation to establish a Small Business & Microenterprise Assistance Fund, to support access to operating capital for allowable uses and a Community Development Impact Fund to be administered as a revolving loan fund to support development projects, job creation and/or generate additional economic activity in the City, in accordance with the ARPA. **H**
- 8-0** 11. Agreement – With Tomorrow’s Neighborhoods Today (TNT) for the 2021-2022 budget amount of \$80,000 from Account #541500.01.64200. **458**
- 8-0** 12. Special Permit - To approve an Indoor Amusement and Recreation located at 530 South Clinton Street (aka 269 West Jefferson Street). No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposal. There were no waivers. JC Landfund, LLC c/o Mr. Joe Hucko, owner/applicant. **Gen. #24**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 8-0** 13. Approve – Settlement – LD and Harriet Days v. City of Syracuse. et al. Civil Action No. 5:18-cv-01334; U.S. District Court, N.D.N.Y. Settlement, relative to the plaintiff’s constitutional rights being violated, in the amount of \$20,000, from Account #599302.01.93000. **459**
- 8-0** 14. Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (Integra Realty Resources Syracuse) – for an abandoned portion of the 500 block of Prospect Avenue for potential sale purposes. Total cost not to exceed \$2,900 for a self-contained report. **460**
- 8-0** 15. Correct Tax Rolls - (235 East Seneca Turnpike & Monticello Drive, 134 Loomis Avenue, 128 Hatch Street, 1902 South State Street, 241 St. Anne Drive, 462-464 Cortland Avenue to Ballard Avenue, 139 Hastings Place for various reasons for tax year 2021/2022), as outlined in Appendix “A”. **461**
- 8-0** 16. Purchase w/c/b - From Aaron Nuzzo (\$2,500) Albany Investigators (\$4,500) and Metro Attorneys (\$10,000) process serving services, on behalf of the Law Department, for various legal actions for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$17,000 to be charged to Account #540552.01.14200. **462**

- 8-0** 17. *Purchase w/c/b – From Counsel Press Incorporated, the service of printing certain appellate court submissions for various legal actions on behalf of the Law Department, for the period of July 1, 2021-June30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000 to be charged to Account #540310.01.14200.* **463**

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 8-0** 18. *Amend – Ord #449 (07/29/2019), “Agreement - With C&S Companies, for General Architectural/Engineering Services, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, to provide additional services needed to address issues with City owned building and/or structures. Total cost not to exceed \$800,000.” Amend to increase the total cost not to exceed from \$800,000 to \$1,200,000.* **464**

- 8-0** 19. *Amend – Ord. #209 (05/10/2021), “Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project, PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total amount not to exceed \$4,985,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000.” Amend to revise the local share reimbursement from 0.70% to 0% and reduce the total project cost not to exceed from \$4,985,000 to \$4,984,000.* **465**

- 8-0** 20. *Amend – Ord. #210 (05/10/2021), “Agreement - With N.Y.S. DOT for the Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, total cost not to exceed \$4,985,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement from Federal (80%) and State (20%) funds through TIP.” Amend to revise the local share reimbursement from 0.70% to 0% and reduce the total project cost not to exceed from \$4,985,000 to \$4,984,000.* **466**

- 8-0** 21. *Amend – Ord. #211 (05/10/2021), “Authorize - The Scoping, Preliminary, Detailed Design Phase and the Construction Inspection Phase, of the Downtown Mill & Pave Project PIN 3756.25, on behalf of the Department of Engineering, total cost not to exceed \$4,985,000 from Account #07.599807.701071000.80405. Total project cost not to exceed \$4,985,000. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 100% reimbursement from Federal (80%) and State (20%) funds through TIP.” Amend to revise the local share reimbursement from 0.70% to 0% and reduce the total project cost not to exceed from \$4,985,000 to \$4,984,000.* **467**

