

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 6, 2022  
7:00 PM**

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

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

Absent was Councilperson James Andrew and Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was none.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to excuse Councilperson James Andrew who was out of town. Motion carried.**

Clerk Cameron provided updated minutes showing a few corrections for the Council to consider. Under unfinished business; changing election to vote and elected to appointed. Under new business; South St. to Fillmore Rd., \$3,100 to \$3,161.40 and \$3,909 to \$747.60.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2022 with the corrections as offered. Motion carried.**

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

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

Clerk Cameron stated that after the vote to appoint a new Councilperson (to fulfill the vacant seat) during the last Council meeting; a formal motion was not received due to honest oversight. Mayor Baublitz requested a motion to formally appoint Rob Endter as Councilperson, to serve the remaining term ending with the next regular city election being November 2023.

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to appoint Rob Endter as Councilperson, to serve the remaining term ending with the next regular city election being November 2023. Motion carried.**

Clerk Cameron administered the oath of office to Rob Endter, as Councilperson with a term ending in November 2023.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. None were given.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on City/Ellen's Parcel, Watermain Break, Nelson Street Water Main, Renovations, Verizon Tower, Handicap Parking, Old US27 Motor Tour, Grand Opening of Pickle Ball Courts.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48468-48503, Grant Check #1238-1239,**

**Water Sewer Bond Debt Check #21(A) and Payroll Checks #16589-16595, DD #2289-2299, EFT #1482-1490 as listed in the Check Register Book.**

- **Correspondence received: none**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Andrew**

**City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn informed Council that renovations to the Community Center will begin mid-September. The Nelson Street water main has been installed with paving to take place next week. Manager Conn further informed Council that Eight Cap Head Start has opted out of the paving project for the shared parking lot behind their building, Downtown Auto and the library. Discussion was held.

Manager Conn provided an update on the initial proposed site for a Verizon Tower that would be 150' (feet) in height. Discussion was held with focus on other possible site locations.

**Unfinished Business**

Mayor Baublitz presented a revised edition of sub-committee assignments as follows;

**Council Committee Assignments**

**Building & Grounds** - Jerome, Koppleberger, Endter

**Cemetery & Parks** - Koppleberger, Jerome, Hubbard

**Equipment** - Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger

**Greater Gratiot Development** - Jerome

**Library** - Endter

**Personnel** - Andrew, Koppleberger, Baublitz

**Public Safety** - Andrew, Gruesbeck, Baublitz

**Senior Activity Building** - Gruesbeck

**Streets & Parking** - Endter, Andrew, Gruesbeck

**Technology** - Hubbard, Andrew, Gruesbeck

**Water & Sewer** - Hubbard, Jerome, Baublitz

**Ways & Means** - Gruesbeck, Andrew, Jerome

**911 Boards** - Koppleberger

**New Business**

Clerk Cameron presented three options of executive chair styles for Council Chambers. Selection was made for chair #2 (McKinley wing back executive chair) at a cost of \$699 each, (\$649 for over five) plus shipping. Discussion was held on the funding source to be used, with agreement that the Norton Gibbs fund would be used. Councilperson Koppleberger suggested that one chair be ordered and tested out for satisfaction before purchasing all eleven chairs. Council agreed, with direction to Clerk Cameron to order one chair for now.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. None were given

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

*Approved 9-20-2022*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk