

**CITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
JULY 9, 2020
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:15 PM**

Roll Call: Chair Councilor Moore; Councilor Gibbs; Mayor Read

Others Present: Councilor Barbell, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Brodi, Councilor McFarlin

Absent: None

1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

1. **Environmental Manager Jon Ruff** gave various updates from his department.
2. **Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Mike Bessette** gave various updates.

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

1. Request from Mayor Read:

Whereas, the park joining Margaret Street to the west and Durkee Street to the east has long served as a pathway from the Strand Center for the Arts and the Durkee Street Parking Lot, and

Whereas, with development of the Durkee lot that will allow more people to live downtown and residents and visitors alike to finally access the river between the Veterans' and the Kennedy Bridges, and,

Whereas there will be a continuous greenspace and sculpture garden between the Strand Center for the Arts and the newly opened riverfront, and

Whereas, this Arts Walk will serve the City for decades to come, and

Whereas, Senator Betty Little has also served this City for decades as our State Senator, and is about to retire as the Arts Walk is about to be completed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the described greenspace between Margaret Street and Durkee Street shall be known as the Betty Little Arts Park.

2. Request from Councilor Gibbs and Councilor Barbell:

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh has the power and duty to adopt the annual budget and appropriate moneys; and

Whereas, the Common Council has the power and duty to make investigations into the affairs of the City and the conduct of any City department; and

Whereas, on June 11, 2020, the Mayor presented his 2021 budget and a public hearing on said proposed budget was completed on June 25, 2020; and

Whereas, the Common Council is now reviewing the Mayor’s proposed 2021 budget and as part of that review, requires information from particular City departments; and

Whereas, some information and data requested by the Common Council from particular City departments has not been provided to the Common Council in a timely manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 2020/2021 budget review, any written requests for data by any member of the Public Safety Committee which may impact the 2020/2021 budget shall be provided by the Department Heads from the respective Police Department, Fire Department or Building Inspector to the Public Safety Committee of the Common Council within seven calendar days of the written request.

3. Request from Project Coordinator Ethan Vinson that the Council accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program – 21 Bridge Street Renovations” for renovation work related to the 21 Bridge Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.
4. Request from Community Development Director Matthew Miller that the Common Council approves rejecting all bids received for “City of Plattsburgh: Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Arts Park”.
5. Request from Community Development Director Matthew Miller that the Common Council agrees to and authorizes the execution of the First Amendment to the Host Agreement between the City, the Adirondack Coast Visitor’s Bureau, and B.A.S.S., LLC for the 2020 Bassmaster Elite Series fishing tournament to be held between July 30 and August 2, 2020.

By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Moore; Councilor Gibbs; Mayor Read
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor Gibbs asked Public Works if removal of trees for Cogan Street project will happen this year or with project when done in 2021.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Mike Bessette indicated it will be part of project in 2021.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(RC) Roll call: Chair Councilor Moore; Councilor Gibbs; Mayor Read
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:49 pm