

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2026
5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Hubbard at 5:30pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Hubbard, Councilpersons James Andrew, Rob Endter, Brandon Ester, Kristyn Roethlisberger and Brooke Vernon. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Mayor Brett Baublitz.

Audience in attendance was none.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Vernon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 4, 2026. Motion carried.

Moved by Ester, seconded by Andrew to excuse Mayor Brett Baublitz. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hubbard asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Roethlisberger, second by Ester to approve the Agenda, including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem Hubbard asked for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Vernon, seconded by Roethlisberger to approve the consent agenda items as listed:

- City Manager's written report included updates and information on the Election, Fog Seal, City Hall Roof, School Drive, DDA Schedule, Community Center, #B4 5K, IPC Golf Outing, MML Claim Denial and Union Street Bid Opening.
- Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Foster and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #51651-51687, #1045(A), and Payroll Checks #17232-17235, DD #3855-3872, EFT #2225-2228 as listed in the Check Register Book.
- Correspondence received was none.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Vernon, Andrew, Endter, Ester, Roethlisberger, Hubbard

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Baublitz

Committee/Department Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn provided a status update on the chip seal streets project. He informed council that a resident filed suit after a claim denial for storm/sewer backup from the April storm. A meeting was scheduled for next week

with an MML appointed lawyer. The Union Street Bid Opening is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th. A status update was provided on the school drive project.

Unfinished Business

Manager Conn presented a revised playground layout that included new slides as an option to create a unique feature. The new slides will increase the estimated cost by \$65,000. Discussion was held. Consensus of the council was to move forward with the revised plan to include the new slides as presented.

Moved by Ester, seconded by Andrew to approve the increase of \$65,000, with the total cost not to exceed \$340,000 for the new playground. Motion carried.

Manager Conn provided an update on the proposed fitness park. There are grants available for parks and recreation projects and requested authorization to apply for those on behalf of the city.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Vernon to authorize the City Manager to apply for qualifying grants. Motion carried.

New Business

Clerk Cameron presented the request for officer delegates to be appointed to the MML Annual Convention. Councilperson Roethlisberger and Councilperson Vernon expressed interest in attending.

Moved by Ester, second by Andrew to appoint Councilperson Roethlisberger as the delegate and Councilperson Vernon as the alternate delegate to the MML Annual Convention. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented a Lot Purchase Agreement for the remaining six (6) lots located in Westwind Estates. The purchaser requested confidentiality. Discussion was held on the terms of the agreement. Council is interested in selling the lots and requested the City Manager to negotiate on the sale price and timeline of having houses built on all six lots.

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Ester to direct the City Manager to negotiate on the sale price and timeline of having houses built on all six lots. Motion carried.

Manager Conn reported that he met with DPW Superintendent Smith on the request to have traffic signs placed at the intersection of Main Street and Newark Street. The intersection currently has two stop signs on Newark Street. Discussion was held on options that would provide additional safety traveling on Main Street. The Council suggested that a traffic study be coordinated by DPW Superintendent Smith before any decision is made.

Public Comment

There was none.

Announcements

Councilperson Andrew commended GESA on their recent response to the jail for a burning smell. GESA used their thermal imaging camera to inspect the facility and received an all clear.

Councilperson Endter reported that the Senior Activity Board has requested security cameras be installed at the center due to recent late night activity.

Moved by Ester, second by Vernon to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Approved 9-1-2026

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk