

**COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**ZOOM ID# 892 739 1872**  
**September 21, 2021**

7:00 PM:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Salute to the Flag of the United States
- Public Comments
- Proclamation
  - Disability Employment Awareness Month (October)
  - Anti- bullying Awareness Month (October)
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October)
  - Domestic Violence Month (October)
- Mayor’s Report
- Minutes – Approval of minutes

**AGENDA:**

**Item #1** – Discussion and update regarding the City’s proposed purchase of the Parker School. (Mayor Tobin)

- Update from meeting
- Possible time line for action

**Item #2** – Consideration of a Resolution to approve the special event application along with all other required permits for “Cortland for Reproductive Choice” on October 2, 2021 from 12:30PM – 2PM on Main St corners of Clinton Ave and Groton Ave. (Andrea Rankin)

**Item #3** – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Direct Energy of New York, New York for supply of natural gas for 12 months, contingent on review by Corporation Council. Supply covers all City of Cortland accounts. (Bruce Adams)

**Item #4** – Consideration of a Local Law to amend the charter by adding a three-way stop at the intersection of the CESD entry and Valley View Drive (Ric VanDonsel)

**Item #5** – Consideration of a Local Law expanding the Police Commission from 3 to 5 members. (Ric VanDonsel)

**Item #6** – Consideration of a Resolution to lift the hiring freeze for Cortland City Police to fill a vacancy created by a Crossing Guard who has just submitted her plan to retire on September 24, 2021. (Chief Sandy)

**Item #7** – Consideration of a Resolution for the Cortland City Police Department to hire a substitute crossing guard to replace the substitute crossing guard who will now fill a full-time vacancy created by the aforementioned retirement. (Chief Sandy)

**Item #8** – Consideration of a Resolution to transfer \$96,932 from General Fund Account A1990 540000 – ‘Contingencies’ to General Fund Account A1680 540500 - ‘Data Processing Equipment’ to fund the replacement of the City’s IT infrastructure. (Mack Cook)

**Item #9** – Consideration of a Resolution to Cancel the Loan Agreement with Cortland Rural Cemetery, Inc. and Forego Collection of all Advances and Accrued Interest made Thereon:

**Whereas:** in December 2018 the City and the Cortland Entered in an installment loan agreement when in the City would advance the Cemetery funds to sustain operations, and

**Whereas:** In January 2019 the City advanced \$8,000 to the Cemetery, and

**Whereas:** Pursuant to the installment agreement the City is not to receive any repayments during the first ten years of the advance, and

**Whereas:** the City is to receive the full amount of the loan plus interest on December 18, 2028, and

**Whereas:** The Board of the Cemetery has decided that it is in the best interest of the Cemetery all assets to Forest Lawn Incorporated, and

**Whereas:** As a condition precedent to the transferred Forest Lawn, Inc. is requiring that all indebtedness to the City be cancelled, and

**Whereas:** the Common Council of the City deems it in the best interest of the City and its residents to fully cooperate with the Cortland Rural Cemetery as it undertakes such actions that enhances the financial and operational sustainability.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the City is forgiving all advances and accrued interest there under owed to the City by the Cortland Rural Cemetery, Inc. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #10** – Consideration of a Resolution to adopt funding priorities for the American Rescue Plan funds. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #11** – Discussion and set a date for a public hearing regarding the rezoning of a piece of property on River St. (ZEO Bob Rhea)

**Item #12** – Discussion regarding the status of Parker School, and the proposal to turn it into an early childhood education center for daycare, Head Start, and Early Head Start. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #13** – Discussion on the opportunity for the city to collaborate with the County Planner to determine new ward boundaries, based upon the recently completed 2020 Census. This can include changing boundaries, and potentially the number of council members. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #14** – Discussion on the SPCA contract. (Ric VanDonsel)

**Item #15** – Discussion regarding the city's trash collection program- current contract expires December, 2021. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #16** – Discussion regarding the dumpster corral in the Groton Avenue/Orchard Street parking lot. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #17** – Discussion regarding the State Comptroller Audit, and further recommendations/solutions to undertake. (Mayor Tobin)

**Item #18** – Discussion: Set a date for a public Hearing regarding the abandonment of a portion of Alvena Avenue. (Ric VanDonsel)

**Item #19** – Discussion to eliminate Health Insurance coverage for City Councilpersons and families. (Councilperson Michales)

## **Adjournment**