

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 20, 2025  
5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Brett Baublitz at 5:30pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Mayor Brett Baublitz, Councilpersons James Andrew, Rob Endter, Clark Hubbard, Rick Koppleberger and Alison Lombardi. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Councilpersons Kristyn Roethlisberger.

Additional Staff Present was City Treasurer Luke Klifman.

Audience in attendance was Shannon McKnight.

Clerk Cameron reported a correction to the minutes, under adjournment, changing Lombardi to Koppleberger.

**Moved by Andrew, second by Koppleberger to approve the minutes, with correction, of the regular meeting held May 6, 2025. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Andrew to excuse Councilperson Roethlisberger. Motion carried.**

Mayor Baublitz asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**Moved by Andrew, second by Endter to approve the Agenda, including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comment. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Lombardi to approve the consent agenda items as listed:**

- **City Manager's written report included updates and information on Dust Off Car Show, Steel Drums, Tats for Tails, Memorial Day Ceremony, Trinity, Season Hire Update, Planning Commission, McNabb Park and Assessing L4029.**
- **Ithaca Unit Report for April 2025.**
- **Financial Reports for April 2025.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Klifman and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #50647-50681, Water Sewer Bond Debt Check #32(A); and Payroll Checks #17081-17085, DD #3281-3293, EFT #1998-2003 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was none.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (6) Koppleberger, Lombardi, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Roethlisberger**

### **Committee/Department Reports**

Mayor Baublitz reported that the Committee of the Whole met on May 6<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget. Committee recommended approval of the budget as presented.

### **City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn provided an update on the progress made at Trinity Truck & Trailer regarding the blight issue. They have submitted plans for an upcoming project at the south end of industrial parkway. A site plan review will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> during a regular Planning Commission meeting.

Manager Conn referenced correspondence from MAGNET seeking financial support for their services within our community. In past years, the city provided a budgeted amount for this program. MAGNET does receive other funding and grants for the program. After discussion, council decided to forego the request.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was none.

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Baublitz requested a motion to open the public hearing on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to open a public hearing to take comments on the proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Baublitz opened the public hearing at 5:37pm.**

Treasurer Klifman reviewed the budgetary highlights (attached). This budget was drafted, as directed by the strategic planning and committee meetings, which prioritizes sustaining existing operations and items identified in the city's Capital Improvement Plan. Water and Sewer rates will increase 5%. Treasurer Klifman noted that this hearing also serves to take comment on the property tax millage rates.

Discussion was held.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to close the public hearing. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Baublitz closed the hearing at 5:41pm.**

### **New Business**

Treasurer Klifman presented Resolution 2025-10: Designation of City Depositories for FY 2025-2026.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to adopt Resolution 2025-10: Designation of City Depositories for FY 2025-2026.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (6) Lombardi, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Roethlisberger**

Treasurer Klifman presented Resolution 2025-11: Amending Water And Sewer Rates for FY 2025-2026.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to adopt Resolution 2025-11: Amending Water And Sewer Rates for FY 2025-2026.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (6) Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Lombardi, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Roethlisberger**

Treasurer Klifman presented Resolution 2025-12: Approving the 2025-2026 FY Property Tax Millage Rates.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Lombardi to adopt Resolution 2025-12: Approving the 2025-2026 FY Property Tax Millage Rates.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (6) Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Lombardi, Andrew, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Roethlisberger**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

**Announcements**

Clerk Cameron informed council that Consumers Energy will soon be replacing gas mains in the northwest section of the city.

**Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

*Approved 6-3-2025*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk