

SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

for
Monday, September 18, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Room 110

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

Presentation

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| 1 | Discussion – Reducing City Speed Limit to 25 mph and Other Traffic Safety Measures | Carmel Patrick |
| 2 | BCNI - Hamilton Hill Infill Project | Alexandria Carver |

City Development & Planning

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| 1 | Follow-up: ARPA Contracts | Alexandria Carver |
| 2 | CPH – for the Redirection of Jay Street, from a One-Way Street to be a Two-Way Street between Liberty Street and Union Street | Chris Wallin |
| 3 | Discussion – Amending Resolution 2014-144 Regarding the Dissolution of the Schenectady Local Development Corporation (SLDC) | Marion Porterfield |
| 4 | CR- Suicide Prevention Month | Marion Porterfield |
| 5 | CR – Recognizing September 15 th to October 15 th as Hispanic Heritage Month | Carl Williams |
| 6 | Discussion – Zoning for Cannabis Dispensaries and Smoke and Vape Shops | Marion Porterfield |
| 7 | Reminder – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 405 Eleventh Street for \$26,148.51 | Marion Porterfield |
| 8 | Reminder – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 874 Emmett Street for \$55,324.11 | Marion Porterfield |
| 9 | Reminder – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 1005 Congress Street for \$25,777.20 | Marion Porterfield |
| 10 | Reminder – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 1038 Glenwood Boulevard for \$35,500.00 | Marion Porterfield |
| 11 | Reminder – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 1040 Wendell Avenue for \$16,999.97 | Marion Porterfield |
| 12 | Sale of 841 Oakwood Avenue | Maurice Brown, III |
| 13 | Sale of 1153 Phoenix Avenue | Maurice Brown, III |
| 14 | Sale of 2008 State Street | Maurice Brown, III |

Finance

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| 1 | Reminder – PH on the 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (PH will be held on 09-25-2023) | John Mootooveren |
| 2 | Reminder – A Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-224 to Modify the Time Period for Electric City Food Cooperative, Inc. to Secure Required Financial Commitments | John Mootooveren |
| 3 | Reminder – A Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-224 to Modify the Time Period for Young Women’s Christian Association d/b/a YWCA Northeastern NY (NENY) to Secure Required Financial Commitments | John Mootooveren |
| 5 | Reminder – A Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-029 to Modify the Time Period for Miracle on Craig Street to Secure Required Financial Commitments | John Mootooveren |
| 6 | Reminder – A Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-224 to Modify the Use of Funds for Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc. | John Mootooveren |



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Carmel Patrick

SUBJECT: Presentation/ Discussion about Reducing City Speed Limit to 25 mph and other Traffic Safety Measures

Background Information:

On August 12, 2022, NYS legislation went into effect, authorizing cities and villages to act locally to impose a city- or village-wide speed limit as low as 25 miles per hour on city or village roads. In June 2022, Schenectady City Council had requested that the Governor sign this legislation. We receive numerous concerns from City residents regarding traffic safety and speeding.

Evaluation/Analysis:

Mr. Coluccio and Mr. Wallin are prepared to attend the September 18 City Council Committee meeting to discuss the findings from traffic data collected on Kings Rd., along with the Traffic Engineer who reviewed the information. They hope to also have information from two nodes on Albany Street and two on Rugby Rd.

Recommendation:

Based on information it receives from the 9/18/2023 presentation from Mr. Coluccio, Mr. Wallin and the Traffic Engineer, City Council revisit the discussion we initiated in September 2022 about reducing the City speed limit to 25 mph and/or other traffic safety measures.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY _____



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Finance

DATE: 09/14/2023

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Alexandria Carver, Community Development Supervisor

SUBJECT: Presentation for Hamilton Hill Infill Project

Background Information:

Presentation for Better Community Neighborhoods Inc. regarding ARPA funds for the Hamilton Hill Infill project

Evaluation/Analysis: N/A

Recommendation: N/A

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY__Law Department



September 14, 2023

Ms. Marion Porterfield
City Council President
City of Schenectady
105 Jay Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

RE: ARPA Conditional Award – Hamilton Hill Infill Development – Update & Extension Request

Dear Council President and fellow City Council Members,

Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc (BCNI) is hereby requesting an extension for our ARPA funding awarded through city resolution 2022-224. We have been assembling financing for the development and have successfully received a special projects designation of \$750,000 from Congressman Tonko. We also have a letter of intent from the Community Preservation Corporation for permanent financing. In working with NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR), BCNI is preparing an application for state funding through HCR's HOME ARP allocation to support the creation of 26 affordable rental opportunities for families.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at jhuff@bcnihousing.org.

Sincerely,


Jennica Huff
Chief Executive Officer
Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc,

Samanta R. Mykoo

From: Elahi, Manik <Manik.Elahi@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Elahi, Manik
Cc: Williams, Colleen
Subject: Congressman Tonko's Regional Community Projects Forum- Logistical Information - Reply requested

Importance: High

[REPLY REQUESTED]

Greetings,

Thank you very much for taking the time to talk to me relating to Congressman Tonko's event next week which will be the local introduction and formal kickoff of his advocacy efforts on behalf of his Fiscal Year 2024 Community Projects for New York's 20th Congressional District. Congratulations, again, on being selected in this highly competitive process.

As discussed, Congressman Tonko will be hosting a roundtable-style press event highlighting the 6 selected projects in Albany and Rensselaer Counties. As one of those projects, your participation in this effort is critical in sharing the details and local impact of this project on our region should it be funded in the federal budget.

Please find below logistical details specific to this visit:

WHEN: Monday, May 1, 2022, at 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. (*Please arrive at 11:30 A.M. to set up your presentation tables*)

WHAT: Press Event – **Congressman Tonko's Community Projects Regional Forum (Community projects in Albany & Rensselaer Counties)**

WHERE: Watervliet Civic Center, 102 14th Street, Watervliet, NY 12189

DESCRIPTION: Congressman Tonko will be joined by representatives and supporters of the 6 Community Projects located in Albany and Rensselaer counties for a local unveiling of each project. Demonstrations, renderings, and other important details on the local and regional impact of these projects will be revealed and discussed.

The objective of this discussion will be to:

1. Educate the Capital Region community and the media on the details of each project;
2. Outline how federal funding for these projects will improve the lives of Capital Region residents; and
3. Highlight how Congressman Tonko will be championing these projects as a federal budget is drafted and negotiated in the coming weeks and months.

Information/Actions Being Requested from You:

1. Please acknowledge receipt of this information.
2. Names and titles of any stakeholders, partners, and supporters who you would like to have attend and add value to this event. We encourage you to name as many individuals as possible who are associated with the project.
3. Let us know the name and title of the individual who will serve as the primary point of contact for the project and give a presentation (**3 - 7 minutes**) relating to the project as part of the roundtable discussion.
 - Kindly send us a picture that you would like displayed on a projection screen while you're speaking.
4. Along the perimeter of the room, each project will have a dedicated table where details of your project can be found. On this table we encourage you to display information about your project. **Kindly have someone from your group arrive at 11:30 A.M. to set up this table.**

Some suggestions for your tabling set up may include:

- Handouts with information on the project.
- Pictures/renderings/3D models of the project.
- Information relating to your organization.
- Any other visual aids.
- Video summarizing your project.
- Individuals who are involved with the project/will directly benefit from the project (NOTE: please advise our office if you plan to have advocates at your table).

Run of show:

- **11:30 A.M.** -> Necessary individual(s) from each project will arrive at the venue to set up informational table for their project.
- **12:00 P.M. – 12:45 P.M.** -> Event begins with the following order:
 - Congressman Tonko delivers welcoming remarks and highlights important information pertaining to the community projects and the Congressional appropriations process.
 - Each of the 6 community projects nominated by Congressman Tonko in the counties of Albany & Rensselaer give a presentation relating to their project (**3 – 7 minutes**) in the following order:
 - Watervliet Youth Center Capital Improvements (Watervliet Civic Center)
 - Village of Ravena Drinking Water System Improvements
 - South End Economic Development Center Expansion

- Town of Coeymans Sewer System Improvements
- Capital District LATINOS – Community Center Facility Capital Improvement Project
- City of Troy Route 2 Multi-Modal Connectivity
- **12:45 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.** -> Q&A Session for media in attendance. After final question at 1:00pm, speaking program concludes.
- **1:00 P.M.-1:30 P.M.:** Congressman Tonko, attendees and media will explore the informational tables for each project.

As you know, the Congressman will be doing all he can over the next several weeks to push for the inclusion of this project within the FY2024 Appropriations bill. This event will help the Congressman, and the public, gain a better understanding as to how your project will play a key role in building a more prosperous Capital Region.

Thank you very much and we look forward to working with you. Feel free to reach out with any questions or feedback.

Best,
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Manik Elahi

(He/Him/His)

Outreach Manager

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19 Dove Street, Suite 302, Albany, New York 12210

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SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Request Form

Committee: City Development & Planning

Committee Date: Monday, September 18, 2023

From: Alexandria Carver

Subject: Follow-up: ARPA Contracts

Background Info:

This is a follow-up from December 5, 2022. This discussion is to get an update on time-line for letters fo commitments, contracts that were fully funded, and those that have contingencies and what the contingencies are, and the release of funds.

Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation



Legislative Request Form

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

CHRISTOPHER WALLIN, P.E., CITY ENGINEER

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council

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

SUBJECT: A Call for a Public Hearing for the Redirection of Jay Street, from a One-Way Street to be Two-Way Street between Liberty Street and Union Street.

TO BE PLACED ON COUNCIL AGENDA OF: September 25, 2023

Background Information:

Jay Street is an existing one-way public road that runs from Franklin Street to Union Street. As part of the City's plan to better connect the downtown with neighboring business communities such as Little Italy (North Jay Street) and Mohawk Harbor the City received both Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) funding and Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) funding. The PSAP funding allowed for the improvement and replacement of select traffic signals in the downtown area, primarily around City Hall, while the DRI funding will connect the dead end of North Jay Street to Nott Street. With the PSAP project substantially completed the City is able to convert the section of Jay Street between Liberty Street and Union Street to two-way.

Evaluation/Analysis:

The modification of Jay Street from one-way to two-way will promote better traffic flow within the City and connect downtown with the neighboring business communities.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Amendment to 248-18 of the Schenectady City Code to Designate the portion of Jay Street, between Liberty Street and Union Street, as a Two-Way Street.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY: Engineering

CRW: cd

**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Council President Marion Porterfield

SUBJECT: Discussion Amendment to resolution 2014-144

Background Information:

The Schenectady Local Development Corporation (SLDC), chartered in 1978 to benefit small business in the City of Schenectady and was dissolved in 2014. At the time of dissolution, the SLDC had assets, various mortgages and accounts that must be assigned; and the City had an interest in assuring that said mortgages and accounts are properly administered:

A resolution was passed that the City Council, would accept the assignment of mortgages and accounts from the SLDC pursuant to such terms and conditions as the Corporation Counsel deems appropriate; and that the Mayor was authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the assignment contemplated herein.

Evaluation/Analysis:

The duties related to handling accounts previously under SLDC are administrative. The City Council can make does not have the capacity to manage these accounts or collect any outstanding monies due.

Recommendation:

That resolution 2014-144 be amended to transfer the duties of the former SLDC to the City of Schenectady to handle any outstanding accounts and began collection of any monies due.

WILL BE PREPARED BY LAW DEPARTMENT



SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Request Form

Committee: City Development & Planning

Committee Date: Monday, September 18, 2023

From: Marion Porterfield

Subject CR - Suicide Prevention Month

Background Info:

Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation



SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Request Form

Committee: City Development & Planning

Committee Date: Monday, September 18, 2023

From: Carl Williams

Subject CR - Recognizing September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Schenectady

Background Info:

Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to Hispanic and Latinx Americans for their contributions to the United States and to celebrate the culture and history of these groups.

Evaluation/Analysis

Hispanic Americans have contributed greatly to our nation in all areas, including science, art, music, sports, education and public service and have bravely served their country in large numbers in times of peace and in every war in our nation's history.

Recommendation

City Council pass this resolution to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month.

**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Council President Marion Porterfield

SUBJECT: Discussion on zoning for Cannabis dispensaries and Smoke and Vape shops

Background Information:

The City Code as it is currently written does not include zoning for Cannabis dispensaries and Smoke and Vape shops.

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

Discussion of changing the code to include these uses.

WILL BE PREPARED BY _____



SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL

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From: Marion Porterfield

Subject Reminder - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 405 Eleventh Street for \$26,148.51

Background Info:

Item was passed out of Committee on 09-05-2023 but due to the lack of requisite votes, failed to pass out of the Council meeting held on 09-11-2023.

Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation



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Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation



SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL

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From: Marion Porterfield

Subject: Reminder - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 1005 Congress Street for \$25,777.10

Background Info:

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Recommendation



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Subject Reminder - A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 1038 Glenwood Boulevard for \$35,500.00

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Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation



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Evaluation/Analysis

Recommendation