

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2022  
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Baublitz at 7:00pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Brett Baublitz, Councilpersons James Andrew, 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, George Bailey, Barb Fandell, Angie Baublitz, Rob Endter and Tim Palmer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baublitz requested a moment of silence in honor and memory of Mayor Alice Schafer.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on July 19, 2022. Motion carried.**

**By City Charter the Mayoral Succession was enacted. Clerk Cameron administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro-Tem Baublitz to serve as Mayor for the remaining term ending with the next regular city election in November 2023.**

Mayor Baublitz opened the floor to nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilperson Gruesbeck nominated Councilperson Koppleberger, who accepted. No other nominations were made; therefore, a ballot election was not necessary.

**Clerk Cameron administered the oath of office to Councilperson Koppleberger to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore for the remaining term ending with the next regular city election in November 2023.**

Mayor Baublitz stated that there was now a Councilperson vacancy that needed to be filled. Clerk Cameron informed Council on the process and requirements. Councilperson Gruesbeck suggested Tim Palmer. Mr. Palmer addressed the Council on the opportunity. Councilperson Koppleberger suggested Rob Endter. Discussion was held. Council directed Clerk Cameron to post the vacancy on the city website. Letters of interest or applications will be received and reviewed at the next Council meeting.

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

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

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on upcoming August events, Verizon Wireless, SME, Airport, MDOT and hydrant flushing.**

- Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48405-48428, 1015(A) Grant Check #1235-1236 and Payroll Checks #16564-16573, DD #2267-2277, EFT #1469-1476 as listed in the Check Register Book.
- Correspondence received: Library Minutes and GGDI Minutes

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (0) None**

**City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn informed Council of the upcoming events for the month of August. Verizon Wireless is looking to improve their service in our area. He provided a progress update on the west Washington road landfill remediation. Manager Conn provided a brief update on the Airport Authority, MDOT painted lines on the business route. A soft flush of hydrants was completed in preparation for quarterly testing.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none.

**New Business**

Mayor Baublitz presented the MERS Officer Delegate Appointment for the annual conference to be held September 26-27 in Traverse City. The administrative staff recommends that Manager Conn be appointed as the delegate and Treasurer Fandell as the alternate for this year's conference.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to appoint Manager Conn as the MERS Officer Delegate and Treasurer Fandell as the alternate for this year's conference. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Baublitz asked for public comments. George Bailey stated that the recent asphalt overlay on the streets looks great. Scott Gray expressed his appreciation of Alice Schafer.

**Moved by Hubbard second by Jerome to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

*Approved 8-16-2022*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk