

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(01/11)

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2021
1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – (Suspended during Webex meetings)*
2. *Invocation - (A Moment of Silent Reflection was led by the Hon. Helen Hudson, President of the Syracuse Common Council)*
3. *Roll Call - (All Present – 9)*
4. *Minutes – December 21, 2020 (Adopted 9-0)*
5. *Petitions – (none)*
6. *Committee Reports – (none)*
7. *Communications – (From Timothy M. Rudd, Director of Management and Budget, the City of Syracuse's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2021/22 – 2026/27; From Empire State Development, the general project plans for the St. Joseph's Hospital Capital Project. Public comments can be submitted via email by January 19, 2021; From CNY Fair Housing, Catholic Charities of Onondaga County; NEHDA and the United Way of Central New York, letters in opposition to a change in the Zoning regulations requiring a special permit review for care homes city-wide).*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

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BY COUNCILOR BEY & PRESIDENT HUDSON:

9. *Amend – The Revised General Ordinance of the City of Syracuse, as amended, to add a new Chapter 62, to establish an independent citizens redistricting commission, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City Charter.*

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BY COUNCILOR BEY

10. Authorize - An Exemption Agreement with Moyer Carriage Lofts Housing Development Fund Corporation pursuant to Section 573 and Section 577 Article 11 of the New York Private Housing Finance Law and Section 402 of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, to acquire and renovate the multi-story brick building located at 1714 Salina Street North & Exchange Street into 128 affordable apartments. The term would be for the period of fifteen (15) years based on 10% of the difference between gross rent minus utilities, or \$64,000, whichever is greater. **1**
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11. Special Permit - To approve a Parking Lot on property located at 300 East Genesee Street. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposal. PEMCO Group, Inc, applicant. PEMCO Montgomery Street., LLC, owner. **Gen. #2**
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BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

12. Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (P. Richard Coughlin, for a vacant lot located at Cortland Avenue and Clinton Street South). Total cost not to exceed \$2,900. **2**
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BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA & PRESIDENT HUDSON:

13. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Nakeia Y. Chambers, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **H**
14. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Reverend Ashanti H. Dickerson, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **H**
15. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Cydney M. Johnson, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **H**
16. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Luz Marina Trilla, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **H**
17. Confirm – Pursuant to Local Law No. 7-1992, the appointment of Francis S. Caliva, to the City of Syracuse Board of Ethics for a term of two years. **H**
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BY COUNCILOR CARNI:

18. Amend – Ord. #508 (08/19/2019), "Contract- With LAZ Parking NY NJ LLC, for professional services" Amend to extend the contract to manage the Fayette Street Parking Garage (\$66,000) and MONY/AXA Parking Garage (\$84,000), for the period of three (3) months commencing on January 1, 2021-March 31, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000 charged to Account #541500.01.81800, as detailed in Schedule "A". **3**
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19. Amend – Ord. #509 (08/19/2019), “Contract - With Republic Parking Systems, Inc., for professional services.” Amend to extend the contract to manage the Washington Street Parking Garage (\$97,000), Madison-Irving Parking Garage (\$67,000) and Center Armory Parking Garage (\$46,000), for the period of three (3) months commencing on January 1, 2021-March 31, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$210,000 charged to Account #541500.01.81800, as detailed in Schedule “A”. **4**
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20. 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. Capital Equipment Program, for Sanitation Packers. Total amount not to exceed \$991,800. **5**
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21. Authorize – The 2021/2022 D.P.W. Capital Equipment Program for Sanitation Packers, as detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$991,800. **6**
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22. Confirm – The re-appointment of Jerusha Thomas to the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) Board of Directors for a term expiring December 31, 2023. **7**
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BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

