

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(08/23)

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 23, 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 Daren C. Jaime, People's AME Zion Church, Syracuse New York)*
3. *Roll Call - (Present – 6; Councilor Bey, White, Allen – Absent)*
4. *Minutes – August 2, 2021 - (Adopted 6-0)*
5. *Petitions - (none)*
6. *Committee Reports - (none)*
7. *Communications - (none)*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

- WD** 8. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2021/2022.* **WD**

BY COUNCILOR BEY:

- 5-0** 9. *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.* **506**
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- 6-0 10. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (Urgent Care Program) until December 31, 2023, to provide support through home improvement partial loans to eligible owner-occupied homeowners for general repairs, as detailed in the legislation. There will be a 10% Administrative fee. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **507**
- 6-0 11. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (Syracuse Homeowner Assistance and Repair Program (SHARP) until December 31, 2023, to provide small home improvement mini-grants to eligible owner-occupied homeowners for small repairs, as detailed in the legislation. There will be a 10% Administrative fee. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **508**
- 6-0 12. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (1% Loan Program) until December 31, 2023, to provide 1% interest loans to qualified owner-occupied homeowners for general repairs, as detailed in the legislation. There will be a 10% Administrative fee. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **509**
- 6-0 13. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and enter into an agreement with Home Headquarters (Closing Cost Assistance Program) until December 31, 2023, to provide financial support to generate and assist City first-time home buyers with closing cost assistance, as outlined in the legislation. There will be a 10% Administrative fee. The Mayor waived the RFP process.* **510**
- 6-0 14. *Appropriate Funds – From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, to purchase B2G Now software to enable efficient and effective MWBE Program operations that includes meeting program goals and better engagement with minority and women-owned businesses.* **511**
- 6-0 15. *Application & Agreement - To and with Empire State Development (ESD) for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, to be used in a target business district (West Onondaga Street and South Avenue corridors) as the focal point for commercial and mixed-use redevelopment projects and investments in the physical environment (including infrastructure) to encourage greater density, walkability, sustainability, and economic growth. No local match required.* **512**
- 6-0 16. *Special Permit – To approve a restaurant located at 402 South Franklin. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. No waivers were granted. Walton Street Corp, owner/applicant.* **Gen. #25**
- 6-0 17. *Special Permit – To approve offices located 2118 East Genesee Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. No waivers were granted. CASALA, LLC, owner/applicant.* **Gen. #26**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 6-0** 18. *Authorize - The Commissioner of Finance to issue Refunding Bonds in a principle amount not to exceed \$20,200,000 for the City to refund the following bonds: Series 2012 and 2013A. This transaction is expected to save the City \$1,813,244.* **513**
- 6-0** 19. *Authorize – A loan from the General Fund to the Capital Fund in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law §9-a, in the amount of \$7,000,000. The loan is needed to cover the advanced spending on Capital Projects that will be reimbursed by State and Federal grants as well as advanced spending on bonded projects. The loan and the interest earned will be repaid to the General Fund when funds are available, no later than June 30, 2022.* **514**
- 6-0** 20. *Correct Tax Rolls - (103 Slocum Avenue, 219-221 Furman Street, 205-207 Scottholm Terrace for various reasons for tax year 2021/2022), as outlined in Appendix “A”.* **515**
- 6-0** 21. *Agreement - With Crouse-Marshall Business, relative to the administration of the Special Assessment Program, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The special assessment is \$93,750.* **516**
- 6-0** 22. *Agreement - With the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, Inc., relative to the administration of the Downtown Special Assessment Program, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. The special assessment is \$985,000.* **517**
- 6-0** 23. *Agreement - With Sarah Stephens d/b/a SSFunding and Procurements Resources, LLC., for funding and procurement consulting services, on behalf of the Bureau of Research, to include the development of grant management and procedures, research and grant writing, through June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$18,000, charged to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Mayor has waived the RFP Process.* **518**
- 6-0** 24. *Agreement - With M.A. Polce, Naughton Associates, Advanced IT, ComSource, Hoefler Communication, and Presidio, for consulting services, on behalf of the Department of Information Technology, for the period of one (1) year with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$125,000, from Account # 541500.01.16800.* **519**
- 6-0** 25. *Approve – Settlement – Niagara Mohawk Corporation d/b/a National Grid v. City of Syracuse. Settlement, relative to damaged gas lines and electrical duct boxes and/or conduit lines on June 12th and June 26th 2017, at or near 530 South Salina Street and 178 Mountainview Avenue, in the amount of \$15,000, from Account #599298.05.93000.* **520**
- 6-0** 26. *Purchase w/c/b – From Salt City Abstract Corporation and Independent Title Agency LLC for title search services, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, for Law \$45,000, Engineering Projects \$4,000 and Code Enforcement \$2,500. Total cost not to exceed \$51,500 to be charged to Accounts #541500.01.14200, #599807.07.80405 and #596220.01.90000.* **521**

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

- 6-0** 27. *Authorize - Memorandum of Understanding between the Syracuse City School District and the Common Council relative to the operation of the City's Youth Advisory Council and the appropriation of funds as detailed in the ordinance. From the Common Council Professional Services Account #10100.01.541500. Total amount not to exceed \$2,000.* **522**