- 8-0** 22. *Agreement – With Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown D/B/A Verizon Wireless, to govern the installation, maintenance, and removal of poles within the City’s right of way, included in the agreement is the City’s right to install and operate a street light and any other required signaling equipment or signage upon the poles which will be owned and maintained by Verizon. The Council granted Verizon the right to replace certain existing poles owned by the City (Ord. 210-2019). The term of the agreement will be 20 years.* **468**

- WD** 23. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2021/2022 Traffic Management Center Operation Program. Total amount not to exceed \$407,660.* **WD**

- WD** 24. *Authorize – The 2021/2022 Traffic Management Center Operation Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. The funds will be used for staffing, operating and troubleshooting, development of a standard operating procedures manual, traffic modeling, studies, and analysis related to signalized intersection. Total cost not to exceed \$407, 660.* **WD**
- 8-0** 25. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to be used to defray the cost of the 2021/2022 D.P.W. Fiber Optics Trunk Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$600,000.* **469**
- 8-0** 26. *Authorize - The 2021/2022 D.P.W. Fiber Optics Trunk Replacement Program to continue with the next phase of the NSEW Interconnect Program, detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$600,000.* **470**
- 8-0** 27. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost for the Demolition and Rebuilding of the DPW MEM Garage Wash Bay, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total amount not to exceed \$255,000.* **471**
- 8-0** 28. *Amend – Ord. #59 (3/01/2021), “Authorize – The Department of Public Works to proceed with the 2020/2021 DPW MEM Garage Wash Bay Project, to demolish and rebuild the MEM Garage Wash Bay. Total cost not to exceed \$1,011,500.” Amend to increase cost by \$255,000. Total project cost not to exceed \$1,266,500.* **472**
- 8-0** 29. *Amend – Ord. #193 (04/13/2021, “Application & Agreement - To and with National Grid, for funds in an amount not to exceed \$930,000 from the Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Funds will be used to offset the costs of street lighting upgrades through the City. The Street Lighting Project total costs to the City are not to exceed \$32,000,000.” Amend to increase rebate to an amount not to exceed \$1,630,000.* **473**
- 8-0** 30. *Amend – Ord. #373 (8/24/2020), “Contract – With Fisher Associates, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$116,000, charged to DPW Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend to authorize the first of two (2) (1) one year renewal options for the period of July 15, 2021-July 14, 2022.* **474**
- 8-0** 31. *Amend – Ord. #374 (8/24/2020), “Contract – With Bergmann Associates, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$116,000, charged to DPW Account #541500.01.81800. Amend to authorize the first of two (2) (1) one year renewal options for the period of July 15, 2021-July 14, 2022.* **475**

- 8-0** 32. Amend – Ord. #375 (8/24/2020), “Contract – With C&S Engineers Inc, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$116,000, charged to DPW Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend to authorize the first of two (2) (1) one year renewal options for the period of July 15, 2021-July 14, 2022. **476**
- 8-0** 33. Amend – Ord. #544 (12/07/2020), “Agreement - With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., for consulting services for Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Service, to help with the reorganization of the City Sanitation program along with the guidelines of the NYS Financial Restructuring Board, for the period of six (6) month effective January 1, 2021-June 30, 2021 with a one (1) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$94,500.” Amend to authorize a contract extension, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 and add Account #541500.01.81600. All other terms and condition remain the same. **477**
- 8-0** 34. Amend – Ord. #61 (03/01/2021), “Purchase w/c/b – Contract with Harlan Electric Company, to replace 150-200 utility poles with street lights for the upcoming street light transfer project, for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, on behalf of the D.P.W. Total cost not to exceed \$70,000 to be charged to Account #01.81800.540551.” Amend to extend term to June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$70,000 to be charged to Account #07.14905.599807.793140121. **478**
- 8-0** 35. Purchase w/c/b – Agreement with Energy Automation Inc, for energy consulting services, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of July 1, 2021-January 31, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$38,000, to be charged to Accounts #541500. 01.14900 and #541500.01.81800. **479**
- 8-0** 36. Purchase w/c/b – From Cummings Engines, repair services and parts for various trucks, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$25,000 to be charged to Account #540210.01.51320 and 540220.01.51320. **480**
- 8-0** 37. Purchase w/c/b – From Penn Detroit Diesel, repair service and parts on various trucks, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$25,000 to be charged to Account #540210.01.51320 and 540220.01.51320. **481**
- 8-0** 38. Purchase w/c/b – From Safety-Kleen System Inc., environmental and maintenance services to collect used oil and maintaining our parts cleaning machine, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be charged to Account #540552.01.51320. **482**
- 8-0** 39. Purchase w/c/b – From S & W Fuel Island, repairs service and parts, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, Total cost not to exceed \$10,000 to be charged to Account #540210.01.51320 or #540220.01.5130 and #540511.01.51320. **483**

- H** 40. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,070,000, of behalf of the Department of Water, for the Intake Construction Project which extends Intake Number Two to address turbidity concerns.* **H**
- H** 41. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000, of behalf of the Department of Water, to use for the design and construction of replacement pump stations for Guilford, Brookford, and Westminster Roads Booster Pump Station.* **H**
- WD** 42. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000, for the Water Shop Project, to help prevent vandalism and theft, which includes installing new lighting, cameras and fencing.* **WD**
- H** 43. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,030,000, for the Conduit Number 3 Replacement Project, Conduit Number 3 is a critical infrastructure that supplies approximately half of the City's water.* **H**
- H** 44. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$390,000, for a full replacement and upgrades of the Skaneateles Weir structure. The City measures flow through the Skaneateles Weirs structure every day to verify conformance with NYS DEC water supply authorization.* **H**
- 8-0** 45. *Authorize - Intermunicipal Agreement with the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District (Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program) to protect and improve water quality through the use of Best Management Practices, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. This is a requirement of the June 28, 2004, filtration waiver issued by the NYS Department of Health. Total cost not to exceed \$587,793, charged to Skaneateles Watershed Budget Account #05.83350.541500.* **484**
- 8-0** 46. *Purchase w/c/b – From Milton Caterpillar, backhoe services and repair, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, Total cost not to exceed \$40,000 to be charged to Account #540200.05.83400.* **485**
- 8-0** 47. *Purchase w/c/b - From ClearScada, Aqualogics, GHD, New York, and Scadetek, Inc., services to repair, inspect, service and installation of audio tone, telemetric, and pump control equipment used to measure the elevation and flow of water at reservoirs, pumping stations and the water treatment plant for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, on behalf of the Department of Water. Total cost not to exceed \$25,000, to be charged to Account #541500.05.83400.* **486**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 8-0** 48. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for the implementation of urban forestry master plan including planting 3,600 street trees, pruning of 4,000+ young trees and site improvements on public spaces to improve growing conditions, over three years.* **487**

- 8-0** 49. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program, to purchase a chip and a pickup truck for the Forestry operations. Total amount not to exceed \$170,000.* **488**
- 8-0** 50. *Authorize – The 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program, \$170,000, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, to purchase a chip truck and pickup truck for the Forestry operations.* **489**
- 8-0** 51. *Authorize - Memorandum of Understanding with Syracuse Parks Conservancy to restore, enhance, protect, develop and operate to optimize the educational, recreational and wellness uses of City Parks and all patrons/users, for the period of five (5) years effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026 with one (1) five year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council, as detailed in the attached agreement.* **490**
- 8-0** 52. *Purchase w/c/b –Lease Agreement with Turf Tank for a GPS robotic field painting system, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation Programs, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 with two (2) one year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000, to be charged to Account #01.71100.540551.* **491**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 8-0** 53. *Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse, to amend the Annual Budgets of the City of Syracuse for Fiscal Years 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, to reflect wage and benefit increases contained in a binding arbitration award for calendar years 2018 and 2019 (January 1, 2018-December 31, 2019).* **LL**
- 8-0** 54. *Agreement – With New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, to provide law enforcement services to the New York State Fair from August 21, 2021-September 6, 2021. The City will be reimbursed \$42,000 for the services.* **492**
- 8-0** 55. *Agreement – With Command Presence to provide effective leadership training services to the Police Department, including but not limited to “Not By Chance Leadership” training. The training will assist leaders to become inspirational change agents and create a culture which breeds success, from the period of September 2021 through January 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$5,500, charged to Account #541500.01.31230. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **493**
- 8-0** 56. *Appropriate Funds - From the 2021-2022 Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, on behalf of the Police Department, for vehicles, as detailed in Attachment “A”.* **494**
- 8-0** 57. *Appropriate Funds - From the 2021-2022 Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in an amount not to exceed \$315,603, on behalf of the Police Department, for Phase 1 of the implementation of Niche Report Management System.* **495**
- 8-0** 58. *Appropriate Funds - From the 2021-2022 Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount not to exceed \$288,000, on behalf of the Police Department, for the purchase and installation of a Cisco VOIP phone system.* **496**

