

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2024
7:00 PM**

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

Present were Mayor Brett Baublitz, Councilpersons James Andrew, Rob Endter, Clark Hubbard, Rick Koppleberger and Kristyn Roethlisberger. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Additional staff present was City Treasurer Barbara Fandell,

Absent was Councilperson Alison Jerome.

Audience in attendance was Aaron Wendzel with ROWE PSC, Shannon McKnight and Joe Barden.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 21, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to excuse Councilperson Jerome who was out of town. 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 CWSRF FY25 Project Plan Alternative Costs to the agenda under Unfinished Business as item 9a. Clerk Cameron offered a correction to the agenda, with Resolution 2024-17 as TEDF Program (application 1) and adding Resolution 2024-18 as TEDF Program (application 2) as item 10e.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 9a. and item 10e.) including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comment. Resident Joe Barden expressed his concerns regarding the use of motorized bikes on city sidewalks. Council agreed that it raises safety concerns for people who use the sidewalks for its intended purpose.

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 Woodland Park Road, Cemetery, CPR Training, Westwind Estates, Gratiot AG Expo and Code office.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #49830-49843 and Payroll Checks #16918-16924, DD #2887-2898, EFT #1819-1824 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was MML Membership.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Committee/Department Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that the roadway repaving at Woodland Park is complete and will be re-open to traffic this weekend. He provided updates on the Cemetery cleanup, lots for sale in Westwind Estates and the Gratiot Ag Expo event to be held June 19th – 23rd. Manager Conn informed Council that staff attended a CPR/First Aid training session. Mr. John Andrews hosted the training session and did a great job! Thank you, John, for taking time out of your day to teach us these lifesaving skills. Manager Conn announced that the code enforcement position has been filled, with a possible start date the week of June 10th.

Unfinished Business

Manager Conn stated that at the last meeting, council adopted a new Resolution 2024-14; with an alternative number four at the direction of the EGLE; as they did not support the full re-build of certain stretches of Union Street from the previously adopted resolution. The day after that council meeting, we received an email from EGLE, stating that they changed their mind and would allow the full stretch to be done. Creating this scenario for the CWSRF FY25 Project Plan Alternative Costs; Alternative 2 – Replacement along Union Street from Center Street to Barber Street at a cost of \$5,498,000 (this will increase slightly with the addition of Seaver Street); Alternative 4 – Replacement along Union Street from North Street to Arcada Street with two spot lining fixes at a cost of \$1,023,150. The proposed alternatives would affect the sewer rate increase of 15% or 5%. Discussion was held. The consensus of council was to address the full scope of the project that would provide the best long-term results for years to come.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger authorizing the approval of CWSRF FY25 Project Plan Alternative Costs; Alternative 2 – Replacement along Union Street from Center Street to Barber Street; plus, Seaver Street at a cost of \$5,498,000. Motion carried.

New Business

Manager Conn presented two quotes for a new scraper truck. The companies offer two different delivery dates as we have experienced promised delays for the past year. The bids were within \$6,500 of each other. Staff is recommending the purchase from D & K Truck Company as they have the only truck on site resulting in earlier delivery.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the purchase of a new scraper truck from D & K Truck Company in the amount of \$104,184. Motion carried.

Treasurer Fandell presented Resolution 2024-15: Amending Water & Sewer Rates (selecting 20/15 increases).

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to adopt Resolution 2024-15: Amending Water & Sewer Rates (selecting 20/15 increases).

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Mayor Baublitz presented Resolution 2024-14: CWSRF Project Plan FY25 (*updating Res: 2024-10 action*).

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to adopt Resolution 2024-14: CWSRF Project Plan FY25 (*updating Res: 2024-10 action*).

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Andrew, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Treasurer Fandell presented Resolution 2024-16: Approving the 2024-2025 Budget Appropriations

Moved by Hubbard, second by Roethlisberger to adopt Resolution 2024-16: Approving the 2024-2025 Budget Appropriations

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Hubbard, Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Andrew, Endter, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Mayor Baublitz presented Resolution 2024-17: Transportation Economic Development Fund Program (application 1).

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to adopt Resolution 2024-17: Transportation Economic Development Fund Program (application 1).

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Mayor Baublitz presented Resolution 2024-18: Transportation Economic Development Fund Program (application 2).

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubard to adopt Resolution 2024-18: Transportation Economic Development Fund Program (application 2).

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Roethlisberger, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Jerome

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

Announcements

Councilperson Hubbard shared that he had received a concern from a resident regarding a recent issue. Manager Conn stated that he was aware of the issue and had spoke with the resident.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Approved 6-18-2024

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk