

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(12/06)

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 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 Reverend Eric Jackson, Plymouth Congregational Church of Syracuse, New York)*
3. *Roll Call – (Present – 7; Councilors Bey & Driscoll – Absent)*
4. *Minutes – November 22, 2021 – (Adopted 7-0)*
5. *Petitions – (none)*
6. *Committee Reports – (none)*
7. *Communications – (From Dustin M. Czarny and Michele L. Sardo, Commissioners of Elections, the Statement of Canvass relative to the votes given at the November 2, 2021 General Election; From Enos Ely, a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 669-2021 (10/25/2021); From Warren Bailey, a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 670-2021 (10/25/2021); From Ronald Schultz, owner of Shiftys Bar & Grill, a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 671-2021 (10/25/2021); From Vadim Olesh, a letter accepting the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 672-2021 (10/25/2021)*

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:

- 7-0** 9. *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 Neighborhood & Business Development, to establish a City grant program that will invest in commercial and mixed-use properties to activate storefronts, to encourage new investment and economic opportunity within commercial neighborhood business corridors within eligible ARPA-qualified census tracts, detailed in the attached draft plan.* **715**

10. **7-0** Approve – District Plan Amendment for St. Joseph’s Hospital and Health Center Planned Institution District for property located at 609-621 North Townsend Street, 103 Union Avenue, Rear, and 301 Prospect Avenue. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. St. Joseph’s Hospital and Health Center, owner/applicant. **GEN. #36**
11. **7-0** Lease Agreement - With Focusing Our Resources for Community Enlightenment (FORCE), of the City owned properties located at 515 Cannon Street and 162-170 West Brighton Avenue, for the period of five (5) years for \$1.00 a year. The tenant is responsible for maintenance, including landscaping and snow removal. **716**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

12. **H** Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$532,000 and enter into an agreement with Microsoft, on behalf of Information Technology, for the term of three (3) years, for a modernization project that will migrate approximately 750 network users to Microsoft 365, included is a cloud hosted email solution along with access to the latest Microsoft Office applications. **H**
13. **H** Agreement – With Syracuse University, to maintain in-kind services, to include maintaining a portion of Thornden Park and the replacement and maintenance of sidewalks along Ostrum Avenue near the park. The City will agree to accept current and additional University sidewalk maintenance in lieu of assessing new sidewalks fees; to stripe crosswalks on Ostrum Avenue near Thornden Park; provide assistance and coaching related to the permitting process, hire an additional code inspector to be assigned to the university area; and add Schine Student Center and South Campus as training rotations for Police Cadets (pre-Academy CSOs.) The University will also increase payments to the City from \$1 million to \$2 million over four years (FY22-FY26), as detailed in the legislation, to be deposited in Account #01.425910. **H**
14. **7-0** Agreement – With Cushman & Wakefield, for appraisal services, for properties located at 744-754 West Genesee Street, 827-829 West Belden Avenue, and 832-836 West Belden Avenue for property tax litigation, for fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. Total cost not to exceed \$12,000 plus \$500 per hour for trial preparation and related costs, charged to Account #541500. 01.13550. The Mayor waived the RFP process. **717**
15. **7-0** Amend – Ord. #188 (04/13/2020), “Agreement – With ePlanSoft, for Digital Plan Review Software Services, to improve customer service, reduce applicant expenses, and expedite the review process by providing digital mark-up tools to our plan reviewers, to expire June 30, 2021, with two (1) two year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$90,500, charged to Information Technology’s Factual & Information Account #540530.01.16800.” Amend to use the first of two (2) one (1) year renewal options, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$41,000. **718**
16. **T** Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse to amend the Budget for the year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, relative to Syracuse School City District, to increase the General Fund Operating Budget, from \$460,290,242 to \$472,405,919. **T**

- 7-0** 17. Approve – Settlement – Philadelphia Insurance Companies a/s/o Onondaga County Chapter NYSARC, Inc. v City of Syracuse, relative to a vehicle accident. Settlement in the amount of \$7,624, from Account #599302.01.93000. **719**
- WD** 18. Appropriate Funds - From the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, to provide homeowner support for sidewalk-related costs, through Home Headquarters' Urgent Care Program, to expire December 3, 2023. The program will address costs associated with sidewalks, including remaining balances for homeowners who completed repairs under the City's previous sidewalk program. Eligible City owner-occupied homeowners must live in qualified census tract or demonstrate a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. **WD**
- 7-0** 19. Correct Tax Rolls - (615 Oneida Street for tax years 2021/2022) to remove board-up & clean-up charges, as outlined in Appendix "A". **720**
- 7-0** 20. Purchase w/c/b - From JSK Snow Services, an agreement to provide snow clearing services for 100 miles of sidewalks, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Total cost not to exceed \$650,000, charged to Account #599808.08.14905.800039921. **721**

BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

- 7-0** 21. Accept – From Shirley Ziegler, a portion of 1600-1618 Erie Boulevard East, approximately 3,921.10 square feet, taxes and water charges are current. **722**
- 7-0** 22. Amend – Ord. #660 (11/04/2019), "Agreement - With C&S Engineers Inc., for Preliminary and Detailed Design Services Fee for the East Brighton Avenue Bridge over NYS&W Railroad, Superstructure Replacement Project, PIN 3756.51, on behalf of the Department of Engineering. Total cost not to exceed \$244,000, to be paid on a time and expense basis. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 95% reimbursement from Federal funds and 5% from Capital Account #701253000.07.599807." Amend to add the Construction Inspection Services and an additional amount of \$337,000. Total cost not to exceed \$581,000. **723**
- 7-0** 23. Agreement – With NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to participate in the NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), to assist low income households in the City with drinking water and wastewater reconnection and ongoing services, from December 1, 2021-September 30, 2023. **724**
- 7-0** 24. Amend – Ord. #562 (09/23/2019), "License and Maintenance Agreement - With Azteca Systems, LLC, for the Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), to track and maintain the various maintenance operations for City water infrastructure, pursuant to Ord. #226-2019, for the period of three (3) years effective at the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$198,000 (\$57,000 first year, \$70,500 second and third year), charged to Account #05.83400.541500." Amend to increase the cost of service by \$2,500. Total cost not to exceed \$200,500. (\$57,000 first year, \$70,500 second and \$73,000 third year). All other terms remain the same. **725**

- 7-0** 25. *Application & Agreement - To and with the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY) through the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) in the amount of \$500,000. Funds to be used for the Brighton Pump Station-Lafayette Super High Service District Project, as detailed in the legislation.* **726**
- 7-0** 26. *Contract - With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County for a Water Quality Education Program in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed for a Farm Business Management Services, January 1, 2022–December 31, 2022. Total cost not to exceed \$96,178 charged to Account #05.83350.541500.* **727**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 7-0** 27. *Accept – From Coordinated Care Services Incorporated (CCSI) funds in an amount not to exceed \$19,000, to partially cover the expenditures for the Department of Parks After School Recreation Program from January 2021-December 2021, for the ongoing program with Onondaga County Youth Bureau/Department of Children and Family Services through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Funds to be deposited into Account #01.438200. No local match required.* **728**
- 7-0** 28. *Application & Agreement – To and with Onondaga County Youth Bureau/Department of Children and Family Services through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500, for the Department of Parks’ After School Health and Wellness Program, from January 2021-December 31, 2021. Funds to be deposited into Account #01.438200. No local match required.* **729**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 7-0** 29. *Accept – From InterFaith Works, a donation in the amount of \$45, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board, through a community event host by InterFaith Works.* **730**
- 7-0** 30. *Application & Agreement - To and with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2020 Program, in the amount of \$108,200 and to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Onondaga County, as required by the funding source. If awarded there will be a 50/50 split of \$54,100 each, to be used by the City Police Department and the County Sheriff’s Office to purchase necessary equipment for law enforcement. No local match is required.* **731**
- 7-0** 31. *Application & Agreement - To and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Fiscal Year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Funds will be used to purchase firefighting hoses and nozzles. A local match of 10% is required.* **732**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 7-0** 32. *Amend – Ord. #83 (02/08/2016), “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 139-141 Fernwood Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151 (District 4).” Amend to change the structure from a wood house to a vacant lot.* **733**

- 7-0 33. Amend – Ord. #545 (08/23/2021), “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).” Amend to make corrections as detailed in the legislation. **734**
- 7-0 34. Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 420 Merriman Avenue, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2) **735**

(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – DECEMBER 6, 2021)
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 7-0 35. Levy - Onondaga County Tax (Excluding Onondaga County Consolidated Sanitation District) for 2022. Total amount \$43,020,386. **736**
- 7-0 36. Levy - Onondaga County Water District Tax for 2022. Total amount \$292,471. **737**
- 7-0 37. Levy - Onondaga County Sewer Rent for 2022. Total amount \$30,951,989. **738**

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 Adjourned at 1:13 P.M.