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 6-0** 28. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$4,070,000, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the Intake Construction Project which extends Intake Number Two to address turbidity concerns.* **523**
- 6-0** 29. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000, on 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.* **524**
- 6-0** 30. *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.* **525**
- 6-0** 31. *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.* **526**
- 6-0** 32. *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the design and construction of the replacement station for the Mosley Drive Pump Station. The project also includes replacing approximately 9,000 linear feet of water main along Sunnycrest Road and Glencove Road.* **527**
- 6-0** 33. *Authorize – The D.P.W. 2021/2022 Cash Capital Reimbursable Equipment & Vehicles Project, to purchase equipment and vehicles, as detailed in Schedule "A" that will be reimbursed through the State Program CHIPS. Total cost not to exceed \$1,599,906.* **528**
- 6-0** 34. *Authorize – The D.P.W. 2021/2022 Cash Capital State Touring Route Project, to complete roads, as detailed in Schedule "A" and additional funds needed for the N/S/E/W Interconnect Project that will be reimbursed through the State Touring Route Program. Total cost not to exceed \$7,249,831.* **529**
- 6-0** 35. *Purchase w/c/b - From Northeast Signal, Traffic Parts, Inc., and Eastcom, traffic signal controllers, cabinets, repair parts and services, for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$200,000 to be charged to Account #540511.01.81800.* **530**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

36. **6-0** Accept – From Reisman Foundation, a donation in the amount of \$15,000, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs, towards the cost to install a spray fountain in Washington Square Park. **531**
37. **6-0** Accept – From TNT, a donation in the amount of \$67,500, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs, towards the cost to install a spray fountain in Washington Square Park. **532**
38. **6-0** Accept - From Walmart an in-kind donation for a 12' bike rack (valued at \$2,000) in Washington Square Park, to be installed and maintained by the City of Syracuse. **533**
39. **6-0** Accept - From The Lafayette Trail Inc., for a 2'x3' historic trail marker, (valued at \$1,140) in Clinton Square at the corner of West Water Street & South Salina Street, to be installed and maintained by the City of Syracuse. **534**
40. **6-0** Amend – Ord. #603 (10/07/2019), “Contract – With George’s Pro Sound for the City’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Clinton Square on November 23, 2018, with two (2) one year renewal option (2019 and 2020) with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$1,195 from Account #71400. 01.540552.” Amend to authorize the last renewal option. This year’s event will be November 26, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$1,195 from the Celebrations Account Project #504610 Fund #25 and from Account #01.71400.540552. **535**
41. **6-0** Amend – Ord. #296 (06/07/2021), “Appropriate Funds - From Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2020/2021 Capital Improvement Program, Park Road/Sidewalk, on behalf of the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs” Amend to correct a typographical error in the ordinance fiscal year. The fiscal year should be 2020/2021 not 2021/2022. **536**
42. **6-0** 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 spend on park improvements within Eastwood area parks. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000. **537**
43. **6-0** Authorize - The 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program, for park improvements within Eastwood area parks, which may include Eastwood Heights, Huntington, Norwood, Burlingham, Cummings Field and Sheridan. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000. **538**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

44. **6-0** Application & Agreement – To and with U.S. Department of Justice, under the Community Policing Development (COPS) Accreditation Teams Program, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Funds will be used for training, consulting and administrative resources for Accreditation Team of the Police Department. No local match required. **539**

45. **6-0** *Appropriate Funds – From Account #541500.01.31230 in the amount of \$65,000, for the 2021-2022 Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse.* **540**
46. **6-0** *Agreement - With SUNY Upstate Medical University, on behalf of the Department of Fire, to use the Harrison House located at 80 Presidential Plaza to conduct reality-based training, for the term expiring February 28, 2024.* **541**
47. **6-0** *Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, on behalf of the Department of Fire for the purpose of constructing a live fire training tower at the Syracuse Fire Department Regional Training Facility located at 312 State Fair Boulevard. The funds will be for the purchase of materials and labor needed to procure and erect a pre-fabricated steel training tower and for site work and foundation engineering management of the project.* **542**
48. **6-0** *Authorize – An Intermunicipal agreement with Onondaga County, on behalf of the Department of Fire, to receive grant funds up to \$75,000 for reimbursement of equipment and overtime, for sending staff to Rope Rescue Training in FY2022. The fund comes from FY 2019 DHSES Contract #TR19-1000-E00, to be deposited in an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance.* **543**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

49. **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 Median Income negatively economically impacted by Covid pandemic.* **H**
50. **6-0** *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 435 Midland Avenue, a vacant lot, to Treehouse Investments LLC for the total sum of \$742.40. (District 4)* **544**
51. **6-0** *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 139 West Pleasant Avenue, a vacant lot, to Chalaka Parker for the total sum of \$500. (District 4)* **545**
52. **6-0** *Amend – Ord. #175 (04/26/2021), “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 232 Corning Avenue West, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)”. Amend to correct “wood house & garage” to “vacant lot”.* **546**
53. **6-0** *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1410-1412 Colvin Street West, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 3)* **547**

- 6-0 54. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 120 Crippen Avenue & Crippen Place, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 3)* **548**
- 6-0 55. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 116-118 Kenwood Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)* **549**
- 6-0 56. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 201 Midler Avenue South & Northcliff Road, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 5)* **550**
- 6-0 57. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 813-813 ½ Tallman Street, wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)* **551**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – AUGUST 23, 2021)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 6-0 58. *Agreement – With the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for a grant in the amount of \$50,000, on behalf of the Police Department, to be used to assist the Police Athletic League (PAL) with purchasing equipment, conducting field trips, registration fees, marketing and other associated expenses.* **552**

Syracuse Common Council
 Adjourned at 1:14 P.M.