

**THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2021, 5:00pm
Chairperson: Councilor Gibbs
Members: Councilors Tallon, Moore, Mayor Rosenquest**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Rosenquest, Councilors Gibbs, Tallon, Moore, Kelly, Canales [*arrived after Roll Call*]

Absent: Councilor McFarlin

1. Approval of minutes (if applicable)

2. Mayor

2.1. Discussion: “Department’s comprehensive COVID 19 plans”

Discussions and Mayor Rosenquest indicated have received NYS individual department plans except one.

2.2. Discussion: “Drug/alcohol testing policy”

Mayor Rosenquest indicated any changes to drug/alcohol testing policy require negotiation in Collective Bargaining Agreements and could have legal ramifications.

2.3. Discussion: “Creating a strategic plan for Fire, Police and Code Enforcement.”

Mayor Rosenquest began discussions and vision for what this plan may look like.

3. Building Inspector

3.1. Draft Resolution: “Adopting fine schedule for 2020 Local Law P-5 (Alarm System Permit)”(page 1)

3.2. Report: “Complaints/violations report December 30, 2020-January 19, 2021” (page 2-3)

3.3. Discussion: “Department Report”

Discussions of report, questions about requirement that property owners clear their sidewalks, what is considered “infirmated.”

3.4. Discussion: “Status of new Building Inspector and fee structure”

Mayor Rosenquest began discussion on fee structure, will reach out to Landlord/Tenant committee to see if they need more members, committee purpose is to come up with fee structure, the committee needs to propose recommendations soon in order to implement.

4. Fire Department

4.1. Discussion: "Department Report"

Discussions of status of Safer Grant, Chief gave updates and would like to pursue other grants.

5. Police

5.1. Report: "Public Safety Citizens Review Panel" (page 4)

Discussions of the panel, purpose, and when Council will receive recommendations/report etc.

5.2. Discussion: "Department Report"

Discussions and request that Blotter Report be made available to Council and on website.

6. New business

6.1. Discussion: "Other councilor discussions"

Discussions of constituent concern of construction next door to property, obtaining a grant writer for city, received update of Landlord/Tenant committee from Councilor Kelly and further discussion on Landlord/Tenant committee.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:13pm

RESOLUTION 3.1 – 01/19/21

RESOLUTION: Adopting fine schedule for 2020 Local Law P-5 (Alarm System Permit) (page 2)

BY: Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, the Common Council adopted Local Law P-5 of 2020 which amended and replaced in its entirety Chapter 116 “Alarm Systems” as set forth in City Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 116-3 of said Local Law requires any person owning or operating an Alarm System to apply for a permit from the Zoning and Code Enforcement Department; and

WHEREAS, a fee may be required for the initial registration and any renewals of the Alarm System Permit, which fees will be set by Council resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Building Inspector and upon the recognition of the mandatory fine schedule set forth in Section 116-8 of said Local Law, the fee for the initial registration and renewal of the Alarm System Permit shall be \$ 0 (zero dollars) for 2021.

Approved by the **Public Safety Committee** at its meeting held on **January 19, 2021**

Motion By Councilor Moore; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll Call: All voted in the affirmative

Absent: None

Motion carried

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DEPARTMENT: Building Inspector

REPORTING PERIOD: 12/30/20 TO 01/19/21

COMPLAINT/VIOLATION TYPE	TOTAL REPORTED
GARBAGE	3
PARKING	2
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	3
SNOW	13
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	21
REPORT TOTALS	21

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 DEPARTMENT: Building Inspector REPORTING PERIOD: 12/30/20 TO 01/19/21 CREATED
 COMPLAINT/VIOLATION CASE COMMENT AREA SOURCE RESPONSIBLE PARTY SEVERITY COMPLAINED

2128 108 MILLER ST SEVERITY 0 NEIL FESETTE 01/04/2021
 VIOLATION GARBAGE OVERFLOWING TRASH CANS. LOOSE TRASH IN YARD. AREA COMPLI BY COMPLIED 15 DAYS OPEN
 GARBAGE SEVERITY 0

STEPS ACTION TYPE STATUS NOTICE SCHEDULED STARTED COMPLETED
 INITIAL INSPECT NEW 01/05/21
 NOTICE INSPECTION NEW
 REINSPECT DONE 01/08/21
 ORDER PICK UP OTHER NEW
 INSPECTION INSPECTOR REQUESTED SCHEDULED RESULTS FEE AMOUNT
 COMPLAINT NICK WALKER 01/05/21 01/05/21 .00
 COMPLAINT NICK WALKER .00
 COMPLAINT/VIOLATION TOTALS .00

2142 108 MILLER ST SEVERITY 0 NEIL FESETTE 01/12/2021
 VIOLATION PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PHONE CALL 0 COMPLI BY COMPLIED 7 DAYS OPEN
 SMOKE/ANIMAL ODOR AFFECTING RESIDENTS IN APARTMENT BUILDING; FEEDING ANIMALS OUTSIDE ROUTINELY. AREA

STEPS ACTION TYPE STATUS NOTICE SCHEDULED STARTED COMPLETED
 INITIAL INSPECT NEW 01/14/21
 NOTICE INSPECTION NEW
 FOLLOW UP NEW
 ORDER REMEDY NEW
 APPEARANCE TICKET OTHER NEW
 INSPECTION INSPECTOR REQUESTED SCHEDULED RESULTS FEE AMOUNT
 COMPLAINT NICK WALKER 01/14/21 01/14/21 .00
 COMPLAINT NICK WALKER .00
 COMPLAINT/VIOLATION TOTALS .00

2135 14 HAMILTON ST SEVERITY 0 MARY E STEWART 01/04/2021
 VIOLATION PARKING CONTINUES TO PARK ON LAWN AREA COMPLI BY COMPLIED 15 DAYS OPEN
 SEVERITY 0

STEPS ACTION TYPE STATUS NOTICE SCHEDULED STARTED COMPLETED
 INITIAL INSPECTION NEW 01/05/21
 NOTICE INSPECTION NEW
 REINSPECT INSPECTION NEW
 APPEARANCE TICKET OTHER NEW
 INSPECTION INSPECTOR REQUESTED SCHEDULED RESULTS FEE AMOUNT
 COMPLAINT JIM WELCH 01/05/21 01/05/21 .00



To: Mayor Rosenquist and Councilor Gibbs

For: Public Safety Committee scheduled for 1/19

From: Public Safety Panel

We would like to update you at the beginning of this New Year with our current status.

Our Panel has reviewed the Plattsburgh Police Department policies as they pertain to the Executive Order and already Chief Ritter made some amendments and a few details/consistencies will be made before our notice to the Community and subsequent revisions and recommendation to the Council.

We conducted a communitywide written survey and have analyzed the results. We held a focus group for the current staff at the Police Department and have those results. We held open focus groups for the community at large as well as a session for our BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community. Answers to the written as well as in-person surveys are being aggregated into the five primary focus areas we will present our recommendations in. We will complete that this month.

Moving to weekly meetings, we are focused on presenting our recommendations by mid-February to the Community with a 10-day turn around in order for us to complete our recommendations to the Council no later than the first week of March.

Throughout this entire process, our Panel has allowed Public Comment at the end of our meetings whether in person or virtual as it has had to be since Thanksgiving with the rising COVID-19 numbers in our County.

Please address any thoughts/concerns to any member of our Panel.