

COMMON COUNCIL  
of the  
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(01/28)

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2025

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – January 21, 2025*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*

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NEW BUSINESS  
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BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

8. *Resolution - Approving the Appointment of Various Persons as Commissioners of Deeds for 2025/2026.*

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

9. *Agreement – With Laura Reeder, to facilitate a Public Art Environmental Youth and Community program, as part of Parks and Recreation Afterschool programming, between February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Total amount not to exceed \$900, will be funded 100% by a CNY Arts GRACE grant.*
10. *Amend – Ord #10 (01/22/2024), “Application & Agreement – To and with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s Urban and Community Forestry Program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 over a three (3) year period. The funds will be used strictly within income qualifying communities to plant new trees and provide maintenance to existing trees. There is no local match required.” Amend to increase the amount not to exceed to \$910,141.*

11. *Application & Agreement – To and with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, to be used for invasive species removal and replanting of forested natural areas in or near urban communities, to include support staffing. All of City forested natural areas are eligible. There is no local match required.*
12. *Purchase w/c/b – With Barks & Rec, LLC, for contract to provide shelter services, basic veterinary care, vaccinations, etc. for all dogs dropped off by the City Dog Control and Police Department, for the period of January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, with two (2) one-year renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$100,000 to be charged to Account #541500.01.35100.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

13. *Appropriate Funds - From 2024/2025 Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount of \$29,000 to upgrade and maintain the Department of Fire communication equipment, as part of the Capital Improvement Project.*
14. *Authorize – The relocation of funds from Capital Accounts #703040000 (\$37,226) and #734105022 (\$42,774), to purchase a towing vehicle for the Fire Safety Trailer. Total amount not to exceed \$80,000, to be appropriated to an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK; COUNCILORS CALDWELL, JONES-ROWSER AND MONTO:

15. *Amend - Local Law #1-2012 Of the Charter of the City of Syracuse, Section 6 (3a) and (3b) entitled “Officers and Staff”, relative to the Citizen Review Board, as set forth in the attached legislation.*

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

16. *Amend - Ord. #664 (07/22/2024), “Agreement - With Pro-Act, Inc. for Pharmacy Benefits Management Services, to include all active employees and retirees under age 65, on behalf of Personnel and Labor Relations, for the period of two (2) years, effective January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024. Total annual estimated cost not to exceed \$15,000,000, charged to Account #590601.01.90600”. Amend to increase the annual estimated by \$150,000, to cover expenses. All other terms remain the same.*
17. *Amend - Ord. #791 (09/03/2024), “Agreement – With Image Integrator, LLC., to provide continual service, repair and upkeep for the Office of Human Resources’ microfiche machine, annually. Total cost not to exceed \$3,000, charged to Account #01.540530.12140”. Amend to extend the agreement for a one-year period, to expire January 29, 2026. All other terms and conditions remain the same.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

18. *Amend – General Ord. #18 (08/22/2016), “The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse; Chapter 24, Article 8, entitled “Excavations and Street Openings”. Amend Section 24-32 and Section 24-33 to add a Right-of-Way Violations Fine fee Schedule “A”, and to update miscellaneous language in the legislation to reflect present-day technical terms and requirements for working in the right-of-way.*
19. *Agreement - With Fisher Associates, D.P.C., (recommended by RFQ process) for the Preliminary Design Phases Fee, for the RTC/Regional Market Area Mobility Improvements Project, PIN 3757.17, on behalf of Engineering. The City will incur all initial costs with subsequent 80% reimbursement through TIP. Total cost not to exceed \$294,000 from Capital Account #599807.07.700375717.80405.*
20. *Application & Agreement – To and with the Nature Conservancy for the 2025 Climate Resilience Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. If awarded funds will be used to center around resiliency planning and expansion of an existing water infrastructure monitoring system. There is no local match required.*
21. *Amend – 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,” adding 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. Extend the suspension of the fines in Section 14:70 of Article 6 for a period of ninety (90) days, for both the Trash cart and Recycling cart, as detailed in the legislation”. Amend to correct to include the term “recyclables.”*
22. *Authorize – An Interfund Transfer from the General fund, Account #599012 to the Municipal Sidewalk Program Fund, Account #450310, for JSK Snow Services Inc. (Contract #SYGOV-028-22). Due to a high volume of snowfall this season, funds have been exhausted, see details in Schedule “A.” Total amount not to exceed \$500,000, charged to Account #12.81200.540551.*
23. *Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the DPW 2025/2026 Capital Equipment and Vehicles Program, as listed in Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$1,977,900.*
24. *Authorize – The DPW 2025/2026 Capital Equipment & Vehicles Program, purchases detailed in Schedule “A”. Total cost not to exceed \$1,977,900.*
25. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2025/2026 DPW Road Reconstruction Equipment & Vehicles Capital Improvement Program, as listed in Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.*

26. *Authorize – The 2025/2026 DPW Road Reconstruction Equipment & Vehicles Capital Improvement Program, as detailed in Schedule “A”. Total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, reimbursed through NYS DOT Programs.*

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS & COUNCILOR HOGAN:

27. *Accept & Agreement – With NYS Empire State Development (ESD), for a grant in the of \$10,000,000, secure funding that was part of Governor Hochul’s Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget to advance aspects of the East Adams Neighborhood Transformation Project, that includes the redevelopment of a 118 square acre, 27 square block neighborhood area where the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) owns and manages McKinney and Pioneer Homes public housing units. The \$10M award includes \$6.5M in Construction/Renovation costs; \$1.5M in Public Improvements; and \$2M in Predevelopment Activities (including Environmental Review). In addition, the City intends to apply for \$2,000,000 of the funding to cover pre-development expenses incurred by the project Master Developer, McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS), that ESD will reimburse the City for use of Capital funds as a bridge loan to MBS. A letter from NYS Empire State Development included.*
28. *Agreement – With McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS) for pre-development expenses related to Phases I-III of the East Adams Transformation Project. The project includes the redevelopment of a 118 square acre, 27 square block neighborhood area where the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) owns and manages McKinney and Pioneer Homes public housing units. SHA, in collaboration with the City, is working with a Master Developer, McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS), who will contract with several design services professionals to accelerate conceptual planning toward construction and implementation, allowing MBS the continue funding necessary to complete engineering services includes the required National Environmental Protection Assessment (NEPA) of the areas. Total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, from Account #599007.01.99999, to be 100% reimbursable from the grant agreement with NYS Empire State Development (ESD), SHA board approved a resolution on January 15, 2025. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
29. *Authorize – The Phases I-III East Adams Transformation Project Predevelopment, on behalf of the Engineering Department. The project includes the redevelopment of a 118 square acre, 27 square block neighborhood area where the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) owns and manages McKinney and Pioneer Homes public housing units. SHA, in collaboration with the City, is working with Master Developer, McCormack Baron Salazar (MBS), who will contract with several design services professionals to accelerate conceptual planning toward construction and implementation with the goal of completing the required engineering services that includes a required National Environmental Protection Assessment (NEPA) of the areas. Total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, from Account #599007.01.99999, to be 100% reimbursable from the grant agreement with NYS Empire State Development (ESD). SHA board approved a resolution on January 15, 2025.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

30. *Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQR Act, as it relates to Appendix “A” to dispose of real property located at 1025 Sunnycrest Road, (“the Property”). The action is related to the request for a local law authorizing sale of the property to the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA).*
31. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse authorizing the sale of all right, title and interest in the real property known as Eastwood Heights, located at 1025 Sunnycrest Road, (“the Property”) (SBL 027.-09-01.1), to Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA). This Local Law should authorize the Mayor to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement, including an Options Agreement for the East Taylor Street property located at 301-311 East Taylor Street (SBL 095.-08-01.0). Should closing on the Property occur prior to closing on the East Taylor Street parcel, consideration will consist of a note and mortgage in the amount of \$500,000. SHA board approved.*
32. *Authorize – The City of Syracuse to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQR Act, as it relates Appendix “A” relative to the Department of Public Works request to acquire real property located at 301-311 Taylor Street, commonly known as Latimer Terrace (the “Property”). The action is related to the request for a local law authorizing sale of 1025 Sunnycrest Road to the Syracuse Housing Authority.*
33. *Acquire – An approximately 186,393.50 square foot portion of property located at 301-311 East Taylor Street (to be resubdivided from the parcel identified as SBL 095.-08-01.0), commonly known as Latimer Terrace (the “Property”) from the Syracuse Housing Authority. This property is being accepted as consideration for the City-owned property located at 1025 Sunnycrest Road, which the City intends to convey to SHA under separate Common Council authorization, as detail in the legislation. The City plans to enter into a lease agreement with BluePrint 15 (the “Tenant”). The Tenant will develop the Children Rising Center on the site.*
34. *Lease Agreement – With the City of Syracuse (the “City”) and Blueprint 15 (the “Tenant”), for a 186,393.50 square foot portion of property located at 301-311 East Taylor Street (SBL 095.-08-01.0). The Tenant will develop the Children Rising Center on the site; the facility will encompass daycare, children’s activity opportunities, and health and wellness services for the surrounding community, to be an integral part of the East Adams Neighborhood Transformation Project, for a term of ninety-nine (99) years, effective on January 1, 2025-December 31, 2123, with a monthly rental fee of one dollar (\$1.00), plus utilities, charges, and fees. Additional consideration for the City will take the form of site preparation and environmental remediation expenditures, to be borne by the Tenant as part of the redevelopment project.*
35. *Special Permit – To approve a Mini-storage type use on the property situated 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.*

BY COUNCILOR WILLIAMS:

36. *Appropriate Funds – From Unallocated Cash Capital Account #599007.01.99999 in the amount of \$960,000, on behalf the Bureau of Information Technology, to be used for new equipment and services to support continued modernization efforts and investments in key technologies, as detailed in Attachment “A”.*
37. *Agreement – With Central City Data Services LLC, to provide maintenance of cost accounting system services, on behalf of the Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to Section 5-801(12) of the City Charter, for the period of six (6) months from the date of execution. Total amount not to exceed \$36,200, from Account #593260. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
38. *Approve – Settlement – Khrystyna Marynych v. City of Syracuse, et al., (C2024-11) relative to damages to a motor vehicle on July 16, 2024, as impacted by a Syracuse Police Department vehicle. Settlement in the amount of \$8,744.35 from Account #599305.01.93000.*

BY COUNCILOR JONES-ROWSER:

39. *Amend – Ord. #203, (04/25/2022), “Appropriate Funds - From the 2021-2022 UNSAAC Allocations for a (2) year period from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$750,000. The Syracuse University Service Agreement will fund the various organizations, as detailed in the legislation.” Amend to use the remaining funds, detailed in Appendix “A” to process invoices for services for the respective reporting years within the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 UNSAAC Allocation Account, as it relates to Ord.635-2024.*
40. *Amend – Ord. #422, (06/20/2023), “Agreement – With Syracuse University, for the UNSAAC 2023-2024 Allocation, on behalf of the Department of Neighborhood & Business Development, for the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$375,000. The Syracuse University Service Agreement will fund: Boys & Girls Club, Focusing Our Resources for Community Enlightenment, Inc. (F.O.R.C.E.), Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association, Southside TNT, University Neighborhood Preservation Association, Westcott Area Cultural Coalition, and Westcott Community Center, relative to Ord. #22-2022”. Amend to use the remaining funds, detailed in Appendix “A” to process invoices for services for the respective reporting years within the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 UNSAAC Allocation Account, as it relates to Ord.635-2024.*
41. *Agreement – With Home HeadQuarters, Inc., to complete lead remediation repairs for affordable rental unit properties that will be for income eligible tenants. The location of the properties is detailed in the legislation. Total amount not to exceed \$176,050 from Account #593004.01.93004 Project #800029622. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*

42. *Agreement – With Housing Visions Unlimited, to complete lead remediation repairs for a residential apartment building located at 1818 South Salina Street. Total amount not to exceed \$350,000, from Account #593004.01.93004 Project #800029622. The Mayor waived the RFP process.*
43. *Amend – Ord. #206 (04/08/2024) – “Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 607 Park Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326 (District 1).” Amend to make a technical correction to the property description, as detailed in the legislation.*
44. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 116 Academy Green, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
45. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 316 Bruce Street, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
46. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 127 Garfield Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 4)*
47. *Sell – All right, title and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 337 Lillian Avenue to Fobes Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$326. (District 5)*

BY COUNCILORS MONTO, WILLIAMS, JONES-ROWSER, PANIAGUA; AND COUNCILOR MAJOK:

48. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to opt in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (NYS Real Property Law Chapter 50 Article 6-a).*

*(SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – FEBRUARY 3, 2025)*  
WAIVER OF THE RULES REQUIRED TO INTRODUCE:

BY COUNCILORS MAJOK, CALDWELL, PANIAGUA, AND GETHERS:

49. *Resolution – To appoint Mike Kerwin to the Citizen Review Board to fill the seat previously held by JahQuan Bey, for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2027. This is a Councilor-At-Large appointment.*