

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(09/26)

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – September 16, 2024*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

8. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2023/2024.*

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

9. *Application & Agreement – To CNY Arts, for the Tier Three Project Support grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, funds will be used for the acquisition of new temporary site-specific public art for the Syracuse Public Arts in the Parks program. No local match required.*
10. *Application & Agreement – To CNY Arts, for the Regional Arts and Cultural Engagement Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, funds will be used for a 12-month Artist in Residence program, to create environmental-based work and to facilitate youth arts programs in our City Parks. No local match required.*

11. *Application & Agreement – To and With the Preservation League of New York State, for a Technical Assistance Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, to be used for an architectural feasibility/reuse study or limited condition assessment, for any future restoration project of the Stone Millhouse Building in Elmwood Park. There is a required local match of 20% or \$1,000 to be charged to Account #71400.01.541500.*
12. *Amend – Ord. #404 (05/20/2024) “Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Spirit of Jubilee Stage Project. Total amount not to exceed \$250,000.” Amend to increase by \$160,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$410,000.*
13. *Amend – Ord. #405 (05/20/2024) “Authorize – The 2023/2024 Spirit of Jubilee Stage Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, for the design, engineering, construction, and installation of a new 36’x22’ multi-purpose entertainment stage and pavilion at Spirit of Jubilee Park. Total amount not to exceed \$250,000.” Amend to increase the cost by \$160,000 to accommodate requirements of the design to include ADA accessibility and rising material cost. Total amount not to exceed \$410,000.*
14. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 Hanover Square Fountain Rehabilitation Project. Total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.*
15. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 Hanover Square Fountain Rehabilitation Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, for the rehabilitation, including professional services, materials, and construction, of the Hanover Square Fountain and various areas within Hanover Square. Total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.*
16. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 Skiddy Park Safety Surface and Playground Accessibility Improvements project. Total amount not to exceed \$400,000.*
17. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 Skiddy Park Safety Surface and Playground Accessibility Improvements project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Funds will be used for construction and installation of a new pour-in-place rubber safety surface and will include a retrofit to the existing playground to install new equipment, replace outdated equipment, and to create a more versatile, safer play experience. Total cost not to exceed \$400,000.*
18. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 Thornden Park Picnic Shelter Replacement Project. Total amount not to exceed \$100,000.*

19. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 Thornden Park Picnic Shelter Replacement Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs. Funds will be used for the replacement of an existing picnic shelter near the playground area, and work to improve the picnic area and conditions around the shelter, including the purchase and installation of new picnic tables. Total cost not to exceed \$100,000.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

20. *Agreement – With Aaron Nuzzo for process serving services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board, for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$1,200 charged to Account #540552.01.10500. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*
21. *Agreement – With Bousquet Holstein PLLC for outside legal services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board, for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$25,000 charged to Account #541500.01.10500. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*
22. *Agreement – With Freeland Investigation Services, to provide private investigation services, on behalf of the Citizen Review Board, for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$15,000 charged to Account #541500.01.10500. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*
23. *Amend – Ord. #579 (08/14/2023) “Agreement - With the Good Life Philanthropic Youth Foundation, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan “Syracuse Safer Streets Program,” to provide Case Management and Mentoring services to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, to establish positive and trusting relationships, and to advocate for the individual and guide them through various systems and settings, such as court, school, training and employment to achieve their goals, more details outlined in Exhibit “A”. The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$269,723, from designated ARPA funds.” Amend to extend the term of the agreement through March 31, 2025. All other terms remain the same.*
24. *Amend – Ord. #581 (08/14/2023) “Agreement – With the Salvation Army, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan “Syracuse Safer Streets Program”, to provide Case Management and Mentoring services to fifty (50) high risk individuals, more details outlined in Exhibit “A”. The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$229,110, from designated ARPA funds.” Amend to extend the term of the agreement through March 31, 2025. All other terms remain the same.*

25. *Amend – Ord. #582 (08/14/2023) “Agreement – With the Northside Learning Center, on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan “Syracuse Safer Streets Program,” to provide Conflict Mediation services to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, more details outlined in Exhibit “A.” The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$53,490, from designated ARPA funds”. Amend to extend the term of the agreement through March 31, 2025. All other terms remain the same.*
26. *Amend – Ord. #583 (08/14/2023) “Agreement – With Project H.E.A.L., on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Reduce Gun Violence, Community Violence Implementation Plan “Syracuse Safer Streets Program,” to provide Individual and Group Therapy Sessions, to fifty (50) high-risk individuals, more details outlined in Exhibit “A.” The contract will be for a period of eleven (11) months, from the date of execution. Total cost not to exceed \$343,870, from designated ARPA funds”. Amend to extend the term of the agreement through March 31, 2025. All other terms remain the same.*
27. *Authorize – Payment of several open invoices for goods and/or services from the Spring and early Summer 2024, as it related to Police Athletic League (PAL) due to the rescheduling or various events and programs. Total cost not to exceed \$23,610.26, to be charged to various accounts, as detailed in Schedule “A”.*
28. *Accept – From Rentals To Go, on behalf of the Department of Fire, an in-kind donation of a portable toilet and sink station (valued at \$240) for the Fire Prevention Bureau’s open house on October 12, 2023.*
29. *Amend – Ord. #530 (06/17/2024) “Purchase w/c/b - From Colden Enterprises, replacement parts and preventative maintenance services for the Holmatro Rescue System, for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, on behalf of the Department of Fire. Total cost not to exceed \$12,000 charged to Account #34100.01.540720.” Amend to change the company name from Colden Enterprises to J.P.B. Fire Sales and Services. All other conditions remain the same.*
30. *Application & Agreement – To and with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for the Local Assistance Capital Grant (LoCAP) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, on behalf of the Department of Fire. If awarded, funds will be put towards the purchase of a new fire engine. No local match required. Any future purchase of a new engine will require Common Council authorization.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

31. *Contract - With VeoRide Inc., to operate the Syracuse “SYNC” Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, providing bicycle and scooter sharing services, to include system planning, equipment maintenance, customer service and registration, data collection, and public outreach, for the period of three (3) years, from September 29, 2024”. Amend to extend the contract for a period of three (3) years effective September 30, 2024-September 29, 2027. All other terms remain the same.*

32. *Amend - General Ord. #16 (07/22/2024), "The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse Chapter 14 Article 6, as amended "Section 14-68 (e) Entitled "Program to Update the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection System for Household Waste Generators." Amend to add the new Recycling Cart Program and to make the necessary amendment to Section 14:70 of Article 6 as it relates to trash cart and recycling carts fines. Details are outlined in the legislation.*
33. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse authorizing the establishment of an Automated Red Light Enforcement Program in accordance with New York State Vehicle Traffic Law § 1111-g. The program is designed to promote traffic safety in school zones and will include the installation of photographic monitoring equipment at intersections in or near School Speed Zones in the City of Syracuse, to monitor the failure of vehicles to obey traffic signals and stop at red lights. Vehicle owners will be fined on a per-violation basis, as detailed in the legislation.*
34. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse authorizing the establishment of an Automated School Speed Zone Enforcement Program in accordance with New York State Vehicle Traffic Law § 1180-f. The program is designed to promote traffic safety and will include the installation of photographic monitoring equipment in School Speed Zones in the City of Syracuse, to monitor for the failure of vehicles to obey posted speed limits. Vehicle owners will be fined on a per-violation basis, as detailed in the legislation.*
35. *Agreement – With Onondaga County, relative to the use of the City of Syracuse D.P.W. Fuel Facility, for the period of one year commencing on or about October 14, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options, with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Fuel will be charged at the City's cost, including compressed natural gas, plus an additional fee of \$.06 per gallon for maintenance and 5% administrative charge for vehicle key and personnel I.D. numbers, to be deposited in Account #423010.01.*
36. *Agreement – With the Syracuse City School District, relative to the use of the City of Syracuse D.P.W. Fuel Facility, for the period of one year commencing on or about October 14, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options, with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Fuel will be charged at the City's cost, including compressed natural gas, plus an additional fee of \$.06 per gallon for maintenance and 5% administrative charge for vehicle key and personnel I.D. numbers, to be deposited in Account #549100.01.51320.*
37. *Agreement – With the Syracuse Housing Authority, relative to the use of the City of Syracuse D.P.W. Fuel Facility, for the period of one year commencing on or about October 14, 2024, with two (2) one-year renewal options, with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Fuel will be charged at the City's cost, including compressed natural gas, plus an additional fee of \$.06 per gallon for maintenance and 5% administrative charge for vehicle key and personnel I.D. numbers, to be deposited in Account #417120.01.*

