

**GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5, 2020
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA
4:15 PM**

Roll Call: Councilor Barbell, Councilor Brodi, Mayor Read

Others Present:

Absent:

1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

1. Council will hold 2021 Budget Sessions with Community Development and City Clerk Departments.

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

1. Request from Project Coordinator Ethan Vinson that Council accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bid for “Downtown Grant Program – 33 Bridge Street Apartment Renovations” for renovation work related to the 33 Bridge Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.
2. Request from Project Coordinator Ethan Vinson that Council accepts and authorizes the property owner to enter into a contract with the lowest priced, qualified selected bids for the “Downtown Grant Program – 15 Clinton Street Renovations” for electrical, roofing, sprinkler system & water main service renovation work related to the 15 Clinton Street project pursuant to the Downtown Grant Program Administrative Plan.
3. Request from the Public Safety Citizen’s Review Panel that the Common Council extend the deadline of December 31, 2020, set forth in the Common Council resolution of June 25, 2020, which created the Public Safety Citizen’s Review Panel, for ratification or adoption of the plan based on the recommendations of this Panel, which is required by Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 203, to be completed on April 1, 2021.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CASES FILED BY GEORGIA PACIFIC CONSUMER OPERATIONS, LLC.

WHEREAS, Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations, LLC (“Petitioner”), filed Article 7 Real Property Assessment Review cases against the City challenging the 2016 through 2020 assessments on real property located at Margaret Street, Weed Street and Cumberland Avenue, City of Plattsburgh, New

York, and identified as the five following Tax Map Parcel Nos.: 207.8-1-17, 207.8-1-16, 207.11-1-27, 207.12-3-3, 207.11-1-24; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interests of the City to avoid the significant costs that would result if the litigation continues to Trial; and

WHEREAS, the following settlement terms which the Council believes to be fair, equitable and advantageous to the City, have been negotiated with Petitioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the proposed settlement of the tax assessment cases filed by Petitioner for the 2016 through 2020 assessment rolls as follows:

- 1) The 2016 and 2017 Proceedings will be dismissed in their entirety without reduction of the assessments or refunds.
- 2) The 2018, 2019 and 2020 assessments on Tax Map Parcels #207.8-1-16 and #207.8-1-17 shall be reduced to a combined assessment of \$11,000,000, with refunds to be paid accordingly.
- 3) The combined assessed value on Tax Map Parcels #207.8-1-16 and #207.8-1-17 will be set at \$11,000,000 for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 assessment rolls, with the exceptions set forth at RPTL Section 727(2) to apply.
- 4) The assessments on Tax Map Parcels 207.11-1-24, 207.12-3-3 and 207.11-1-27 shall not be reduced and shall remain at their current assessments through the 2023 assessment roll, with the exceptions set forth at RPTL Section 727(2) to apply.

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that unless otherwise ordered by the Court, refunds based upon the assessment reductions shall be paid without interest provided they are paid within ninety (90) days after Petitioner serves a copy of the filed Stipulation and Order of Settlement on the City and other municipal taxing authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Common Council further authorizes and directs the Mayor, City Assessor, Corporation Counsel and/or its Special Counsel to execute settlement documents and take any additional steps necessary to effectuate the settlement in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Councilor Brodi, Mayor Read

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Councilor Brodi, Mayor Read

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____