

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 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. Mayor Schafer gave the invocation.

Present were Mayor Alice Schafer and Councilpersons Brett Baublitz, James Gruesbeck, Alison Jerome and Rick Koppleberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn, City Clerk Cathy Cameron, City Treasurer/Finance Director Barbara Fandell and Water/Sewer Superintendent Jarred Waldron.

Absent was Councilpersons James Andrew, Clark Hubbard and Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was Jim Wheeler (Greater Gratiot Development), Brian Terborg (ZFS), Nate Donahey (ZFS), and Kirby Kerschner (ZFS).

Moved by Jerome, second by Koppleberger to excuse Councilpersons James Andrew and Clark Hubbard due to a work commitment. Motion carried.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Baublitz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on March 15, 2022 and minutes of a special meeting held on March 24, 2022. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Conn requested to add the First Amendment to Agreement for Providing Water and Sanitary Sewer Services to ZFS Ithaca, LLC to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Schafer placed it as item 10c-1 moving Resolution 2022-04 to item 10c-2.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 10c-1 First Amendment to Agreement for Providing Water and Sanitary Sewer Services to ZFS Ithaca, LLC), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. Jim Wheeler provided an update on the new wind farm coming to the County.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on GI-RESD, GESA Billing, Building Renovations, Sidewalk Bids, APRA Funds, McNabb Park and SLIPR.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48158-48195, Grant Checks #1219-1220 and Payroll Checks #16474-16487, DD #2146-2167, EFT #1416-1422 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: Charter Communications, GGDI Minutes, GACC Minutes**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Koppleberger, Baublitz, Gruesbeck, Jerome and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andrew, Hubbard

Committee Reports

Mayor Schafer reported that the Committee of the Whole had met prior to the Council Meeting that evening. Review and discussion were held on the First Amendment to Agreement for Providing Water and Sanitary Sewer Services to ZFS Ithaca, LLC. Committee recommends signing the amendment.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that there was an error in the Emerson Township calculation, creating an overpayment, resulting in the GESA Board approving a refund to the township entities. Our total shortage came to \$1,344. The RFP for building renovations was sent out with a due date of Friday April 8th. The County Commissioners were meeting tonight to discuss ARPA funding projects. Manager Conn updated Council on the progress of the removal of two structures at McNabb Park. Alma Transit provided a quarterly report, ridership numbers continue to rise.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Treasurer Fandell presented Resolution 2022-02 Compliance with PA152 of 2011 as Amended. If adopted, maintains the City's compliance with the Act regarding Health Care offerings and funding for employees.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Compliance with PA152 of 2011 as Amended.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Baublitz, Gruesbeck, Jerome, Koppleberger and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Hubbard and Andrew

Manager Conn presented Resolution 2022-03 GESA Amendment Adding Fulton & New Haven Township.

Moved by Jerome, second by Koppleberger to adopt Resolution 2022-03 GESA Amendment Adding Fulton & New Haven Township.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Gruesbeck, Jerome, Koppleberger, Baublitz and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Hubbard and Andrew

Mayor Schafer presented the First Amendment to Agreement for Providing Water and Sanitary Sewer Services to ZFS Ithaca, LLC.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Jerome to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Providing Water and Sanitary Sewer Services to ZFS Ithaca, LLC., authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer presented Resolution 2022-04 Amending Water & Sewer Rates.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Jerome to adopt Resolution 2022-04 Amending Water & Sewer Rates.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Jerome, Koppleberger, Baublitz, Gruesbeck and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andrew and Hubbard

Manager Conn reported on the sidewalk bid opening. Three bids were received with the lowest bid coming in 35% lower than the others. Recommendation is to award the bid to Siefert Concrete for the two-year project. **Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to award the bid for the 2022-2023 Sidewalk Project (Zone 1&2) to Siefert Concrete in the amount of \$6.00 per square foot (removal and replacement with 4” thick concrete) Motion carried.**

Treasurer Fandell presented the delinquencies to be placed on the 2022 Summer Property Tax Roll and requested authorization to do so. There were four delinquent utility accounts and two delinquent invoices for a total of \$2,410.70.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to place the delinquent utility and invoice amounts on the 2022 Summer Property Tax Roll in the total amount of \$2,410.70. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer noted the memo request from Clerk Cameron to appoint City Treasurer Fandell to the Election Commission for the calendar year 2022.

Moved by Koppleberger second by Gruesbeck to appoint Treasurer Fandell to the Election Commission. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Mayor Schafer asked for any additional business to come before the Council. Manager Conn advised Council on a residential water emergency that occurred resulting in cost to the city which will be billed to the resident.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Waldron addressed Council on the remaining few residents that are on a flat sewer rate. He is recommending that a meter be installed on the well water, so that an accurate usage can be billed on the sewer side.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to authorize Superintendent Waldron to install water meters at residences that are on a flat rate sewer setup. Motion carried.

Moved by Gruesbeck, second by Baublitz to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Approved 4-19-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk