

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

November 21, 2019

**5:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:**

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on November 14, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending November 20, 2019 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of November 12 - 18, 2019
- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of November 13 - 19, 2019
- Reports from the Police Department dated November 18, 2019
- Minutes from the City Infrastructure Committee meeting held on November 14, 2019

● **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Armstrong

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Ensel

**MLD - MLD Board President** Councilor McFarlin

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending November 22, 2019 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. ACCEPTING DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS COMPLETE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW, SCHEDULING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plattsburgh revitalization efforts will result in several downtown area improvement projects (collectively the “Projects”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plattsburgh Common Council ("Common Council") determined that the Projects collectively are a Type I Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), identified the potential Involved Agencies under SEQRA and was duly designated as SEQRA Lead Agency with consent of the Involved Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council determined to conduct comprehensive review of the Projects through preparation of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) pursuant to SEQRA and Section 617.10 of the implementing Regulations set forth at Title 6 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR); and

**WHEREAS**, The Chazen Companies prepared a Draft Scoping Document pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.8 and the Common Council, as SEQRA Lead Agency, provided a copy of the Draft Scope to all Involved Agencies, made it available to any individual or SEQRA Interested Agency that expressed an interest in writing to the Lead Agency and provided both a period of time for the public to review and provide written comments on the Draft Scope and a public scoping session to provide for public input; and

**WHEREAS**, a Final Scoping Document was accepted by the Common Council and Chazen has prepared a Draft GEIS ("DGEIS") in accordance with the Final Scoping Document to assess the potential impacts of the Projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Common Council hereby accepts and approves the DGEIS as complete for public review.
2. A Public Hearing on the DGEIS will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council chambers of Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.
3. Written comments will be accepted on the DGEIS during the public comment period until 2:00 p.m. on December 23, 2019 and must be submitted in writing to the Plattsburgh Common Council, c/o Beth Carlin, Mayor’s Office, Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.
4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Completion of DGEIS and Notice of Public Hearing and provide copies of the DGEIS as required by SEQRA.
5. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing not less than 14 calendar days in advance of the public hearing in *The Press Republican*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
6. Copies of the DGEIS will be available for inspection at City Clerk's Office, Plattsburgh City Hall, 41 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh, New York 12901 and on the City’s website at <https://www.cityofplattsburgh-ny.gov/604/DRI-Environmental-Impact-GEIS>.
7. The City Clerk is further authorized and directed to provide a copy of the DGEIS to all SEQRA Involved Agencies and any individual or SEQRA Interested Agency that has expressed an interest in writing.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Clerk to increase Taxi Vehicle License fees from \$80.00 per year to \$100.00 per year, Taxi Operator License fees from \$50.00 per year to \$75.00 per year and amendments for both from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Fee increases to start January 1, 2020. According to Section 314-11 of the City Code.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the request from Clinton County, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Dannemora to modify term of the 9/24/19 “Wastewater Operating Agreement” to be from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign an amendment to the professional services agreement between the City of Plattsburgh and KAS, Inc. in the amount of \$26,673 to include project management and oversight, fill sampling and analysis, and third party air/project monitoring in accordance with NYS Industrial Code Rule 56 for the asbestos abatement and/or demolition of five (5) former Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department buildings located at 26 Green St. Payment shall be made from capital project ‘2019 Green Street Demolition (H5110.72).

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a public forum be made available commencing November 29, 2019 for a period of 40 days at Trinity Park providing free, equal and unrestricted access for holiday displays. The maximum size is 10 x 10, and requests must be filed with the City Clerk’s office in advance. A \$20 fee for electricity and Certificate of Insurance are required.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a grant from the Downtown Grant Program (DGP), a constituent project of the larger Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), be awarded to the City of Plattsburgh in the amount of \$250,000 to complete improvements related to the renovation and expansion of former Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department Building 4 located at 26 Green Street and for improvements to the surrounding grounds. These improvements will create a new downtown destination in the City’s Harborside area and the renovated building will improve food access for City residents and visitors by serving as the new home for the Plattsburgh Farmers’ and Crafters’ Market during their annual operating season; and it is further

RESOLVED, this award is made pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of the DGP, including any associated grant documents.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from Councilor Armstrong for Initial Consideration of a Draft Resolution in support of the energy innovation and carbon dividend act of 2019 (h.r. 763). The entire text of which has been distributed to the members of the Common Council and will be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** \_\_\_\_\_