

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

January 23, 2020

At 4:51 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation involving particular companies.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Moore

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 4:59 pm

Councilor Kelly indicated returned from Executive Session discussed two matters of potential litigation. Mayor Read recused himself for one of the matters. Decisions were made and will be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

During Executive Session the following two motions were adopted:

- 1. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement to Extend Time Periods between the City of Plattsburgh and the Concerned Owners of Plattsburgh Properties LLC for Local Law #6 of 2019 in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel. Not to Exceed three months.**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Mayor Read Recused himself and exited Executive Session before Item 2 discussed:

- 2. Motion to approve a Confidential Settlement Agreement between the City of Plattsburgh and Primelink Inc. in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Read recused. City Chamberlain authorized to sign.**

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

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

January 23, 2020

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Paul DeDominicas (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on January 16, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 22, 2020 in the amount of \$ 61,494.63 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 Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of January 14 - 20, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department for the date range of January 12 - 19, 2020
- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee meeting held on January 16, 2020
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for December 2019
- Report from Animal Rescue Welfare Services received January 22, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated nothing to report

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore mentioned starting to work on new water rates soon.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly no report.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated met tonight, thorough report from Police Chief on Asset Forfeiture Fund. Ongoing meetings with Police and Fire Departments.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor DeDominicas nothing to report will attend Board meeting next Tuesday.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated MLD Board will hold meeting next week on January 30, 2020 at 4:40pm.

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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending January 24, 2020 in the amount of **\$ 1,580,349.47** 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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO AMY BONN EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2020 TO APRIL 5, 2025.

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Saranac River Trail Phase II, P.I.N. 7805.88 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Phase II of the Saranac River Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh (the "Common Council"), duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Common Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,033,000 is hereby appropriated from the City of Plattsburgh's General Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Common Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Plattsburgh with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolution

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolution)

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. NYS Parks Grant Contract # PRK01-EPF15-2015-00030

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh was awarded a \$500,000 grant from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in 2016 to accomplish the replacement of the Saranac Street Bridge as part of Phase II of the Saranac River Trail; and

WHEREAS, the grant’s budget and scope have been updated to reflect current construction cost estimates and schedules; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that Colin Read, as Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and enter into and execute a project agreement with New York State for such financial assistance to the City of Plattsburgh for the City Of Plattsburgh’s Saranac Street Bridge project.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves and authorizes Change Order No. 1 to Cumberland Avenue Pump Station CSO Upgrades Project Contract 2019-04 with J.E. Sheehan Construction in the amount of \$61,200, increasing the total contract amount to \$464,020 funding will be from Capital Project H8130.66. A time extension for substantial completion to June 30, 2020 is also provided.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor DeDominicas

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a year contract with Eagle’s Nest Veterinary Hospital for 2020 Animal Shelter Services for fees outlined in the agreement.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Building Inspector Joseph McMahon, Housing Inspector Kyle Burdo and Municipal Code Inspector James Welch to attend the 25th Annual Northern Adirondack Continuing Education Conference promoting the Code Officials Role as a “First Preventer” in Lake Placid, New York from March 2-5, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$975. This codes education conference provides mandatory training hours to retain Code Enforcement Certification. And will be paid out of the 2020 Building Inspector Training and Education budget.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Moore indicated he feels they need to pick an option and vote on Cogan Avenue project next week.

Councilor Barbell spoke about Opengov software and thanked the Opengov representatives for presentations he attended this week.

Councilor Moore received constituent complaints about skunks and raccoons living at 15 Couch Street, another about street lights out on corner of Margaret/Elm and one on Margaret in front of Press Republican.

Councilor Gibbs received constituent complaint that they can’t set up auto pay and who should they contact. Chamberlain Marks advised her to have constituent contact Finance office and they will assist.

Councilor McFarlin received constituent complaint that light is too bright in his Ward.

Mayor Read reminded Councilors they should call his office with any constituent complaints and Beth will log them in and get them to the appropriate department for handling.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Sue Ralston, resident of Cogan Avenue asked if the city has to apply or wait for Federal funding and if so would that delay project.

Mayor Read indicated CHIPS funding is funded by the State and grant a certain amount each year for these type of bigger projects and it is already pre-approved.

Rich Comins, 72 Cogan Avenue, submitted petition regarding Cogan Avenue project signed by residents and spoke about the Cogan Avenue project. The petition is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, DeDominicas, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)





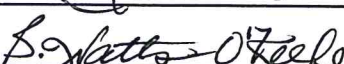
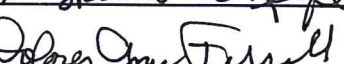
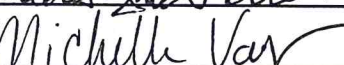

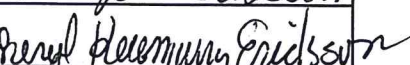
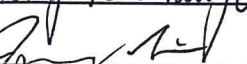

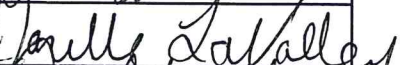
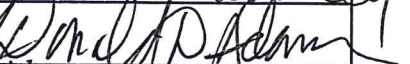


MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:04 pm

Cogan Ave Reconstruction Project Petition

We, the residents of Cogan Ave and adjacent streets, petition the city to advise ALL residents effected by the Cogan Avenue Reconstruction Project of any and all discussions, meetings or plans that may affect the properties on, or adjacent to, Cogan Ave.

Recently plans for a reconstruction of Cogan Ave, that has the potential to create huge burdens for homeowners, came to light with little or no notice to the public. Most of the residents on the affected street had no knowledge of a meeting that had taken place the week prior and had little or no notice of a second meeting which was open for public comments.

As homeowners/tax-payers/voters within this residential neighborhood, we would like the City Council to advise us of all changes and/or decisions made on any projects that impact our street, family and our daily lives. We would also expect that we are properly notified and allowed to voice our opinions and/or suggestions prior to any decisions throughout these projects.

Name	Address	Signature
RACH COMINS	72 COGAN	
Kara Koch	81 Cogan	
Ronald L. Kushan	80 Cogan	
Thomas V. O'Keefe	48 COGAN	
Barbara Watts-O'Keefe	48 Cogan	
Dolores Ann Farrell	71 Cogan	
Michelle Vaughn	67 Cogan	
PHILIP T. ERICKSON	57 COGAN	
Ceryl Hellmuth ^{Erickson}	57 Cogan	
Jeremy Martin	59 Cogan	
Bethany Martin	59 Cogan	
Janette Lalley	56 Cogan	
Donald D. Adams	60 Cogan	
Harry D. Dungan	39 Cogan	
Shai Willie	23 Cogan	

Cogan Ave Reconstruction Project Options Petition

We, the residents of Cogan Ave and adjacent streets, petition the city to add more options to the Cogan Avenue Reconstruction.



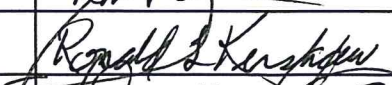
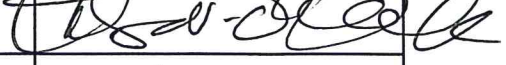


Recently plans for a reconstruction of Cogan Ave, that has the potential to create huge burdens for homeowners, came to light with little or no notice to the public. The City was ONLY given 3 possible designs which included the following:

- 1) Painted lines on both sides of the road for pedestrian traffic. This would eliminate ALL on street parking but lawns would remain intact.
- 2) Sidewalks on 1 side of the street, which would allow on-street parking, but would infringe on the lawns/landscaping on that side and make homeowners responsible for clearing sidewalks.
- 3) Sidewalks on both sides of the street, which would allow on-street parking, but would infringe on the lawns/landscaping on both sides and make homeowners responsible for clearing sidewalks.

As homeowners/tax-payers/voters in this residential neighborhood, we would like the City Council to, at minimal, add a 4th option of simply fixing the water/sewer and repaving the street, without the additions, as has been promised since at least 2016.

- 4) ONLY fix the water/sewer issues and repave the street without taking away on-street parking or adding sidewalks.

The City Council should also revisit the Cogan Ave Reconstruction Project with the input of the residents and sit down again with designers to come up with a less burdensome plan to the residents of this area.

Name	Address	Option #1,2,3 or 4	Signature
RICH GMIN'S	72 COGAN	4	
Dana Peck	81 Cogan	4	
Ronald Kershaw	80 Cogan	4	
Thomas D'Adda	48 Cogan	TRD	
Barbara Watts-O'Keefe	48 Cogan	TRD	
Dolores Ann Farrell	Cogan	4	

Name	Address	Option #1,2,3 or 4	Signature
Michelle Vaughn	67 Cogan	4	Michelle Vaughn
Cheryl Hellmuth ^{Ericksen}	57 Cogan Ave	4	Cheryl Hellmuth Ericksen
PHILIP T ERICKSON	57 COGAN AVE	4	Philip T Ericksen
Jeremy Martin	59 Cogan Ave	4	Jeremy Martin
Bethany Martin	59 Cogan Ave	4	Bethany Martin
Janelle LaValley	56 Cogan Ave	4	Janelle LaValley
Donald D. Adams	60 Cogan	4	Donald D Adams
Bunny Vaughn	67 Cogan	4	Bunny Vaughn
Shedrick Jenkins	74 Coga	4	Shedrick Jenkins
Harry D. Duggan	39 Cogan	4	Harry D Duggan
J.M. JANSON	29 Cogan	4 !!!	J.M. Janson
S. Williams	23 Cogan	4	S. Williams
Wayne Beeber	21 Cogan	4	Wayne Beeber
Amelia Coerlitz	19 Cogan	4	Amelia Coerlitz
FELTON BREWSTER	11 COGAN	B4	Felton Brewster
CATHERINE DONATO	11 Cogan Ave	4	Catherine Donato
Stephanie Becharf	9 Cogan Ave	4	Stephanie Becharf
Leanne M. Surry	65 Cogan Ave	4	Leanne M Surry
Jason Greer	14 Cogan Ave	4	Jason Greer
Bob Thomp	26 Cogan	4	Bob Thomp
Thomas Wolosz	28 Cogan Ave	4	Thomas Wolosz
Jenelle Pachter	34 Cogan Avenue	4	Jenelle Pachter
Jason Pachter	34 Cogan Avenue	4	Jason Pachter
Michael A Bean	38 Cogan Avenue	4	Michael A Bean
Jeff Blackburn	40 Cogan Ave	4	Jeff Blackburn
Christina Blackburn	40 Cogan Ave	4	Christina Blackburn