38. *Amend – Ord. #707 (10/16/2023) “Agreement – With SUNY Upstate Medical University to purchase white road salt from the Department of Public Works for the 2023/2024 winter season for the period of one year, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. The City price is \$49.20 per ton for the season, plus \$5.00 per ton administrative fee, total price of \$54.20 per ton, to be deposited in Account #417120.01”. Amend to authorize the third of four (4) one-year renewal options and increase the total price to \$55.28 per ton.*
39. *Amend – Ord. #708 (10/16/2023) “Agreement – With CNY Centro to purchase white road salt from the Department of Public Works for the 2023/2024 winter season for the period of one year, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. The City price is \$49.20 per ton for the season, plus \$5.00 per ton administrative fee, total price of \$54.20 per ton, to be deposited in Account #417120.01”. Amend to authorize the third of four (4) one-year renewal options and increase the total price to \$55.28 per ton.*
40. *Amend – Ord. #709 (10/16/2023) “Agreement – With the Syracuse Housing Authority to purchase white road salt from the Department of Public Works for the 2023/2024 winter season for the period of one year, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. The City price is \$49.20 per ton for the season, plus \$5.00 per ton administrative fee, total price of \$54.20 per ton, to be deposited in Account #417120.01”. Amend to authorize the third of four (4) one-year renewal options and increase the total price to \$55.28 per ton.*
41. *Authorize – The City to enter in an Intermunicipal Agreement with Onondaga County for the sale of 163 unused tires, on behalf of the D.P.W. as detailed in the legislation, for an amount not to exceed \$42,912.64 to be deposited into Account #427700.01.*
42. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2024/2025 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program total amount not to exceed \$500,000.*
43. *Authorize – The 2024/2025 D.P.W. City Owned Sidewalks, Curbs and Corners Program, to comply with the federal guidelines under the Americans with Disability Act by replacing deteriorated corners with handicap accessible corners and curbs, based on public complaints, community programs and complementing projects. Total cost not to exceed \$500,000.*
44. *Amend – Ord. #21 (01/22/2024) “Contract - With GHD Consulting for the design of the replacement of Brookford, Guilford, and Westminster Pump Station, on behalf of the Water Department, for the period ending December 31, 2025. The layout of the existing pump station is crowded and needs to be updated in accordance with today’s codes, standards, and best practices. Total cost not to exceed \$365,114 from Account #08.800052621”. Amend to increase the total cost to \$510,314 and change the Account to #08.800052621 and #05.83110.541500.*

45. *Application & Agreement – To and with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, on behalf of the Department of Water. If awarded, funds will be used for Harmful Algal Bloom Detection, to monitor and proactively address algal blooms to protect the water supply. The program will be administered by Onondaga County Soil and Water District and the Skaneateles Lake Association, in conjunction with the City of Syracuse. No local match required.*
46. *Authorize – An Intermunicipal Agreement with the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District for the for the administration of the Harmful Algal Blooms grant, for the period of two (2) years from the date of execution. Onondaga County will implement the stormwater wetlands project in the Skaneateles Watershed to reduce sediment and nutrients impacting the lake and to reduce bacteria and frequency of harmful algal blooms. Total cost not to exceed \$100,000 charged to the Skaneateles Watershed account to be determined by the Commissioner.*
47. *Purchase w/c/b – From Milton Caterpillar, backhoe services and repairs, on behalf of the Department of Water, for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$30,000 charged to Account #540200.05.83400.*
48. *Transfer Funds – From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$250,000, to a Capital Account entitled 2024-2025 Fire Hydrant Replacement.*
49. *Transfer Funds – From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$80,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2024-2025 Valve Repair and Replacements.*
50. *Transfer Funds – From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$50,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2024-2025 Rehabilitation of Gate Houses, Pump Houses and Vaults.*
51. *Transfer Funds – From Water Cash Capital Account #05.99999.599805 in the amount of \$30,000 to a Capital Account entitled 2024-2025 Rehabilitation of Skaneateles Facilities.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

