

SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

for
Monday, July 17, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Room 110

The Council President reserves the right to add or delete any agenda item prior to Committee Meeting.

Finance

- 1 Follow-up: ARPA Contracts

Anthony Ferrari

City Development & Planning

- 1 Authorize the Abandonment and Sale of a Portion of Larch Street
- 2 Discussion – Zoning Cannabis Shops and Possible Moratorium on Smoke Shops
- 3 Amending Resolution 2023-136 Endorsing the Schenectady Inner Ministry’s Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- 4 Amend Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Council 66 Local 1037A

Chris Wallin

Marion Porterfield

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Andrew Koldin

**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: July17, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Council President Marion Porterfield

SUBJECT: Amendment to resolution 2023-136

Background Information:

On July 10, 2023 the City Council passed a resolution Endorsing the Schenectady Inner City Ministry’s Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the “Southern Pine Community Recovery Program. We received an email that the name of the grant provided to us was incorrect.

Evaluation/Analysis:

In order to submit the resolution to DEC in support of the grant the language identifying the grant must be corrected.

Recommendation:

To amend the language in resolution correcting any language referring to the grant opportunity to reflect the correct name and the final resolved be as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Schenectady hereby does approve and endorse the application of Schenectady Inner City Ministry for a grant under the ***Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program For Communities Exposed to Multiple Environmental Harms and Risks in New York State DEC01-EJCIG-2023-00009*** for a project known as “Schenectady Community Compost Project” and located within the City of Schenectady.

WILL BE PREPARED BY LAW DEPARTMENT



Legislative Request Form

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

CHRISTOPHER WALLIN, P.E., CITY ENGINEER

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: July 17, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: Christopher R. Wallin, P.E., City Engineer 

SUBJECT: Authorize Abandonment and Sale of a Portion of Larch Street

TO BE PLACED ON COUNCIL AGENDA OF: July 24, 2023

Background Information:

Larch Street is a small street that is located between 633 & 651 Lansing Street. Multiple complaints of illegal dumping of trash and larger debris have been reported over several years. The owner 633 Lansing Street (Previous City owned Purchase) and the owner of 651 Lansing Street are interested in purchasing Larch Street. They would like to split the land between the 2 of them and merge them into the respective adjacent property to be used for the needed parking and access to the existing garage.

Evaluation/Analysis:

The aforementioned street is a dead end and serves no benefit to the greater public. The abandonment and sale of the property should not be a detriment to the City. Conversely the sale will help foster maintenance of land that is currently neglected. As such, there was a public hearing held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 pm in order to receive public comments related to this abandonment.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Abandonment and Sale of a Portion of Larch Street

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY: Engineering

CRW: cd



**CITY COUNCIL
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-068

Councilmember Mr. Mootooveren

offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing in relation to:

The Abandonment of a Portion of Larch Street

Said Public hearing shall be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, Room 209, Schenectady City Hall, 105 Jay Street, Schenectady, New York – for the purpose of the Abandonment of a Portion of Larch Street; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall have the following notice published in the appropriate manner:

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Abandonment of a Portion of Larch Street

On Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., the Schenectady City Council shall conduct a public hearing in relation to the above-referenced matter. Said public hearing shall be held in Council Chambers, Room 209, Schenectady City Hall, 105 Jay Street, Schenectady, New York – for the purpose of receiving public comment relative to the above-referenced matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of materials related to the Abandonment of a Portion of Larch Street be made available at the City Clerk's Office and the City of Schenectady website at www.cityofschenectady.com for public inspection beginning no later than April 19, 2023, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all interested parties may also be heard by submitting written comments to the City Clerk via www.cityofschenectady.com/158/City-Council, by email at smykoo@schenectadyny.gov, or mail at City Clerk, 105 Jay St., Schenectady, NY 12305, by 12:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023.

Approved as to form this
10th day of April, 2023.

Andrew B. Koldin, Esq.
Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION adopted unanimously

APR 10 2023 by Council Members

Approved by Mayor APR 12 2023

Vetoed by Mayor _____



MAP SHOWING EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF
LARCH STREET
 CITY OF SONDRICHTADY, COUNTY OF SONDRICHTADY, STATE OF NEW YORK
 (ADDRESS OF THIS DOCUMENT, EXCEPT BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR LICENSED SURVEYOR, IS INVALID.)
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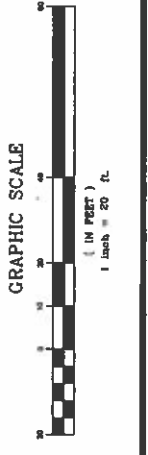
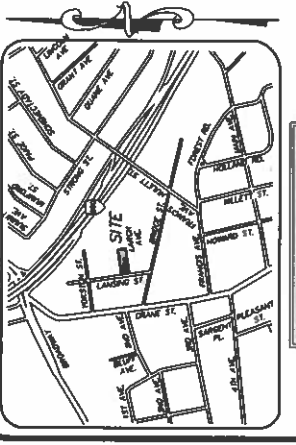
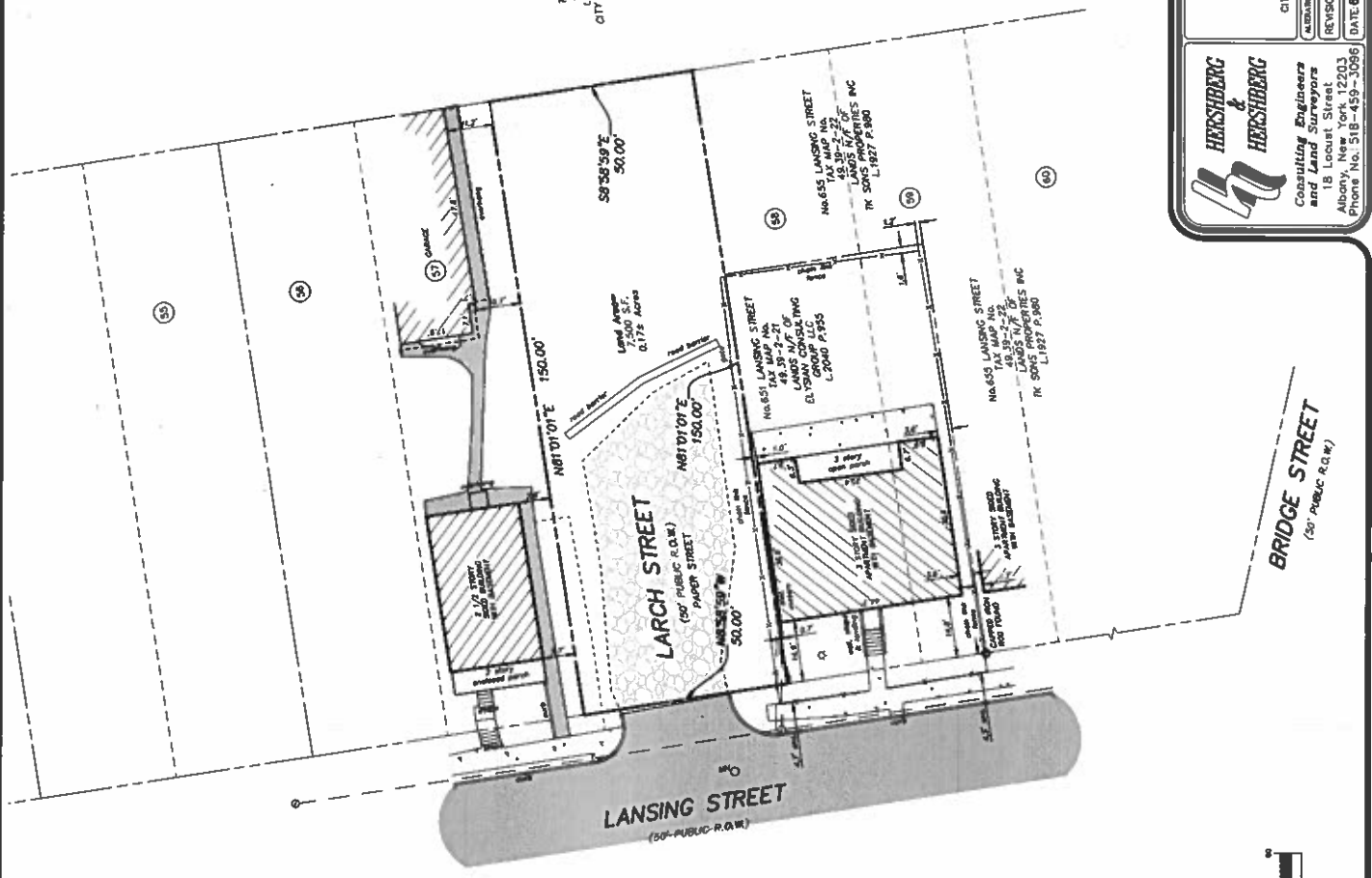
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 Phone No. 518-459-3096

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TAX MAP NO. 48.39-2-22 OF LANDS IN THE CITY OF SONDRICHTADY





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 CITY OF SOHOCKETARY, COUNTY OF SOHOCKETARY, STATE OF NEW YORK
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 BY: A/C
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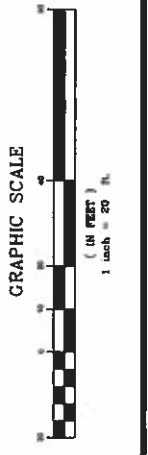
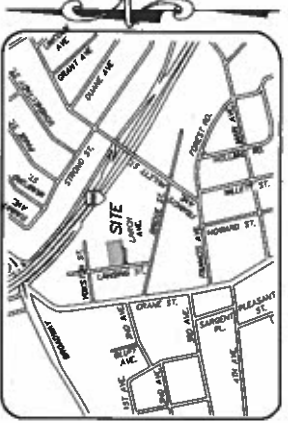
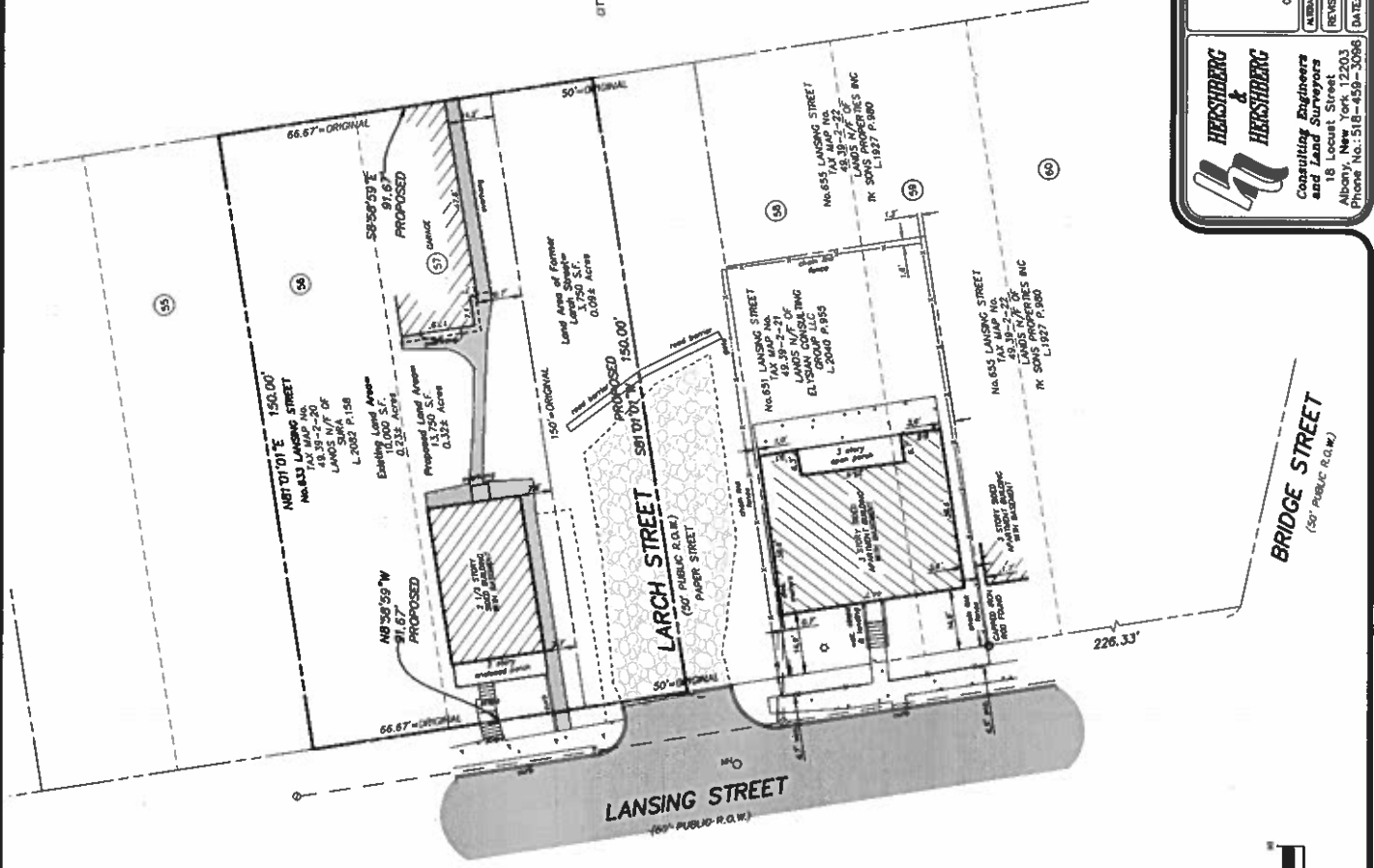
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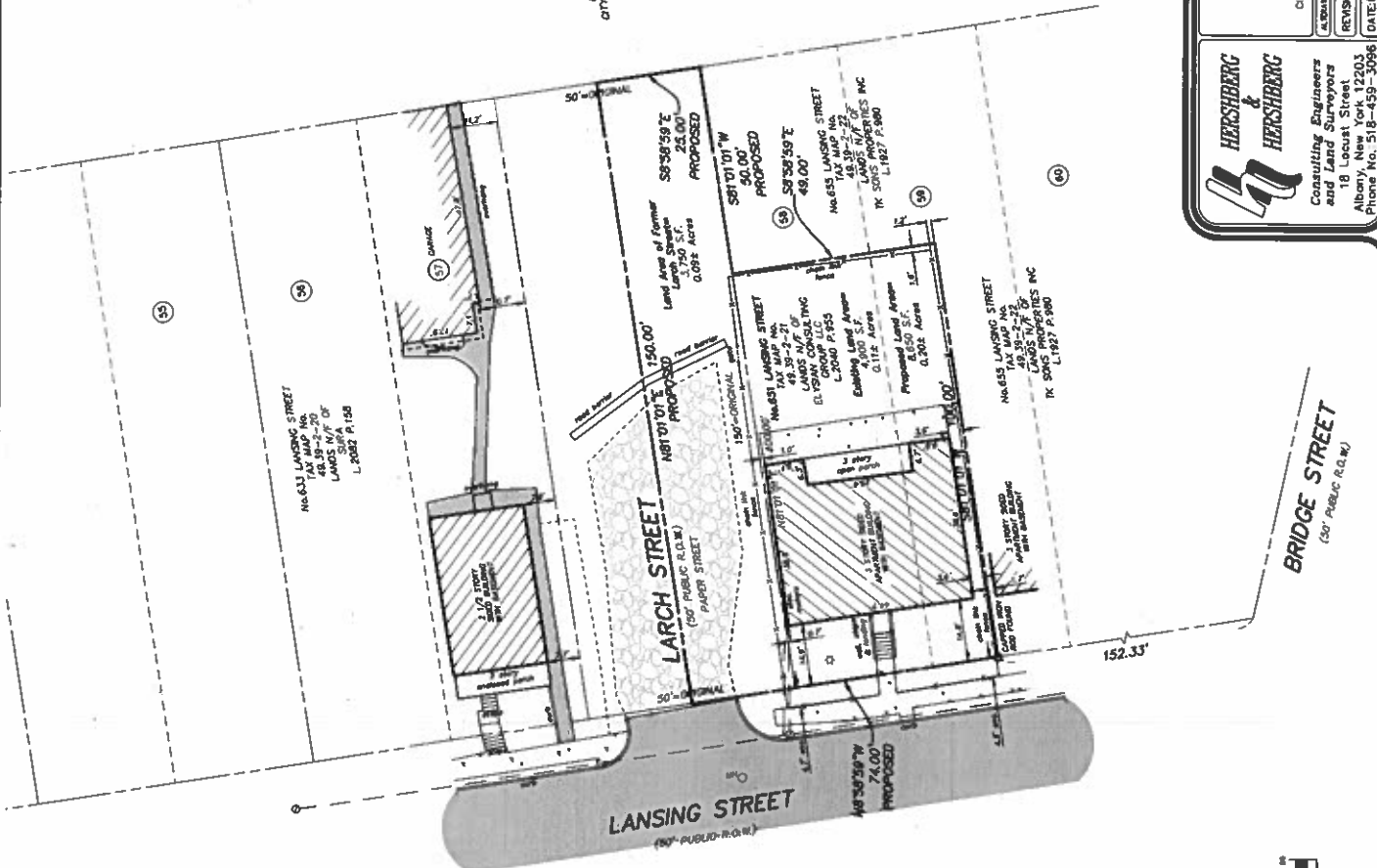
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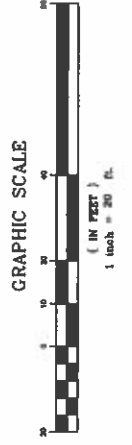
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TAX MAP NO. 48-39-2-42
LANDS N/4 & S/4
CITY OF SCHENECTADY



