

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 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 James Andrew, Jim Gruesbeck, Clark Hubbard, Alison Jerome and Rick Koppleberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Councilperson Brett Baublitz.

Additional staff present was Treasurer Barbara Fandell.

Audience in attendance was George Bailey, Helen Soderberg and Patrice Hornak.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to excuse Councilperson Brett Baublitz who was out of town. Motion carried.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on June 7, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested the removal of item 10e; Assessing Contract Amendment. Mayor Schafer removed item 10e from the agenda.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the Agenda (as amended by removing item 10e; Assessing Contract Amendment), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. Helen Soderberg addressed the Council regarding the ground light shining on the cannon at the All-Wars Memorial. The direction of the light impairs drivers' sight at the intersection of Main and Center Streets. She requested that a picnic table be placed in the shade at the dog park.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on Rock the Block, Memory Park, GESA Millage, Center Street Paving Update, Veteran's Memorial Field and Relay for Life.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48310-48341 and #1013, Grant Checks #1226-1229 and Payroll Checks #16536-16545, DD #2224-2234, EFT #1452-1457 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: None**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Gruesbeck, Hubbard, Jerome, Koppleberger, Andrew and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Baublitz

Committee – Department Reports

Mayor Schafer provided a brief summary of the goal settings meeting held by the DDA Board.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that the IPC will be holding their second annual Rock the Block event on June 25th. The IPC has been planning a lighting project in Memory Park. The strings of lights from building to building is designed to attract more people to the downtown area. The IPC will be funding the project and have received permission from the building owners.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the Memory Park Lighting Project, funded by the IPC. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented an informational flyer that will be sent out to the resident regarding the GESA Millage request on the August 2nd ballot. Manager Conn provided an update on the Center Street Paving Project. The Ithaca Community Stadium turf project is almost complete. Due to the turf project, the Relay for Life is looking for a new venue for this year's event. The Senior Center is welcoming them to use their facility and the adjacent Atkinson Park. He further provided an update on the DPW crew staffing.

Manager Conn informed Council that the water tower is scheduled for painting and requested a final decision on if they want the new logo painted on it at an additional cost of \$36,000. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Council was to not spend money on adding the new logo.

Unfinished Business

There was none

New Business

Manager Conn informed Council that he had received a request from the IPC for permission to allow the consumption of alcohol on the public street in the 100 block of South Pine River during their Rock the Block event.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the request, allowing the consumption of alcohol on the public street during the IPC Rock the Block event. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the first annual renewal of the Fire Hall Property Lease commencing on July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$1.00 (one dollar).

Moved by Koppeler, second by Hubbard to approve the annual renewal of the Fire Hall Property Lease commencing on July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$1.00 (one dollar). Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the Library Fund Administration Cost Analysis. Treasurer Fandell reported on the administrative services provided to the library and explained the varying methods that were provided. Staff recommendation was Method #1: Percentage of Treasury Staff Salary and additional audit cost share. The fiscal year 2022-2023 service fees would begin on July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$6,748 with an additional \$1,000 for the annual audit. This amount would be determined each year during the budget process. Discussion was held.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppeler to approve the Library Fund service fees for the fiscal year 2022-2023 using method #1: Percentage of Treasury Staff Salary in the amount of \$6,748 with an additional Annual Audit cost share of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Treasurer Fandell presented the Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. George Bailey shared about the county redistricting and how those changes affect the areas of representation for County Commissioners. Mr. Bailey will continue to represent the City of Ithaca. Patrice Hornak was interested in the discussion on the library funding.

Mayor Schafer asked for any additional business to come before the Council. Mayor Schafer shared that Daryl Cooper is retiring from the Fire Department after 33 years of service. Council shared her gratitude for his service to the community.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Approved 7-5-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk