

COMMON COUNCIL
of the
CITY OF SYRACUSE

(12/04)

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2023

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 Rev. Kathleen Hodge-Davis, Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse, New York)*
3. *Roll Call – (Present – 7; Councilors Caldwell, Paniagua – Absent)*
4. *Minutes – November 13, 2023 – (Adopted 7 – 0)*
5. *Petitions – (None)*
6. *Committee Reports – (Joint Economic Development & Neighborhood Preservation; Public Safety)*
7. *Communications – (From Onondaga County, Department of Finance, resolutions involving the City, to be voted on at the December 5th County Legislature meeting and the City Abstract; From Empire State Development, a letter together with the findings for the 101 North Salina Commercial Renovations Project; From Anna Adkins, a letter accepting the terms and conditions outlined in Ord. #764-2023.*

NEW BUSINESS

BY PRESIDENT HUDSON:

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

BY COUNCILOR CALDWELL:

- 7-0** 9. *Appropriate Funds – From the 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the 2023/2024 Fire Barn Conference Space Improvements, consisting of equipment purchases, upgrades to security, upgrades to utilities, updates to IT equipment, emergency power connections, and other various improvements to the Onondaga Park Fire Barn.* **784**

- H** 10. *Appropriate Funds – From the 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the 2023/2024 Inner Harbor Park Initiatives, as detailed in Schedule “A”.* **H**
- 7-0** 11. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parks Facility Additional Improvements Projects. Total amount not to exceed \$230,000.* **785**
- 7-0** 12. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Parks Facility Improvements Projects, to improve various facilities and infrastructure within City Parks, details outlined in Schedule “A.” Total cost not to exceed \$230,000.* **786**
- 7-0** 13. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parks Playground Replacement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$150,000.* **787**
- 7-0** 14. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Parks Playground Replacement Project, to support ongoing and new playground replacement and improvement projects, work includes design, purchase, and installation of playgrounds both proposed and existing projects, detailed in Schedule “A.” Total cost not to exceed \$150,000.* **788**
- 7-0** 15. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Parks Sidewalks Capital Improvement Projects. Total amount not to exceed \$100,000.* **789**
- 7-0** 16. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Parks Sidewalks Capital Improvements Projects, for the replacement and/or addition of new sidewalks within City Parks right-of-way, as detailed in Schedule “A.” Total cost not to exceed \$100,000.* **790**
- 7-0** 17. *Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Thornden Park Water Service Line Replacement Project. Total amount not to exceed \$180,000.* **791**
- 7-0** 18. *Authorize – The 2023/2024 Thornden Park Water Service Line Replacement Project, to be used for improvements, water metering, backflow prevention, fill line improvements, and new services to the splash pad and Chlorine Building. Funds will be used in conjunction with a previously awarded DASNY Grant for the engineering and/or construction services. Total cost not to exceed \$180,000.* **792**

BY COUNCILOR GREENE:

- 7-0** 19. *Agreement – With Spectrum Business, for the installation of new internet service accounts at 1810 LeMoyne Avenue (new DPW fleet facility) and 351 West Newell Street (McKinley Park) at a monthly fee of \$300/month each and a one-time installation fee of \$99, details outlined in the legislation. Total cost not to exceed \$7,500 annually, charged to Account #595860.01.90000.* **793**

- 7-0 20. Amend – Ord. #78 (02/27/2022), “Agreement – With Verizon Communications, to install fiber optic cable in Verizon’s conduit system. There is a one-time licensing fee. Total amount not to exceed \$7,500, from Account #595860, Fund 01, Department 90000.” Amend to increase the total cost not to exceed to \$9,500. All other terms remain the same. **794**
- 7-0 21. Authorize – The Department of Assessment to retain an appraiser (Bruckner, Tillett, Rossi, Cahill and Associates) for the property located at 127 Fairfield Avenue for potential disposition services. Total cost not to exceed \$1,100 for a summary appraisal report, to be charged to Account #541500.01.13550. **795**
- H 22. Authorize - An Exemption Agreement with Almus Housing Development Fund Corporation (“the Corporation”) pursuant to Section 573 and Section 577 of Article 11 of the New York Private Housing Finance Law and Section 402 of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation will rehabilitate 191 units of the existing public housing building located at 313 East Raynor Avenue and Oakwood Avenue (SBL 094.-17-01.0) known as Almus Olver, formed by beneficial owner McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc., sponsored by Syracuse Housing Authority. The term would be for the period of fifteen (15) years and will not be exempt from special assessments on the facility. The payment would be calculated each year based on 10% of the difference between gross rent minus utilities, or \$105,050, whichever is greater. **H**
- H 23. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the implementation of the iManage Cloud product. Total amount not to exceed \$45,000. **H**
- H 24. Agreement – With iManage Cloud, for professional services to implement a software solution that will serve as the foundational system for organizing, managing, and accessing the City’s growing volume of legal cases, providing a centralized and cohesive system, details outlined in the attached proposal. The agreement covers only one-time implementation costs and excludes any subscription cost or any other ongoing expenditures. Total cost not to exceed \$45,000. **H**
- H 25. Transfer Funds – Within the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, Syracuse City Budget transfer amendments, as detailed in the legislation, to be used for the Law Department (\$39,980.44) and Purchases for Payroll-Timeclocks (\$23,274.80). Total amount not to exceed \$63,255.24. **H**
- 7-0 26. Resolution – To appoint Donna Moore to the Board of Assessment Review for a three-year term expiring September 30, 2026, pursuant to Section 523 of the N.Y.S. Real Property Tax Law. **32-R**

