

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(11/29)

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2022

1:00 P.M.

1. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*
2. *Invocation*
3. *Roll Call*
4. *Minutes – November 21, 2022*
5. *Petitions*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Communications*
8. -----
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BY COUNCILOR PANIAGUA:

- a. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend the July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021, and July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022, City Budgets to reflect the salary increase for Unit 6 Confidential Employees, pursuant to a Labor Agreement between the City of Syracuse and CSEA. (Retroactive 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2021, and a retroactive 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2022).*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

10. Amend - The Revised General Ordinances of the City of Syracuse, Chapter 17 entitled "Parks, Playgrounds and Public Grounds," Article 4 "Fee", Section 17-40.2 entitled "Aquatic Fees", amend to increase the fees as it relates to Lifeguard Training; Certification and Re-certification of courses completed, for City residents and non-residents, as detailed in the ordinance. The new fee should become effective January 1, 2023. (Currently the Aquatic Fee Schedule for Lifeguard training is \$5 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents, included for review).
11. Bond Ordinance - Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2022-2023 Downtown Parks Improvements Project. Total amount not to exceed \$150,000.
12. Authorize – The 2022-2023 Downtown Parks Improvement Project, on behalf of the Department of Parks Recreation & Youth Programs, for various parks improvements and repairs at Clinton Square, Shot Clock Park (Armory Square Park), Hanover Square, Fayette Firefighters Park, Pitts Park, and the Onondaga Creekwalk. Total amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

13. Agreement - With Cogent Communications for internet connection at City Hall, on behalf of Information Technology, for a period of one (1) year follow by a month-to-month period. There is a one-time installation fee of \$650 and a monthly fee not to exceed \$400 (\$4,800 annually), charged to Account #595860.01.90000.
14. Lease Agreement - With Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for the portions of the City-owned property known as the Morningside Reservoir located at 1387 Colvin Street East Rear (tax map #051.-02-01.0 and property #1918011101), to commence on December 1, 2022, for the term of five (5) years with five (5) five-year renewal options, each with a rent increase of 12% with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total annual rent not to exceed \$38,400. The tenant responsibilities include real property taxes, utilities, and maintenance expenses.
15. Resolution – To appoint Michael Vavonese to the Board of Assessment Review to replace Kristin B. Greeley, Esq, for a term expiring September 30, 2024, pursuant to Section 523 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

16. *Permission – To Christopher Barnes, owner of the property located at 1913 Bellevue Avenue, to encroach approximately 4'x4' for a small shed into the Bellevue Avenue right of way. The City has a 60-foot-wide right-of-way that crosses the property that contains a 16-inch diameter main.*
17. *Permission – To Polly Davis, owner of the property located at 14 Hannum Street, in Skaneateles, NY to encroach approximately 6'x6' for an extension of a detached garage into the Hannum Street right of way. The City has a 60-foot-wide right-of-way that crosses the property that contains a 36-inch diameter main.*
18. *Permission – To Eastern Gas Transmission, owner of the property located on Mill Road, in Skaneateles, NY to complete required preventative maintenance work on their gas line within the City right of way.*
19. *Amend – Ord. #452 (10/13/2020), "Agreement – With NYS DOT Office, for a "Permit for Use of State-Owned Property" located at Canal Street, adjacent to I-690; between Lodi and North Beech Streets, to allow the Water Department employees to park their vehicles during working hours. Total annual fee not to exceed \$3,300 from Account 540513.05.83400, effective September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021." Amend to extend for a period of five (5) years, effective September 1, 2022-August 31, 2027, and increase the annual rental fee to from \$3,300 to \$3,366 with a yearly two percent (2%) increase, charged to Account #540513.05.83400. All other terms and conditions remain the same.*

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

20. *Special Permit – To approve modification for a Restaurant located at 1401-1407 Burnet Avenue. One person spoke in favor, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposal. The Planning Commission granted two (2) waivers regarding off-street parking and sign regulations. Ronald Schultz, applicant. ½ Full Properties, LLC, owner.*
21. *Approve – The SEQRA Findings Statement prepared pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, relative to the Common Council's consideration for a new Zoning Ordinance and map to replace, in its entirety the existing City of Syracuse Zoning Rules and Regulations, as amended, and its accompanying map. The issuance of a Finding Statement concludes the SEQRA process.*

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

22. *Local Law – Of the City of Syracuse to amend Chapter 11, to add a new Article III, relative to the City's ability to take civil action to enforce the licensing requirement provided under the NYS Cannabis Law (the "Cannabis Law")*

23. *Accept – From Saving Lives USA, an in-kind donation of eight NURO's and support equipment, (valued at \$11,197) as detailed in the attachment to be use to improve use of force decision making and will integrate de-escalation into all firearms training*
24. *Agreement – With Michael Sgro Leadership Coaching, to instruct training at the Syracuse Regional Police Academy relative to Emotional Intelligence, for the period of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. Total cost not to exceed \$3,600, charged to Account #542500.01.31230.*
25. *Agreement – With Crouse Hospital to provide the Syracuse Fire Department's EMS program with the NYS mandated narcotic medication using appropriate accountability standards and stringent control, for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2023. There is no cost to the City.*

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

26. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 214 State Street North & Willow Street East, a brick building, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)*
27. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 133 Avon Road, a wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 5)*
28. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 539 Burnet Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)*
29. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 127 Chester Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*
30. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 133-139 Chester Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*
31. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 138 Chester Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*
32. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 140 Chester Street, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*

33. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 207-209 Crouse Avenue North, a store and wood house, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)*
34. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 5 Fitch Street Rear, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)*
35. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 133 Geddes Street North, a wood house and store, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)*
36. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 139 Geddes Street North & Richmond Avenue, a brick block and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)*
37. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1041 Geddes Street South, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)*
38. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1051 Geddes Street South & Putnam Street, a vacant, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 2)*
39. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 102 Landon Avenue, a wood house and garage, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*
40. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 1105 Montgomery Street Rear, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*
41. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 104 Pond Lane, a wood house unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 1)*
42. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 4418 Salina Street South, a masonry restaurant unfinished, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 3)*
43. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 719 South Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 4)*

44. *Sell – All right, title, and interest of the City of Syracuse in and to the premises known as 565 ½ Westmoreland Avenue, a vacant lot, to the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation for the total sum of \$151. (District 5)*