

At 5:12 pm Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a specific employee and potential litigation.
By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)

Returned at 5:45 pm
Councilor McFarlin indicated returned from Executive Session discussed a specific employee, ongoing litigation and no decisions made.
Corporation Counsel Dean Schneller clarified there was one action taken and minutes are as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
April 23, 2020

During Executive Session the following motion was adopted

Motion that Municipal Lighting Department Manager Bill Treacy is authorized to sign a Confidential Settlement Agreement between the City of Plattsburgh Municipal Lighting Department and North Country Data Center Corporation (NCDCC), Case No. 19-E-0713 (941259 and 953952), under terms described in agreement.

By Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

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

April 23, 2020
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance
(RC)

Present: Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Ira Barbell (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Elizabeth Gibbs (W3), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Jeff Moore (W6) [*Councilor Moore lost Zoom connection joined meeting at 5:49pm*]

Absent: None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on April 16, 2020 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

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

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 22, 2020 in the amount of \$ 486,620.07 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 Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report from the Building Inspector’s office for the week of April 15 - 21, 2020
- Minutes from the Finance & Budget Committee meeting held on April 16, 2020
- Reports from the Police Department dated April 20, 2020
- Report from Nuisance Animal Control dated April 16, 2020

COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[meeting reports provided during work session]

Governance, Strategy, and City Operations- Chair Councilor Barbell indicated no new updates.

City Infrastructure – Chair Councilor Moore asked for updates at Water Resource Recovery Facility. **Environmental Manager Jon Ruff** gave updates.

Finance and Budget – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated no new updates. Mentioned there are budget adjustments on agenda this evening.

Public Safety – Chair Councilor Gibbs met earlier this week with Fire Chief Lawliss and Police Chief Ritter. Impressed by initiatives the Chiefs are doing.

Plattsburgh Public Library – Chair Councilor McFarlin indicated no new updates.

MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin indicated no new updates. MLD Board meeting next Thursday, April 30, 2020.

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending April 24, 2020 in the amount of \$ 2,807,732.39 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 McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
(All in Favor/opposed)
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mayor Read indicated on Youtube Live Chat comments it said “if the common counsel gets benefits like insurance for their half hour work every week. Why did you cut that, it used residents wanted to get elected to make a change, and not collect a check.”

Mayor Read and Chamberlain Marks indicated no the Council does not receive health insurance benefits.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change Order No. 4 to the “Post Remediation Monitoring and Final Engineering Report” contract with C.T. Male in the amount of \$2,600.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Barbell
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin
(All voted in the affirmative) [*Councilor Moore lost Zoom connection at 5:53pm*]
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

[*Councilor Moore returned with Zoom connection at 5:54pm*]

B. Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 has made it difficult to impossible to predict what types of public gatherings are advisable;

Whereas as a result of this inability to predict, the 2020 July 4 parade must be cancelled. In addition, the community-based Battle of Plattsburgh committee recommends the 2020 Battle of Plattsburgh celebration will in all likelihood not occur;

Therefore be it resolved that the following Budget Adjustment be made, with the understanding that these funds can be restored to their original budget lines at any time if pandemic conditions improve:

- Decrease: General Fund - Appropriated Fund Balance 1-0599 118,000.00
- Decrease: General Fund – Celebrations 17550000-4430 53,000.00
- Decrease: General Fund – Celebrations Battle of Platts. 17551000-4430 65,000.00

To provide for reduced appropriations in the General Fund from the cancellation of the City events for the year 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This adjustment will decrease the General Fund budgeted appropriations by \$118,000.00 in 2020.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. Whereas the City Beach is unlikely to open with normal operations in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic,

Therefore be it resolved that the following Budget Adjustment be made, with the understanding that these funds can be restored to their original budget lines at any time if pandemic conditions improve:

- Decrease: Rec Complex - Appropriated Fund Balance 2-0599 99,589.15
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Over-time 27215000-1200 660.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Temporary Pay 27215000-1300 72,205.49
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Mat. & Supplies 27215000-4330 7,342.49
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Electricity 27215000-4411 562.68
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Water 27215000-4412 1,300.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Sewer 27215000-4413 1,300.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Contract Services 27215000-4430 4,096.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Fees for Services 27215000-4440 1,280.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Equipment Repairs 27215000-4450 1,500.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Building Repairs 27215000-4451 2,000.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Beach Mat. & Supplies 27215000-4330 7,342.49

To reduce appropriations in the Rec Complex Fund through eliminating the remaining budgets for the Beach operations for the remainder of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This adjustment will decrease the Rec Complex Fund appropriated fund balance by \$99,589.15 in 2020, provided it represents an actual cash increase through reduced appropriations of estimated revenues within the Rec Complex Fund during the remainder of 2020.

Motion to waive reading and move Resolutions 7C & 7D

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Gibbs
(All voted in favor of waiving reading and move Resolutions 7C & 7D)

Discussion: Yes

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

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Whereas the City Marina is unlikely to open with normal operations in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic;

Therefore be it resolved that the following Budget Adjustment be made, with the understanding that these funds can be restored to their original budget lines at any time if pandemic conditions improve:

- Decrease: Rec Complex - Appropriated Fund Balance 2-0599 53,054.80
- Increase: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Regular Pay 27225000-1100 1,063.73
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Temporary Pay 27225000-1300 34,267.77
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Mat. & Supplies 27225000-4330 6,792.88
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Bldg. Supplies 27225000-4340 2,500.00
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Electricity 27225000-4411 1,972.09
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Water 27225000-4412 1,384.15
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Sewer 27225000-4413 1,402.22
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Contract Services 27225000-4430 4,799.42
- Decrease: Rec Complex Fund – Marina Equip. Repairs 27225000-4450 1,000.00

To reduce appropriations in the Rec Complex Fund through eliminating the remaining budgets for the Marina operations for the remainder of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This adjustment will decrease the Rec Complex Fund appropriated fund balance by \$53,054.80 in 2020, provided it represents an actual cash increase through reduced appropriations of estimated revenues within the Rec Complex Fund during the remainder of 2020.

[See details under Item 7C]

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None

10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Gibbs asked if Mayor had any insight from Governor’s office on opening up different sections of NY and whose going to be deciding and if there is talk of anything in this area.

Mayor Read he does think there is someone designated for Northern NY not sure who that is. They haven't contacted the City yet. He feels it will be a very elaborate and scientific process. One thing we know is the PAUSE NY is until May 15th and he would be highly surprised if it wasn't extended beyond that.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:

Mayor Read indicated on Youtube Live Chat comments they asked if Mayor will create a Covid19 committee to oversee the reopening of the CITY.

Mayor Read there is a COVID 19 Public safety committee and from what he understands these will be decisions made at the Governor's level.

Mayor Read indicated on Youtube Live Chat comments claims we have over 38 people making over \$100,000 a year in the city but we are furloughing the lowest paid jobs.

Mayor Read asked **Chamberlain Marks** to confirm that there are not over 38 people making over \$100,000 in the city. And who actually is furloughed is a determination made by the unions from the list of various titles based on various criteria of what is essential and what is not essential services in the city.

Chamberlain Richard Marks indicated we have 21 employees making over \$100,000 in the city.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Gibbs; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll Call: Councilors Barbell, Kelly, Gibbs, McFarlin, Moore

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:11 pm