

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

May 10, 2021

The City Council Meeting was called to order by the City Council President John Mootooveren at 5:30 p.m. by Webex Teleconference.

Mr. Mootooveren asked Reverend Ronald Hunt to offer the invocation.

Mr. Mootooveren then called on Council Member Carmel Patrick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk called the roll and the following members of the City Council answered to be present:

Present – Council Members: Carmel Patrick, John Polimeni, Marion Porterfield, Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas, and John Mootooveren.

Also Present – City Clerk Samanta R. Mykoo, Corporation Counsel Andrew Koldin, and Mayor Gary R. McCarthy.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Regarding Proposed 2021-2022 HUD Annual Action Plan

See comments on file in the Office of Development.

2. Regarding Amending Chapter 248 of the Administrative Code of the City of Schenectady Related to the Impoundment and Redemption of All-Terrain Vehicles

Mr. Mootooveren invited all who wished to address the Council regarding Public Hearing Number Two to come forward:

Ellie Pepper – Stated that she does not agree with the changes being made to this code. It feels mean spirited and is unnecessarily punitive. She spoke of the fines, jail time and possibility of owners losing their vehicle. She asked that Council consider a system of warnings first.

Dean Mirabito – Cited sections of the proposed code related to the fines, redemptions, and possible jail time. Then commented that it was outrageous; it is not a just legislation. This legislation seems punitive and uses possession of the vehicle as an alternative to control behavior. He asked that Council seeks non-punitive alternatives.

Seeing no speakers to come forward, Mr. Mootooveren declared the Public Hearing Number Two, to be closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Mootooveren asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Ms. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Porterfield seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

None.

General:

None.

Petitions:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

Mr. Mootooveren invited all who wished to address the Legislative Agenda to come forward or otherwise submit their comments to the City Clerk:

Seeing no speakers to come forward, Mr. Mootooveren declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding Legislative Items, to be closed.

INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Mootooveren made a motion that Council approves the Consent Agenda, and the motion was moved by Ms. Porterfield and seconded by Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas.

Consent Agenda

Ordinance No. 2021-095	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-096.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-097.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-098.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-099.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-100.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-101.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2021-102.....	Adopted Unanimously

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Mootooveren directed all who wished to discuss any items for City Business to submit their comments to the City Clerk.

Alex Addison – submitted an online comment regarding the noise level at Frog Alley and asking for assistance addressing this quality-of-life issue.

Seeing no speakers to come forward, Mr. Mootooveren declared the Privilege of the Floor to be closed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Ms. Porterfield - Offered her condolences to the family of Tony Buonome; he was a resident that frequently attended and spoke at the City Council meetings. She spoke about the accident at the corner of Mallard and Broadway and suggested a better crossing in that section. She congratulated Cornerstone Bakery on their debut; this group of young people worked under Community Fathers. She then thanked all the Pastors that came out for the National Day of Prayer; it was greatly appreciated. She recognized the CDTA and Greenmarket's partnership to have a trolley that will come to specific neighborhoods and bring people to the Greenmarket. This venture will allow more residents to access the Greenmarket. Then she recognized the Schenectady Street Sweepers. They are a group that has organized to pick up litter across the City; they are open to anyone who would like to join them. Lastly, she wanted to recognize a sanitation worker who went the extra mile to keep the street clean and thanked him.

Carmel Patrick – Thanked the County for the making the vaccination available during the Greenmarket; it is held at the Karen B. Johnson Library. She also congratulated the Greenmarket and the CDTA on their partnership.

John Polimeni – Asked that residents be considerate of their neighbors when driving and keep the volume of their music lowered; there has been many complaints recently. There have been clean-up efforts in the neighborhoods, this should not be needed if people would pick-up after themselves and throw out their garbage appropriately. He asked that people try to be respectful.

Mayor McCarthy – Wished everyone a pleasant evening and to stay safe.

Adjourned:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Mootoveren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Ms. Patrick and seconded by Ms. Porterfield. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

A true record

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha R. Mykoo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

**By Samantha R. Mykoo
Schenectady City Clerk**

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City Council Privilege of the Floor Submission Form

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Privilege of the Floor	CITY BUSINESS
Register to Speak during the Council Meeting	City Business - items not on the Council Agenda
Comments	I want to address the band permits that the city is providing frog alley bar. These bands play so loudly that the floors of the upstairs residences shake and the dishes in their cabinets rattle. I have tried for a few weeks now to get this to stop and have talked to the police dozens of times. They have informed me that I should try and go through the city council to get this addressed. The noise that these bands produce (sometimes four times a week) has posed a huge quality of life issue for me and multiple other occupants of the frog alley apartments.

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