

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, July 25, 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 Alesio

EXCUSED:

Council Member Biggs

Mayor Keeler, "Felthousen's Florist was sold last year, and the owners are looking forward to retirement. Property was purchased by a developer who wants to put in townhouses fronting Columbia St., as well as on two other adjacent parcels already owned. Columbia Gardens "Phase 3", 40 units are anticipated. DEC has advised us that the necessary permits have been approved for the Floating Solar project. We remain on schedule for 2024 installation. Contracts are due on Friday for the Fire Site on Remsen St. Mosaic Village, 55 Sergeant St., has been the source of significant Code violations, including mold growing inside a handful of apartments. Management hasn't been quick to resolve the issues. As a result, NYS is reportedly considering pulling Mosaic's tax credits and Cohoes IDA is likewise discussing revoking local tax exemptions. 79 & 90 Delaware Ave. continue to be a drain on city resources while, like Mosaic, provide little in property taxes. The IDA is monitoring the disproportionate number of police and EMS calls. The building owner has been cooperative and responsive to the IDA's concerns. Nearby, Captain's Lookout is hoping to add two new building that were previously approved by local law. However, the developer wants to change the plan to more/smaller units and add a pool and clubhouse."

Public Comment:

Sean Van Sleet, Orchard, "I am concerned about the public safety in the city. CDTA has cut routes. My wife walks from the Orchard to Garner St. Twice she was approached by vagrants. She should not be subject to that. I wish there were more patrols in Cohoes.

Randy Konifka, Bridge Ave., "The library has suffered from neglect for over 20 years. When I was on the board, I could not even get them to clean. The Cohoes Savings Bank is more cost effective. But it must be adequately funded and maintained. It is better to get rid of the old building, and deal with funding of the library."

Resolution No. 37 for 2023

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 37 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 37 for 2023 passed. A copy of budget transfers are attached.

Resolution No. 38 for 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ONE OR MORE AGREEMENTS WITH NATIONAL GRID FOR RESTORATION OF CERTAIN STREETS

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 38 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 36 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 39 for 2023

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 39 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 39 for 2023 passed.

Ordinance No. 5 for 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION A OF SECTION 198-33 OF THE CODE OF THE COHOES CITY REGARDING VENDOR LICENSE FEES

Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 5 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Ordinance No. 5 for 2023 passed.

Ordinance No. 7 for 2023

A BOND ORDINANCE, DATED JULY 25, 2023, OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COHOES, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "CITY"), AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$995,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$995,000 OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE, SAID AMOUNT TO BE OFFSET BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND/OR LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE CITY COMPROLLER

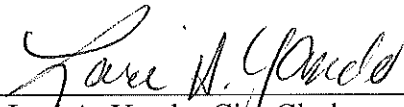
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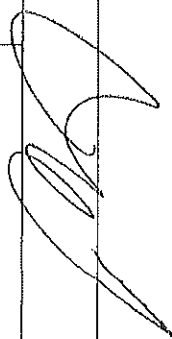
Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 7 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Ordinance No. 7 for 2023 passed.

At 7:27 PM, Council Member Smith made a MOTION to adjourn the Common Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE".

  
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Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

City of Cohoes 2023 BUDGET  
ACCOUNT CODE TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Funds Transferred To	Funds transferred from	Account Code	Amount	Transfer Justification
The Following transfers are budget Neutral				
LITIGATION FEES	A1430.4220 SALARY EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYO	A1210.1470	\$ 20,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER ARBITRATION EXPENSES
SR TYPIST- PLANNING	A8686.1022 SALARY EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYO	A1210.1470	\$ 21,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER SALARY FULL TIME EMPLOYEE IN PLANNING DEPT
MEO HEAVY- TRANS/DIST	F8340.1006 MEO LIGHT- TRANS/DIST	F8340.1007	\$ 37,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE SALARY FOR PROMOTION OF DPW EMPLOYEE
The Following Transfer are an increase to the annual budget based on actual revenue received to date				
REPAIRS TO STATIONARY EQUIPMENT	F8330.4655 SALES OF WATER OUT OF TOWN	F2378	\$ 85,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER WTP SODIUM CHLORITE UPGRADES AND REBUILDING OF SHAFT BEARINGS

 DATE 7/26/23