

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:15 PM**

Roll Call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read

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

Absent: None

1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

Police Chief Ritter gave updates and answered Councilor questions from Police Department.

Fire Chief Lawliss gave updates and answered Councilor questions from Fire Department.

Building Inspector McMahon gave updates and answered Councilor questions from Building Inspectors office.

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

1. Request from Community Development office that the Mayor be authorized to sign a Memo of Understanding with GNG Fitness Training, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel, to allow for their use of the Oval Fields for their Youth Football program for the fall of 2020.

2. Request from Councilor Gibbs:

Request from the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.58, 2016 Saranac River Trail – Phase II, to include funding from the Sewer Fund of \$270,000 and to decrease the General Fund additional bonding requirement, needed to complete the project construction, from \$1,236,363 to \$966,363. The General Fund additional bonding requirement was approved for the amount of \$588,267 on September 5th, 2019, and this request adds another \$378,096 to provide approval for that total General Fund bonding addition of \$966,363 needed to complete the project.

3. Request from Councilor Gibbs:

Request from the Director of Community Development that:

WHEREAS, the Common Council has been presented with a revised capital project resolution amending the funding sources for capital project H5110.58, 2016 Saranac River Trail – Phase II, which includes funding from the Sewer Fund.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the construction contract for “Saranac River Trail Phase 2” be awarded to the low bidder, Luck Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$3,098,501.31 and authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

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

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. OLD BUSINESS: None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Barbell added the following resolution:

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, upon receipt of the revised invoice, the Common Council determines that the referenced fees were proper and necessarily incurred in connection with the review of the pending applications, and hereby approves paying the invoices referenced on the Open Invoices Report dated September 24, 2020 from Barclay Damon in the amount of \$20,000; and it is further

RESOLVED: that the Common Council authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals signing of a Letter of Engagement with Barclay Damon dated April 24, 2020, and authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeal to sign a revised Letter of Engagement dated September 24, 2020; and it is further

RESOLVED: that the Common Council terminates the investigation into the chairperson of the zoning board of appeals hiring of a law firm from Buffalo NY on or about April 24 2020 in connection with the Durkee Lot mixed use development required by the resolution dated September 3, 2020 effective immediately; and it is further

RESOLVED: that the City Chamberlain shall adjust the 2020 General Fund budget by transferring appropriations of \$26,000.00 from Contingency to Zoning Contract Services to provide for unbudgeted legal fees incurred by Zoning Board of Appeals from April of 2020 for special counsel services related to their review of the Durkee St. development under the City’s DRI funding project.

Motion to move the resolution to the Regular Meeting of the Common Council Agenda:

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Roll call: Chair Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Barbell and Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:48 pm