

At 4:42 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matter on Fire Department Manning clause.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Gibbs, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilor McFarlin voted in the negative)

At 4:42 pm Councilor Kelly arrived after roll call and joined Executive Session

Returned at 5:25pm

Returned from Executive Session discussed ongoing litigation matter on Fire Department Manning clause and matters affecting individual persons. No action was taken during Executive Session.

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

July 3, 2019

5:30 P.M.

**MINUTES'**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Invited everyone to come enjoy July 4<sup>th</sup> and Mayors Cup events beginning tomorrow and ending Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on June 27, 2019 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(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 July 3 2019 in the amount of \$ 550,830.81 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 Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of June 27 – July 1, 2019
- Minutes from the Public Safety Committee held on June 27, 2019
- Report from the City Clerk’s Office of all monies received during the month of June 2019 in the total amount of \$8,297.25

**Mayor Read** thanked Building Inspector Joe McMahon for proactive reports.

• **COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Armstrong deferred to Councilor McFarlin he indicated met tonight moved items forward to agenda discussed possible Burn Ban in future.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Moore looking forward to July 4<sup>th</sup> and Mayors Cup events

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly started 2020 Budget cycle, spoke about upcoming Budget process.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Gibbs indicated no updates, meetings scheduled with Chief Ritter and Chief Lawliss

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Ensel indicated no updates.

**MLD - MLD Board President** Councilor McFarlin indicated no updates.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk’s Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs  
(All in Favor/opposed)  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending July 5, 2019 in the amount of **\$ 499,017.24** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby

authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Moore  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**Unidentified Speaker** spoke about Item G “Environmental Impact” feels Planning Board should have been made Lead Agency not Council and further spoke about her concerns for Durkee Street project and Prime companies.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with OptumHealth Care Solutions, LLC for the City to participate in OptumHealth’s Fitness Passport Program.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilors Armstrong and McFarlin voted in the negative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. WHEREAS;** The City of Plattsburgh is committed to securing funding to develop a coordinated, comprehensive plan for Harborside;

WHEREAS; Funds are available to support a Master Plan through the 2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Application through the New York State Department of State’s (DOS) Local Waterfront Revitalization Funds to support such activities;

WHEREAS; The City of Plattsburgh is aware of the match required by DOS and agrees to provide the funding and the oversight to execute the grant according to the timeline outlined in the application;

RESOLVED; City of Plattsburgh Mayor Colin Read is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from, and enter into, and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance for the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilors Gibbs and McFarlin voted in the negative)

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

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**C. MAYOR NAMES TIMOTHY SURPITSKI AS DESIGNATED ASSESSOR FOR THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 FOR A SIX YEAR TERM PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW 310.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

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**D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN GIRARD TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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

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**E. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MALANA TAMER TO PLANNER AT A BASE SALARY OF \$60,852 RANGE 6, STEP 7 WITH LEVEL 3 MANAGER BENEFITS FOR A MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS PER WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2019.**

**Mayor Read** indicated higher salary then predecessor due to work week is based on 40 hours not 35 hours.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilors Gibbs, Ensel and McFarlin voted in the negative. Mayor Read broke the Tie in the affirmative.)

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

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Sharp Point to design and construct a movable band pavilion as part of capital project H5110.68, 2019 Monument Stage at a cost not to exceed \$98,579.00.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore  
(Councilors Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel and Moore voted in the affirmative. Councilors Armstrong and McFarlin voted in the negative)

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

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign a consulting agreement with The Chazen Companies to complete a Generic Environmental Impact Statement that will assess the impacts of several projects related to the DRI and a traffic study that will assess the impacts of planned changes to the City's downtown parking configuration.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:**

**Councilor Kelly** responded to misconceptions earlier speaker had about Prime Companies.

**Councilor Ensel** mentioned spoke to a local Real Estate Business owner and this type of project is in high demand.

[further discussion ensued]

**Councilor Gibbs** mentioned that based on misinformation and false statements out about the Durkee Street project, she and Councilor Moore are going to go out in to the downtown community on Friday afternoon and engage with business owners.

**Mayor Read** appreciated them going out in to community.

**Councilor Kelly** mentioned he has a friend who owns a restaurant downtown who didn't realize the Durkee Street project was going to bring more residents downtown and thanked councilors for doing public outreach.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Joan Janson** spoke further about Prime Companies project asked Council to be skeptical and look out for City and taxpayers. Also, she is a volunteer on the Livable Community Advisory Committee and her subcommittee requested a meeting with Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi to ask questions not to have to send questions via Councilor Moore and Mayor Read.

**Mayor Read** asked Ms. Janson to come to City Infrastructure Committee meeting and ask questions for Public Works then.

[further discussion ensued]

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Gibbs, Ensel, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:36 pm**