

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL
March 27, 2023**

The City Council meeting was called to order by the City Council President Marion Porterfield at 7:00 P.M. in room 209, City Council chambers at City Hall.

Ms. Porterfield called on Reverend Brad Jones of Christ Church to lead the invocation.

Ms. Porterfield then called on Councilmember Doreen Ditoro to lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

Present - Councilmembers: John Mootoveren, Doreen Ditoro, Damonni Farley, Carl Williams, Carmel Patrick, John Polimeni, and Marion Porterfield

Also Present - Mayor Gary R. McCarthy, Deputy City Clerk Ekram J. Phanisnaraine, and Corporation Counsel Andrew B. Koldin, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Porterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 council meeting as submitted by the Deputy City Clerk. Ms. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Farley seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

From the Mayor, a list of appointments dated March 27, 2023.

General:

From Robert S. Albee of Schenectady Veterans of WWII, Inc., a thank you letter for support and funds donated for continued maintenance of the home for the Schenectady Veterans of WWII, Inc.

From Leonard F. Porcaro of Broderick, Fuller, Nekola American Legion Post 1005, a thank you letter for funds donated.

From David Giacalone, an email addressing concerns on the legislation for the Creative Outdoor Advertising litter bins.

Petitions:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

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

Leah Egnaczyk – Farms Manager for Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM); Thanked the Council for their support and expressed enthusiasm to be working in partnership with the city to address food insecurity in the community.

Seeing no other speakers come forward, Ms. Porterfield declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding Legislative Items, to be closed.

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

Ms. Porterfield made a motion that Council approves the Consent Agenda, the motion was moved by Mr. Mootoveren and seconded by Ms. Patrick.

Consent Agenda

- Resolution No. 2023-05..... Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-06.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-048.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-049.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-050.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-051.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-052.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-053..... Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-054.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-055.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-056.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-057.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-058.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-059.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-060..... Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-061.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-062.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-063.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-064.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2023-065.....Adopted Unanimously

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Porterfield directed all who wished to discuss any items for City Business to come forward or otherwise submit their comments to the City Clerk.

Leonard Demasi – Voiced concerns about the current condition of the sidewalk curbing near areas of Wendell Avenue, Lenox Road, and Nott Street.

Seeing no other speakers come forward, Ms. Porterfield declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding City Business, to be closed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Damoni Farley – Vented his heartache and frustration over the recent school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Active Shooter lockdown that took place inside of Albany Medical Center. Extended his thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families and emphasized that thoughts and prayers are pointless if we do not take action and create change to prevent situations such as these in the future. Suggested that Council setup an event where an open discussion can be had with community members concerning mental health.

Carmel Patrick – Congratulated the Schenectady Firefighters Cancer Foundation on for their successful 5K race on Saturday and thanked them for their hard work on the cause.

Marion Porterfield – Thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their concerns and extended her condolences to the victims and families of Nashville, Tennessee. Agreed with Councilmember Farley about the seriousness of mental health and that it needs to be addressed. Lastly, she spoke about the passed resolution which honors Navy Veteran James A. Wilson, praising him as a jewel to the community.

Adjourned:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Ms. Porterfield asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Mootoveren and seconded by Ms. Patrick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

A true record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Phanisnaraine', written in a cursive style.

**By Ekram J. Phanisnaraine
Schenectady Deputy City Clerk**