

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

**August 6, 2009  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 30, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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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 August 5, 2009 in the amount of \$250,052.07 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 Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 30-August 5, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from February 25- August 3, 2009

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$211,278.64 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

None

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**7. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves SUNY Plattsburgh to have one way vehicular traffic on Rugar Street on Saturday August 22, 2009 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to allow the students to move in.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Rabideau  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the appropriation of \$1,348,000 to Capital Project 2009 General Street Resurfacing Project H5110.25.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a grant agreement for HFTC Program Number 20093198 for \$500,000 with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal under the HOME program for housing rehabilitation.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a mortgage subordination agreement for property purchased with the assistance of the Community Development Office housing revolving loan program funds.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Valentine  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**E. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF METER READER TO PAMELA STRONG EFFECTIVE AUGUST 10, 2009.**

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ramon Ramirez, a licensed vendor in the City of Plattsburgh to rent space on one of the vacant squares near Ashley's Furniture on Bridge Street until August 30, 2009.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

1. Request from Jason Coryer of 11 Helen Street to hold a block party on August 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.
2. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MLD FINANCE DIRECTOR TO KELLY CLOOKEY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2009.
3. Request from the City Chamberlain for a transfer of \$84,567.54 from the Fire Departments Separation Pay Fund to the Judgments & Claims-Contract Services Fund.
4. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend the MEUA Annual Meeting from

September 15-18, 2009 in Corning, NY at an estimated cost of \$775.00. Additionally requests that he be designated as the authorized voting representative for the City of Plattsburgh for casting a vote on transactions brought before the meeting.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councilor Valentine** invited the Council to visit the Recreation Department and see all the new changes and updates that have been done. Valentine also announced the ceremony for the mural that is on the side of the Clinton County Government Building which will take place on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**Councilor Jackson** announced that there will be a work session to discuss the Charter changes on Tuesday August 11 in City Hall at 5:30 pm. Jackson also announced that on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> the public will be able to pay their water, sewer, electric bills online. As well as their refuse bill. The public will be able to view past history rates and turn their services on and off.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said that updating the website and being able to pay bills online was one of his priorities when he was elected to office. It is in the best interest of all the residents to have this option.

**Councilor Calnon** said although it is not completely free. Calnon said that when you pay certain bills out of your checking account it costs 80 cents but the cost of a stamp and or a trip to the Finance Department is well within that range. Credit cards charge a slight cost too but then they always do.

**Councilor Valentine** thanked the City Departments for taking a lead on Lakeside Apartments and putting pressure on the property owner and making him accountable for the horrible conditions.

**Councilor Kelly** thanked Mr. Ramirez for being where he was and adding a little flavor to downtown and wished he would stay longer.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Bucky Seiden** a Plattsburgh resident announced that there would be a grand viewing of the mural that has been being developed on the side of the County Building. The grand viewing will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The project was started a year ago when there was discussion about the Quadricentennial and what can be done to make it memorable. All the 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Clinton County developed the mural. Each school had a timeline and they were to develop posters for that timeline using key people, events, transportation, jobs etc. Then the posters were sorted and they picked which pictures would go on the tiles to become part of the mural. The mural is 38 feet by 9 feet long and will last forever.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 6:00 pm