52. *Designate – Property located at 727 Comstock Avenue as a protected site. Two (2) people spoke in favor, and one person spoke in opposition at the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board (SLPB). In addition, the SLPB received eighteen (18) letters in support of the designation and one letter in opposition. At the Planning Commission meeting, eight (8) people spoke in favor and one (1) person spoke in opposition. In addition, the Planning Commission received nine (9) letters in favor of the designation and one (1) person in opposition to the proposal The Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board, petitioner.*

53. *Special Permit - To approve a Mini-storage use type of property located at 639 East Seneca Turnpike. No one spoke in favor and two (2) people spoke in opposition to the proposal. Michael Charles Carotenuto, applicant. Joe Hucko, owner.*
54. *License Agreement – With Community Financial System, Inc. (“Community Bank”), for use of “City Park Place,” the City-owned property detailed in Appendix “A”, to celebrate the opening of a bank branch in the State Tower Building. The City shall be paid a fee of \$400, to be deposited in Account #01.417110.*
55. *Special Permit – To establish a Food and Beverage retail use on the property located at 1418 Grant Boulevard. One (1) person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. NaDonte Jone, owner/applicant.*
56. *Zone Change – For the property located at 148 Berwyn Avenue Rear, from High Density Residential (R5) to Commercial (CM). One (1) person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Brian Bouchard, CHA Companies, applicant. Andy Breuer, Hueber-Breuer Construction Company, Inc., owner.*
57. *Zone Change – For a portion of the property located at 739-745 West Genesee Street, from Commercial (CM) to Low Density Residential (R2). One (1) person spoke in favor, one (1) person submitted written comments in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Jim Barr and Adam Bregou, owner/applicant.*

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

58. *Amend – Ord. #385 (06/20/2023) “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. Total cost not to exceed \$2,252,000, from Account #541500.01.16800”. Amend extend the agreement through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$750,000. Total amount not to exceed \$3,002,000. All other terms remain the same.*
59. *Agreement – With Indev, LLC, for consulting services, on behalf of the Department of Information Technology, to expire June 30, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$88,000 charged to Account #541500.01.16800. The Mayor has waived the RFP process.*
60. *Correct Tax Rolls – (116 Maurice Avenue and 319 Wellesley Road, to correct the assessment rolls for tax years 2024/2025, 2023/2024, and 2022/2023, as it relates to set out charges and sidewalk fees) as detailed in Appendixes “A” – “C”.*

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

61. *Permission - To Peter Smokaluk, owner of the property located at 212 Clover Ridge Drive, for an update of an existing backyard fence of 30 years to Vinyl that encroaches approximately 10’ into the City right-of-way. (Paper Street Backyard Vacant Lot)*

62. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 401 West Ostrander Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4)*
63. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1116 Park Street to Strand Place, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 1).*
64. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1405 Highland Street, a wood house, garage & swimming pool, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 1).*
65. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 125 Jaclyn Drive, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
66. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 115 Clarence Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
67. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 113 Baldwin Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 4).*
68. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 135 Delray Avenue, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5)*
69. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 171 Fenway Drive, a wood house & garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 5).*
70. *Amend – Ord. #637 (07/10/2017) “Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the property known as 330 Richmond Avenue, a wood house with carport, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)” Amend to change the dimensions of the property, as detailed in the ordinance.*

BY COUNCILORS MONTO, WILLIAMS, JONES-ROWSER AND PANIAGUA:

71. *Local Law – To opt in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (NYS Real Property Law Chapter 50 Article 6-a).*