MAP BEARING NUMBER:
No. 651
LANSING STREET
CITY OF SCHENECTADY, COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY, STATE OF NEW YORK
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**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: July17, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Council President Marion Porterfield

SUBJECT: Discussion - Zoning for Cannabis Shop and Moratorium on Smoke Shops

Background Information:

In June 2023 Gov. Hochul's office announced that the \$200 million fund meant to provide resources for Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) operators is fully banked after asset management firm Chicago Atlantic invested \$150 million.

The state's 2023 budget included \$50 million toward the Cannabis Social Equity Investment Fund, so Chicago Atlantic's investment covers the entirety of the private money needed to be raised.

With the social equity fund fully financed, Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) plans on completing buildouts and redesigns for storefronts that they will provide to some CAURD licensees as part of a loan program.

The Cannabis Control Board in March doubled the size of the CAURD program, increasing the maximum number of dispensaries to 300. Under the expanded program, the first 150 businesses to receive CAURD licenses will be guaranteed a DASNY space if they need one.

Evaluation/Analysis:

In anticipation of additional Cannabis Shops opening, Schenectady needs to have zoning in place which regulates where they can be located. Additionally, there are numerous Smoke Shops opening in the city which sell paraphernalia consistent with the use of cannabis. There are some neighborhoods seeing more of a saturation of these establishment.

Recommendation:

City council discuss and recommend creating zoning ordinances as it relates to the location of Cannabis Shops and Smoke Shops within the city. Additionally, call for a moratorium on Smoke Shops while we these zoning ordinances are being developed.

WILL BE PREPARED BY LAW DEPARTMENT

