

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, April 27, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.  
Common Council Regular Meeting  
Common Council Chambers

Roll call was taken.

PRESENT:

Mayor Keeler  
Council President McCarthy  
Council Member Smith  
Council Member Russell  
Council Member Briggs  
Council Member Biggs  
Council Member Alesio

EXCUSED:

None

Public Comment:

Doc Rivers, "I would like to express my appreciation for the Fire Department. They have helped me many times. They were there for my wife and myself."

Tim Thibodeau, Massachusetts Ave., "The letter sent from Fire Chief Fahd was a target letter. Some residents received it, and many did not. The Chief has access to send letters in bulk, the Council does not. There were about 2400 sent out. Why did he have access at taxpayer's expense?"

Randy Konifka, Bridge Ave., "I would like to commend the Common Council for taking action with the ambulance situation. Trying to provide an open and honest government with no leadership from the administration. Adams idea for a task force is wonderful.

Kevin Carmel, Fire Department, "Are there any answers regarding the heat at the Hill Station? The Chief said that the station is closing. Where are the ambulance going?"

Mayor Keeler, "The ambulance will be stationed at the Hill Station and/ or Central Ave. Station."

Kevin Carmel, "What about the firefighters on the Hill? Are you closing that Station?"

Mayor Keeler, "Something to think about. Would it hurt to have the ambulance at the Hill Station if closed?"

Council Member Smith, "If put the ambulance at the Hill Station, will the problems there be addressed?"

Mayor Keeler, "The ambulance company will address the issues."

Gil Ethier, I am concerned about Hill Station being closed. Need to have a study and think seriously about this.”

Doc Rivers, “A few weeks ago, I had an incident and needed help. The Fire Department responded immediately. They waited with me. It took 1 ½ hours for an ambulance to respond.”

Mayor Keeler, “That is relatively rare. We are looking at all options.”

Steve Napier, Director of Community Development gave the quarterly report.

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 14, and February 28, 2023, and March 28, 2023, meetings. Council Member Biggs seconded the motion. All members voted “AYE”. The motion passed.

Ordinance No. 2 for 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESURACING AND/OR REPAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF COHOES

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 2 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted “AYE”. Council Member Smith voted “NAY”. Ordinance No. 2 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 24 for 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS OF NEW YORK, INC. REGARDING THE COLUMBIA STREET PHASE II SEWER SEPARATION AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COORIDOR PROJECT

Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 24 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted “AYE”. Resolution No. 24 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 25 for 2023

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM NATIONAL GRID’S URBAN CENTER/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE SARATOGA STREET PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY AND COMMERCIAL CORRICOR ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 25 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted “AYE”. Resolution No. 25 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 26 for 2023

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO 40 C.F.R. PARTS 5 AND 7 FOR THE PROMPT AND FAIR RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 26 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Biggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 26 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 27 for 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE CITY HALL ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT PHASE I

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 27 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 27 for 2023 passed.

Council Member Biggs requested a MOTION to bring a Resolution to the floor entitled:

A RESOLUTION FORMING AN EMS TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP A SOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF COHOES EMS NEEDS. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPRISED OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS. THE TASK FORCE WILL PRESENT A PLAN TO THE COUNCIL BY DECEMBER 31, 2023

Council Member Smith made a MOTION to allow the Resolution. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". The Motion passed.

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve the above Resolution. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". The Resolution passed.

Resolution No. 28 for 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH AMBULANZ NYE, LLC FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

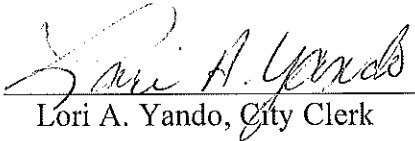
Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 28 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy and Council Members Russell, Briggs and Alesio voted "AYE". Council Members Smith and Biggs voted "NAY." Resolution No. 28 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 29 for 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEASE OF ONE 2024 FREIGHTLINER MUNTED WITH CAMEL MAX COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER VACUUM JET HX FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Council Member Smith made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 29 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy and Council Members Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Council Member Smith voted "NAY". Resolution No. 29 for 2023 passed.

At 7:26 PM, Council Member Smith made a MOTION to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE".

  
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Lori A. Yando, City Clerk