59. **8-0** *Appropriate Funds - From the 2021-2022 Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount not to exceed \$135,000, on behalf of the Police Department, for Computer Upgrades, as detailed in Attachment "A".* **497**
60. **8-0** *Agreement – With Freeland, to provide investigative services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board (CRB), for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$10,000, from Account #541500.01.10500. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **498**
61. **8-0** *Agreement – With Bousquet Holstein PLLC, to provide legal services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board (CRB), for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$13,000, from Account #541500.01.10500. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **499**
62. **8-0** *Amend – Ord. #259 (09/14/2020), "Agreement – With Bousquet Holstein PLLC, to provide legal services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board (CRB), for the period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000, from Account #541500.01.10500. The Mayor waived the RFP process." Amend to increase the total cost not to exceed from \$15,000 to \$16,000.* **500**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

63. **H** *Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 40; Article II, Section 40-16, amend to allow residential properties to play music outdoors, on their property between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9 P.M., as detailed in the Ordinance.* **H**
64. **8-0** *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, and enter into an agreement with the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation, on behalf of the Department of Neighborhood & Business Development, to use funds for demolitions and stabilizations of vacant properties within the City, This amount includes the \$250,000 in ARPA funds previously designated by the Council for this purpose as amended in the 2021-2022 City Budget.* **501**
65. **WD** *Amend - Ord. #187, (05/10/2021), "The Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 relative to "Land Bank" Line – 599898, increase expenditure by \$250,000 for demolitions. Amend to increase the allocation of revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act by \$4,750,000. Total amount not to exceed 5,000,000.* **WD**
66. **H** *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Onondaga County Department of Social Services (DSS) to administer direct financial housing assistance for City residents with household income between 80%-100% Area Media Income negatively economically impacted by Covid pandemic.* **H**
67. **8-0** *Permission – To Charlie Breuer OBO Creekwalk Husing, LLC, owner of the property located at 324 West Water Street to West Erie Blvd to encroach approximately 4' for a ramp and stairs into the West Water Street right of way.* **502**



- 8-0** 68. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 133-135 Eureka Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)* **503**
- 8-0** 69. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 600 Park Street & Highland Street, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)* **504**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – AUGUST 2, 2021)  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 8-0** 70. *Amend – Ord. #287 (06/07/2021), “Authorize – A Temporary Use and Access Agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for three (3) city owned parcels, allowing National Grid to use the areas for staging equipment as part of their Charging Vault Project. Tax Map No’s 086.-09-08.0 (624-630 Midland Avenue), 086.-09-09.0 (632-634 Midland Avenue), and 085.-04-03.0 (1350-1372 Salina Street South and Martin Luther West)” Amend to expand the temporary access to include the commencement of the construction of the underground charging vault station as part of their gas main system at 1350-1372 Salina Street South and Martin Luther King Boulevard West, pending the finalization of the Local Law Permanent easement being granted for portion of the parcel.* **505**

Syracuse Common Council  
 Adjourned at 1:23 P.M.