

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 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 James Andrew, Rob Endter, James Gruesbeck, Clark Hubbard, Alison Jerome and Rick Kopplesberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was Grant & Jen Woodman.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 20, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Baublitz asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested to add Resolution 2022-09; MDOT Contract for West Center Street Project to Unfinished Business. Mayor Baublitz placed it as item 8a.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Kopplesberger to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 8a. Resolution 2022-09; MDOT Contract for West center street Project), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. Grant and Jen Woodman addressed Council with their concerns regarding the city decision to cut down a tree located on their property but within the right-of-way and lack of communication/notification prior to the morning of it being cut down.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information SME Report, Verizon Tower, DDA Billboard, Homecoming Parade, Renovations and MERS Conference.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48540-48554 and Payroll Checks #16603-16610, DD #2311-2330, EFT #1496-1506 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: none**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

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

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that he received notification from MDOT Advertising regarding the DDA billboard located at the north end of Industrial Parkway. The letter stated that the last permit issued for that billboard was is 2010 under the Ithaca Motel; whom was paying the city to lease the advertising space. MDOT agreed to

transfer the permit to the City of Ithaca if the city pays the back permit fees plus a transfer fee, totaling \$650. This funding would come from the DDA. An annual permit fee of \$50 would incur going forward.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to approve the MDOT Advertising Permit fee in the amount of \$650 with an annual fee of \$50 for the billboard permit, using DDA funds. Motion carried.

Manager Conn provided an update on renovations and staff availability while working remotely from home.

Unfinished Business

City Manager Conn presented the MDOT West Center Street Resurfacing Contract with Resolution 2022-09; MDOT West Center Street Project.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the MDOT West Center Street Resurfacing Contract, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract, and adopt Resolution 2022-09; MDOT West Center Street Project.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

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

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) Hubbard

New Business

Manager Conn presented the SME Landfill Report draft. The proposal will be sent to EGLE for their review and approval to proceed with the clean up process. Discussion was held.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the SME Landfill Report draft and authorize the City Manager to submit it to EGLE for their review and approval. Motion carried.

Manager Conn updated council on the proposed site location (at the north end of the cemetery, as offered by the city) for Verizon to construct a 150' tower. Verizon's Engineers approved the site location and presented the city with a site access agreement.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to approve the Verizon Site Access Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

Council discussed trees within the city right-of-way.

Moved by Andrew, second by Jerome to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Approved 10-18-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk