

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

May 11, 2020

The City Council Meeting was called to order by the City Council President John Mootooveren at 5:31 p.m. by Webex Teleconference.

Mr. Mootooveren asked Council Member John Polimeni to offer the invocation.

Mr. Mootooveren then called on Council Member Leesa Perazzo 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: Edward Kosiur, Carmel Patrick, Leesa Perazzo, 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.

Absent – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Mootooveren asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2020 Council meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Ms. Perazzo made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

None.

General:

None.

Petitions:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Mr. Polimeni – Stated that tonight we pass a resolution seeking Federal funding for state and local municipalities. Given the economic downturn caused by the Coronavirus COVID-19 the City is looking at approximately \$11.7 million deficit. Other municipalities are in similar situations. He urged residents to reach out to our representatives such as Mitch McConnell, Nancy Pelosi, and the President to communicate to them the need for the money for services that many people depend upon to remain in place.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

Mr. Mootooveren directed all who wished to discuss any items on the Legislative Agenda to submit their comments to the City Clerk.

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

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

Consent Agenda

- Resolution No. 2020-077Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2020-078Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2020-079Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2020-080Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2020-081Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2020-082Adopted 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas – Stated that the President and Congress are going into the next comprehensive COVID related funding bill and spoke about the need for residents to reach out to our representatives. She then announced the phone numbers for our representatives: Mitch McConnell 202-224-2541; White House 202-456-1111; Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer 202-224-6542; and Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi 202-225-4965. It is important that we get the funding to continue on as a municipality, we need to make sure that our voices are heard.

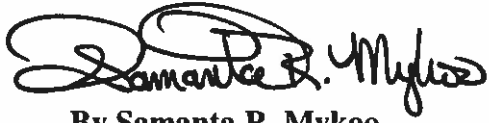
Ms. Porterfield – Reminded everyone about the need to complete the census, it is needed now more than ever.

Mayor McCarthy – Thanked Council for passing the resolution requesting funding from the Federal Government and reaching out to members of the New York Congressional Delegation or National Delegation. He then reminded everyone that Wednesday, May 13th is the last day for individuals to update their information with the IRS to qualify for the CARES Act Economic Impact Payment; information can be found on the City’s website.

Adjourned:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Mootooveren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Polimeni and seconded by Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

A true record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha R. Mykoo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

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