BY COUNCILOR GETHERS:

- 7-0** 27. Agreement - With the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) for use of OCRRA'S Solid Waste Management System (Hauler Agreement) for one-year from January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024, with a tipping fee of \$105 per ton or \$101 per ton for prompt payment. The recycling tipping fee is \$40 per ton. **796**
- 7-0** 28. Agreement – With JMT Inc., for professional services, to include staffing and operation of the City's interconnected signal system from the City's Traffic Management Center, for the period of one (1) year with one (1) two-year renewal option with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$1,373,196 from Account #01.81800.541500 or an account determined by the Commissioner of Finance. Fully funded by a NYS DOT grant previously approved. **797**
- 7-0** 29. Agreement – With Sam Schwartz Engineering DPC, for professional services related to the Vision Zero Action Plan Development, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, for a two-year period commencing on the date of execution, with one (1) one-year renewal option subject to the approval of the Mayor and Common Council. Total cost not to exceed \$296,384 charged to Account #540530.01.81800. **798**
- 7-0** 30. Amend – Ord. #161 (03/27/2023) “Authorize - A pilot agreement with Rubicon Global LLC, (“Rubicon”), for turn-by-turn directions for the City's fleet of sanitation vehicles, for the period of three (3) months with two (2) three-month renewal options with the approval of the Mayor and Common Council, for turn-by-turn technology and equipment to enable the City to monitor, effectively measure and manage the impact and efficiency of its waste removal services. Rubicon will offer the first three (3) months at no cost to the City. Total cost not to exceed \$37,000 (\$6,200 monthly) from Account #01.51420.540530.” Amend to authorize the first three-month renewal option for the period of October 26, 2023 – January 25, 2024. All other terms remain the same. **799**
- H** 31. Amend – Ord. #511 (07/24/2023) “Contract – With Collier Engineering & Design, CT PC, to provide Traffic and Transportation Engineering services, to assist the City with design and implementation of transportation projects, safety reviews, and ensure compliance with both State and Federal requirements and guidance as it relates to transportation items, for the period of July 15, 2022-June 30, 2024. Total cost not to exceed \$250,000, from Account #541500.01.81800.” Amend to increase the cost not to exceed to \$500,000 and to extend the contract through December 31, 2025. All other terms and conditions remain the same. **H**
- 7-0** 32. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Inner Harbor Electrical Upgrades Capital Improvement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$500,000. **800**

- 7-0 33. Authorize – The 2023/2024 Inner Harbor Electrical Upgrades Capital Improvement Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works. Funds will be used to remove electrical services from private ownership and replace them with city-owned equipment to facilitate the upgrades of lighting in the area and to supply the boat docks with city-owned electrical service. Total cost not to exceed \$500,000. 801
- 7-0 34. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Market Area Pathway Capital Improvement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$650,000. 802
- 7-0 35. Authorize – The 2023/2024 Market Area Pathway Capital Improvement Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to provide accommodations for non-motorists to reach the Regional Market from the adjacent residential neighborhoods including Park Street and Hiawatha Boulevard. Total cost not to exceed \$650,000. 803
- 7-0 36. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the 2023/2024 Traffic Management Center Equipment Capital Improvement Program. Total amount not to exceed \$30,000. 804
- 7-0 37. Authorize – The 2023/2024 Traffic Management Center Equipment Capital Improvement Program, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to address equipment needs including state of good repair purchases for failed and functionally obsolete traffic cameras, servers, proprietary software, and related network items in the Traffic Management Center and deployed in the field. Total cost not to exceed \$30,000. 805
- 7-0 38. Amend – Ord. #415 (06/21/2022), “Agreement - With NYS DOT for the Scoping, Preliminary, Right of Way & Detailed Design Phases, and additional Right of Way Cost of the Creekwalk Improvements, TAP 2108 Project, and the Construction and Construction Inspection Phase, PIN 3950.74, that includes improvements to the creekwalk maintenance bridge and sections of the original asphalt creekwalk north of Spencer Street. Total amount not to exceed \$1,488,366. The City will incur all initial costs for this project with subsequent 80% reimbursement from NYS DOT through TIP.” Amend to add local funds of \$162,000, to account for the balance between available funds and actual construction costs. Total Project Cost not to exceed \$1,650,366, from various accounts, as detailed in the legislation. 806
- 7-0 39. Amend – Ord. #587 (08/22/2022), “Agreement - With C&S Engineering, Inc, for the Scoping, Preliminary Design Service Fee for the East Brighton Avenue Paving Project (Thurber Street to Seneca Turnpike), PIN 3756.80. The City will incur all initial costs with a subsequent 80% reimbursement from Federal funds and 15% from Marchiselli funds. Total amount not to exceed \$356,000, be charged to Account #07.599807.700375680. (Ord. #703-2021)”. Amend to add additional funds of \$396,000 for the Detail Design Fee. Total amount not to exceed \$752,000. 807

- 7-0 40. Bond Ordinance – Authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Syracuse to defray the cost of the Kirk Park Canoe/Kayak Launch along Onondaga Creek. Total amount not to exceed \$125,000. **808**
- 7-0 41. Authorize – The Department of Engineering to proceed with the Kirk Park Canoe/Kayak Launch Project, along Onondaga Creek, additional funding is needed to complete the construction of the project. Total amount not to exceed \$125,000. The project was previously authorized with Ord. #415-2019 and Ord. #648-2022. **809**

BY COUNCILOR HOGAN:

- 7-0 42. Special Permit - To renovate the exterior façade and interior structure for a mixed - use two-story building located at 310-312 South Avenue known as B&B Lounge. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposal. James Williams, Project Manager, Home HeadQuarters (HHQ Inc.) applicant. HHQ Inc., owner. **Gen. #27**
- T 43. Local Law - Of the City of Syracuse to authorize the sale of all right, title, and interest in the real property located at 200 East Genesee Street (SBL 103.-29-01.0) (aka City Hall Commons) to Hanover Real Estate Development (“Hanover”), to redevelop the property into a mixed-income, mixed-use property, construct several commercial spaces on the first floor of the property and develop approximately thirty-nine (39) residential apartments – some market-rate, some income-restricted – on the upper six stories. Total amount not to exceed \$850,000. **T**

BY COUNCILOR MAJOK:

- 7-0 44. Agreement – With Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the supply of Dash Cameras and related software, on behalf of the Department of Police, for a period of five (5) years effective January 15, 2024 – January 14, 2029. First year cost not to exceed \$19,534 charged to Account #540530.01.31230, and \$22,852 per year for Fiscal Years 2025-2029. The total five-year cost not to exceed \$105,802. **810**
- 7-0 45. Authorize – A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Madison County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team and Syracuse Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team, to continue the relationship between the two and the use of the combined Tactical Teams' resources, for the period of three (3) years from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026. There is no cost associated. **811**

BY COUNCILOR ALLEN:

- 7-0** 46. *Authorize – The City to enter into a Choice Neighborhoods Partnership Agreement and Co-Apply for a Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) Grant, whereas Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) will be Lead Applicant. Total amount of the grant not to exceed \$50,000,000. Funds will be used to execute the comprehensive transformation plan of the East Adam Street (the New 15th Ward) Neighborhood. The SHA Resolution affirming SHA’s commitment to apply and enter into a Partnership Agreement is attached. The \$50,000,000 in funding from HUD would allocate 65% or \$32,500,000 to redevelop public housing, ensuring 1:1 replacement of all current units. Other funding will be used to support the “People” plan, including relocation and case management support, as well as the funding of Critical Community Improvements (CCIs) or the “Neighborhood plan.* **812**
- 7-0** 47. *Permission – To Jake Barrett, on behalf of Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, owner of the property located at 529-35 North Salina Street, to encroach 6’ with eight (8) steel flower boxes into the North Salina Street right-of-way.* **813**

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Adjourned at 1:12 PM