

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 15, 2022  
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Schafer at 7:00pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Councilperson Koppleberger gave the invocation.

Present were Mayor Alice Schafer and Councilpersons James Andrew, Brett Baublitz, James Gruesbeck, Clark Hubbard, Alison Jerome and Rick Koppleberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was Scott Gray.

**Moved by Baublitz, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on March 1, 2022. Motion carried.**

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

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

**Public Comment**

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was offered.

**Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the consent agenda items as listed:**

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on Senior Center Building, Seasonal Employment, Land Use Meeting, Sidewalk Bids, Renovations, West Landfill and Westwind Estates.**
- **Ithaca Unit Report for February 2022.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48126-48157, #1011A, and Payroll Checks #16467-16473, DD #2135-2145, EFT #1411-1415 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: GI-TEC (RESD) and Charter Communications**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (7) Jerome, Koppleberger, Andrew, Baublitz, Gruesbeck, Hubbard and Schafer**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (0) None**

**City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn reported that he attended a meeting with the Commission on Aging Director and the Ithaca Senior Center Activity Board regarding the collaboration of the Alma Senior Center Board with ours. The seasonal employment opportunity has been posted. We do have one remaining position to fill; as Travis will be returning from last year. The next land use meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022 at noon. The sidewalk bids are out, with an opening date of March 31, 2022. The RFP for renovations to City Hall and the Community Center are out, with a deadline of April 8, 2022. Manager Conn reported that EGLE has approved our work

plan with recommendations; a meeting is planned on Friday for review. Discussion was held on building timeline requirements for future sales of lots in Westwind Estates.

Manager Conn requested a committee meeting to discuss the proposed water rates with Brian Terborg of Zeeland Farm Services. Mayor Schafer scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Unfinished Business**

Clerk Cameron presented Resolution 2022-01: Approving Trident Manufacturing IFE. The IFE application was approved by motion at the regular meeting held March 1, 2022.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Kopplesberger to adopt Resolution 2022-01: Approving Trident Manufacturing IFE.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (7) Hubbard, Jerome, Kopplesberger, Andrew, Baublitz, Gruesbeck and Schafer**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (0) None**

**New Business**

Clerk Cameron presented the Annual 2021 Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Report. The report was reviewed by the Planning Commission with authorization to send on to Council for approval.

**Moved by Baublitz, second by Andrew to receive to Annual 2021 PC & ZBA Report. Motion carried.**

Manager Conn introduced City Assessor Edward VanDerVries and Deputy Assessor Kathryn Wright to the Council. This was the first in person meeting with them since Council hired V&V Assessing LLC.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None were offered.

Mayor Schafer asked for any other business to come before the Council. Councilperson Andrew requested to be excused from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a work conflict. Councilperson Baublitz announced that Alma Transit was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$3.5million for an additional building since bringing on SLPR Transit Authority, with permission to pursue County wide transportation. Manager Conn reported that he had started a new logo search and will present them to Council. Clerk Cameron reported that she will be attending the Clerks Institute next week. Councilperson Hubbard requested to be excused from the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as he will be on vacation.

**Moved by Kopplesberger, second by Baublitz to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

*Approved 4-5-2022*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk