

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JULY 25, 2019  
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
4:30PM**

**Roll Call:** Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Ensel and Mayor Read

**Others Present:** Councilor Armstrong and Councilor Moore

**Absent:** Councilor Kelly and Councilor McFarlin

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**1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:**

1. Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2019

**Police Chief Ritter** shared and explained activity reports with Council

[further discussion ensued]

**Fire Chief Lawliss** spoke about staffing, working on streamlining training, etc.

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**2. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

1. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy PMLD Bid #2019-6-1 "Protection Avenue Underground Construction" be awarded to Northline Utilities in the amount of \$541,925.

Discussion: Yes

2. Request that the Mayor be authorized be to sign the following with regards to the Proposed Wilcox Dock Marina:

- State of New York Office of General Service (OGS) Submerged Land License Agreement (License Number LUW02185)
- U.S Army Corps of Engineers Permit Agreement for Permit Application No. NAN-2018-01231-UCO
- Sign and Submit the New York State DEC Notice of Intent to Initiate Project Construction for DEC Permit #5-0913-00073/00007

Discussion: Yes

3. Request from Director of Community Development Matthew Miller that the Mayor is authorized to sign a professional services agreement with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates, P.C. for design, engineering, bidding, and administrative services related to the expansion of the City's Broad Street parking lot for a cost not to exceed \$28,100. Payment shall be made from the Parking Fund.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Mayor Read

(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Ensel, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. OLD BUSINESS: None**

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**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Gibbs** spoke about fire pits in back yards, would like to amend code to ban/prohibit back yard fire pits.

**Corporation Counsel Schneller** indicated it would need to go through Local Law process, public hearing, etc. He would need to research and review first amendment rights, religious reasons, etc. Explained current law and possible options.

**Councilor Ensel** mentioned majority of complaints are safety and respiratory health of other residents.

**Councilor Armstrong** asked who would respond to complaints.

**Police Chief Ritter** indicated Police Department would respond.

**Councilor Gibbs** asked Police Chief for background on why blotter is no longer accessible on website.

**Police Chief Ritter** indicated they had a software upgrade which didn't support the script that was written special for the website and to have that done it would cost a few thousand dollars and he didn't feel it was worth spending the money on that. They fax information to media daily.

**Mayor Read** indicated in researching Socrata it may be a feature available through that system.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Mayor Read

(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Ensel, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:02pm**