23. Accept - From HealthConnections and Arise, Inc., an in-kind donation of two (2) accessible wheelchair charging stations (valued at \$1,125), to be installed in two City Parks enabling users of wheelchairs and other powered mobility devices to charge batteries on location within the park. **8**
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24. Accept - From The Syracuse Parks Conservancy, a donation in the amount of \$27,000 through their GoFundMe public fundraiser for the Ormand Spencer Dog Park Project. **9**
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25. Agreement - With Carm’s Dog House to construct a dog park at Ormand Spencer Park. As part of the agreement, the dog park will be called the Carm’s Dog House Dog Park at Ormand Spencer Park. The sponsorship agreement will be for the period of twenty (20) years, with one ten (10) year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. In exchange for this sponsorship Carm’s will be donating (\$14,500). **10**
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26. Amend – Ord #24 (01/22/2019), “Agreement - With RecDesk, for a recreational software program, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. To offer online registration, 24/7 access to complete program information, permitting requests and full Parks calendar, for the period of February 1, 2019-January 31, 2020 with two (2) one-year renew options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$8,300, from Account #01.71400.540530. The Mayor waived the RFP process.” Amend to authorize the last one (1) year renewal option for the period of February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022. All other terms remains the same. **11**
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27. License Agreement – With the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for the annual license to play copyrighted music at various Parks facilities for the period of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$1,700 to be charged to Account #540552.01.71400. **12**
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28. License Agreement - With the Society of European Stage Authors and Composers (SESAC) to play copyrighted music at various Parks facilities for the period of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Total cost not to exceed \$2,400 from Account #540552.01.71400. **9-0** **13**
29. Amend – Ord. #739 (12/16/2019), “Purchase w/c/b - Veterinary Emergency Services from Veterinary Medical Center of CNY for the period of January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019 with two 1-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 #01.35100.541500.” Amend to authorize the last one (1) year renewal option, for the period of January 1, 2021-December 31. Total cost not to exceed \$18,000 to be charged to Accounts #541500.01.35100 (\$15,000) and #541500.01.31231 (\$3,000). **9-0** **14**
30. Zone Change - Text Amendment to Part B, Section V, Articles 1 and 2 and Part B, Section VI, Article 1 of the City of Syracuse Zoning Rules and Regulations, as amended, to Require Special Permit Review for a Care Home in Commercial, Class A, Commercial, Class B, and Industrial, Class A Zoning Districts. The Planning Commission considered the request from the Common Council and recommended Disapproval. No one spoke in favor. Twenty-one people spoke in opposition and five letters in opposition were received. City of Syracuse Common Council, petitioner. **H** **H**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

31. Contract - With the National Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL), to apply for inclusion and upon membership the Police Department will have access to programming opportunities, learn about the organizational structure, receive peer knowledge assistance, apply for additional funding from PAL affiliated funders and the opportunity to participate within the Annual National PAL Fundraising Initiative. There will be an annual fee of \$600 charged to Account #541630.01.31230. **9-0** **15**
32. Application & Agreement - To and with the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY) through the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) in the amount of \$100,000, for the purchase and installation of additional surveillance cameras located in the areas of Teall and Herbst Avenue, James Street between Dewitt Street and Teall Avenue and West Genesee Street near Sackett Street. No local match is required. **9-0** **16**
33. Appropriate Funds - From 2020/2021 Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount of \$60,000 for Computer Upgrades, on behalf of the Police Department, as detailed in Attachment A. **9-0** **17**
34. Amend – Ord. #536 (08/20/2018), “Agreement - With John J. Finn Institute for Public Safety, Inc., to serve as the City’s research partner, for a grant in the amount of \$553,501 that was previously awarded (Ord. #53-2017) from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Strategies for Policing Innovation Program, on behalf of the Police Department, for the reexamination of the scoring algorithm by which high-risk offenders are identified, assistance with intelligence gathering and the application of social network analysis, a process evaluation, and an outcome evaluation, effective October 1, 2017-September 30, 2020. Total cost not to exceed \$225,829 from Budget Account #599802.02.22160117. Mayor has waived the RFP Process.” Amend to extend the contract through September 30, 2021. All other terms of the agreement remains the same. **9-0** **18**

35. *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 Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$2,850,000.* **19**
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36. *Authorize - The 2021/2022 Apparatus Replacement Program to purchase three (3) 50' Telesqurt, 2000 gallon per minute Fire Engines, on behalf of the Department of Fire. Total cost not to exceed \$2,850,000.* **20**
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BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

37. *Contract - With Environmental Design & Research (EDR), to complete Phase 3 of the City Comprehensive Reconnaissance-Level Historic Resources Survey, covering the areas South and East of Interstate 690 and Interstate 81, respectively, to be completed by September 30, 2021. Total cost not to exceed \$37,300, charged to Account #02.235750120, awarded from a previously approved NYS grant.* **21**
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38. *Authorize – The Community Development Block Grant-CV3 Supplemental Funding (2020-2022) by the CARES Act in the amount of \$1,676,401, to prevent, prepare and respond to the novel coronavirus as soon as possible. A draft budget will be provided.* **22**
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39. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as the abandoned portion of the 400 Block of Tracy Street, to Erie Place Associates, LLC for the total sum of \$40,200.* **23**
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 Adjourned at 1:28 P.M.