

COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
ZOOM ID# 892 739 1872
October 5 , 2021

- 7:00 PM:
- Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of a piece of property on River/Port Watson St. Tax Id #87.53-03-16.200
 - Public Hearing regarding the abandonment of a portion of Alvena Avenue.
 - Public Hearing for the effectiveness and impact of Community Development Block Grant 285PW130-18 project known as Clinton Avenue/North Greenbush and Washington Street Infrastructure Project.
 - Public Hearing regarding the City purchase of Parker School.
- Call Meeting to Order
 - Salute to the Flag of the United States
 - Public Comments
 - Ward Reports
 - Mayor's Report
 - Proclamation - Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10, 2020)
 - Minutes – Approval of minutes

AGENDA:

Item #1 – Update on Covid-19 safety protocols at SUNY Cortland. (Fred Pierce)

Item #2 – Consideration of a Resolution to approve the special event application along with all other required applications for the “Pumpkin Chunkin” on Thursday October 21, 2021 from 2:30PM – 5PM at Yaman Park. (Stacey Hagadern)

Item #3 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement and sign all necessary agreements to transfer Parker School from the School district to the City of Cortland. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #4 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to prepare and advertise the RFP for rehabilitation of Parker School for an Early Education Center. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #5 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the mayor to select and execute a contract with a contractor presenting the best offer regarding Parker School. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #6 – Consideration of a Resolution for the Department of Public Works to design and renovate the dumpster corral in the Groton Avenue/Orchard Street parking lot, and for the finance department to implement a user fee to cover the cost of operation. (Mayor Tobin)

Item #7 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract modification with NYS DEC for the Food Rescue & Reuse project, contingent on review by Corporation Counsel. (Bruce Adams)

Item #8 – Consideration of a Resolution to lift the hiring freeze for the Cortland City Police Department for a new patrol officer to replace a 20 year veteran officer who has announced his retirement effective October 24, 2021. (Chief Sandy)

Item #9 – Consideration of a resolution to allow the Cortland City Police to hire a new patrol officer to replace the patrol officer retiring on October 24, 2021. (Chief Sandy)

Item #10 – Consideration of a Resolution to Transfer from the Waste Water’s Fund Reserve for Equipment Repair and Replacement (Account G915) \$50,198.53 to the Funds Operating Equipment Repair Account (Account G8130-540200) to fund the repair of the final clarifier sludge collector rail, chain and flight systems. (Bruce Adams)

Item #11 – 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 #12 – Presentation and discussion to set up workshop dates on the Mayor’s proposed new 2022 budget for General, Water and Wastewater Fund. (Mayor Tobin)

Item #13 – Consideration of a Resolution to adopt funding priorities for the American Rescue Plan funds. (Mayor Tobin)

Item #14 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to proceed relative to the Downtown revitalization project with Fisher Associates Supplement #1. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #15 – SEQR of Part 2 and 3 of the Homer Avenue Gateway project. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #16 – Review SEQR for the Aeration Systems upgrade. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #17 – Discussion and set a date for a Public Hearing on amending article VI overlay Districts Section 300-61 Floodway Zone District. (ZEO Bob Rhea)

Item #18 – Discussion on the rezoning of a piece of property on River/Port Watson St. Tax Id #87.53-03-16.200. (ZEO Bob Rhea)

Adjournment