

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2026
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, Brandon Ester, Clark Hubbard, Kristyn Roethlisberger and Brooke Vernon. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Audience in attendance was George Bailey.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2026. Motion carried.

Mayor Baublitz asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested to add Resolution 2026-08: MDOT & City of Ithaca Contract for Union Street Project to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Baublitz placed it as item 10d.

Moved by Hubbard, seconded by Andrew to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 10d. Resolution 2026-08: MDOT & City of Ithaca Contract for Union Street Project) including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hubbard, seconded by Ester to approve the consent agenda items as listed:

- **City Manager’s written report included updates and information on Sidewalk Replacement, Burning Ordinance, Hydrant Flushing, Ranger Bid, Community Center, Consumers Energy, Woodland Park and Lobby Safety Initiative.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Klifman and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #51427-51455, 1042(A) and Payroll Checks #17191-17196, DD #3718-3735, EFT #2178-2184 as listed in the Check Register Book**
- **Correspondence received was none.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (7) Endter, Ester, Hubbard, Roethlisberger, Vernon, Andrew, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Committee/Department Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported on the success of the Rangerbid equipment sales. Bid openings will soon be held for the Community Center Cleaning and Lobby Safety Remodeling.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Mayor Baublitz requested a formal appointment of Christina Foster as the new City Treasurer/Finance Director.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Hubbard to appoint Christina Foster as City Treasurer/Finance Director. Motion carried.

Clerk Cameron administered the oath of office to Christina Foster as City Treasurer/Finance Director.

Manager Conn presented the Gratiot Emergency Services Authority Property Lease Agreement Extension which shall be in effect July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$1 (one dollar) annual rent.

Moved by Roethlisberger, seconded by Vernon to approve the GESA Lease Agreement Extension in the amount of \$1 (one dollar) annual rent for FY 2026-2027. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the proposal received for the Woodland Park playground from Snider Recreation in the amount of \$155,723. Additional proposed upgrades include security cameras, bathroom fixtures and trash receptacles. Discussion was held.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Endter to authorize funding up to \$250,000 for the new playground and additional upgrades for Woodland Park as submitted. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented Resolution 2026-08: MDOT & City of Ithaca Contract for Union Street Project.

Moved by Hubbard, seconded by Ester to adopt Resolution 2026-08: MDOT & City of Ithaca Contract for Union Street Project.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (7) Ester, Hubbard, Roethlisberger, Vernon, Andrew, Endter, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. Commissioner George Bailey reported on the County Commissioners agenda items and updates.

Announcements

There was none.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Roethlisberger to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Approved 5-19-2026

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk