

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

**June 13, 2022**

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 asked Pastor Dennis Graham-Parker of Liberty Church to offer the invocation.

Ms. Porterfield then called on George Sykala 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: John Mootooveren, Doreen Ditoro, Damonni Farley, John Polimeni, Carl Williams, and Marion Porterfield.

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

At this point, Ms. Porterfield asked if there were no objections, she would like to take agenda item twelve out of order. There were no objections.

**Resolution No. 2022-145 A Resolution Commemorating June 14th as Flag Day.**

The resolution was moved by Ms. Patrick and seconded Mr. Mootooveren. The resolution passed unanimously.

The resolution was accepted by William Frank and other members of the Schenectady County Veterans Service Agency. They thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

At this point, Ms. Porterfield asked if there were no objections, she would like to take agenda item fourteen out of order. There were no objections.

**Resolution No. 2022-146 A Resolution Recognizing Gun Violence Awareness.**

The resolution was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Mootooveren. The resolution passed unanimously.

The resolution was accepted by Katie Chow and other members of Moms Demand Action Against For Gun Sense In America. They thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

At this point, Ms. Porterfield asked if there were no objections, she would like to take agenda item fifteen out of order. There were no objections.

**Resolution No. 2022-147 A Resolution Recognizing June 2022 as Pride Month.**

The resolution was moved by Ms. Doreen Ditoro and seconded by Mr. Polimeni. The resolution passed unanimously.

The resolution was accepted by Kevin Rejack, Michael Marcello, Ron Suriano, Jay Cooper, and Lisa Suriano. They thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ms. Porterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2022 Council Meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Patrick seconded the motion.

**COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Official:**

From the Commissioner of General Services, Paul Lafond, a letter recommending the award of the “Municipal Water Supply Well Project” to Layne Christensen Company.

**General:**

None.

**Petitions:**

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:

**P. D. Voorhis** – Spoke about the Criminal Justice Program and questioned some of the expenses on the contract.

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 Ms. Ditoro and seconded by Ms. Patrick.

**Consent Agenda**

Resolution No. 2022-148.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-149.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-150.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-151.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-152.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-153.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-154.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-155.....Adopted Unanimously  
Resolution No. 2022-156.....Adopted Unanimously

Resolution No. 2022-157.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-158.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-159.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-160.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-161.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-CS-13.....	Adopted Unanimously
Resolution No. 2022-CS-14.....	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.

**Anthony Carota** – Thanked the Mayor for meeting with other leaderships to address crime in the area.

**P. D. Voorhis** – Announced that the cost of gas has increased. She has noticed that it is impossible for Code Enforcement to catch up.

**Tom Carey** – President of the Schenectady United Neighborhood Association and Upper Union Neighborhood coalition. He asked that legislators adopt a lower speed limit and complete a street design that would be safer for all to use the streets.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

**Carl Williams** – Spoke about events throughout the community. He then asked that everyone be considerate of their neighbors and recognize that fireworks and excessively loud music is beginning to run rampant throughout many of our neighborhoods.

**Carmel Patrick** – Thanked Governor Hochul and Assemblymen Santabarbara and Steck for the new homeowner tax credit rebate program that was passed.

**Doreen Ditoro** – Thanked Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara for securing \$2.5 million in State funding for the Capital Region Aquatic Center.

**Damoni Farley** – Announced the Juneteenth celebrations that will be occurring over the coming weekend.

**John Polimeni** – Thanked Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara for the countless hours of work, and all he does for our community.

**Mayor McCarthy** – Thanked Mr. Carey for the work he does for Upper Union Street and the SUN organization. He then explained that the City does rank pedestrian safety high and that the study that came out did cast a negative light on Schenectady due to the aggressive approach toward enforcement. He then stated that we have partners and advocates for our city with Governor and Assembly Members who have allocated funds for paving, the aquatic center and improving pedestrian safety.

**Marion Porterfield** – Thanked everyone for attending this Council Meeting and those that attended Cannabis Forum. She clarified that the DCJS grant not require any matching funds

from the City. She congratulated Corporation Counsel Andrew Koldin on his marriage. She then thanked the organizers of the Kids ArtFest for a fun event and the volunteers at her table, thanked our HR Administrator, Maryann Alli, for helping at the GreenMarket with the employment applications. She then announced that the Hamilton Hill Arts Center will be unveiling a sculpture on the 19<sup>th</sup> along with the various Juneteenth celebrations.

**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 Mr. Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**A true record**

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

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



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TO: The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of City Council

Attached is a Resolution recommending the award of **“Municipal Water Supply Well Project”** to Layne Christensen Company, of Schoharie, NY in the amount of \$1,133,200.00.

Very truly yours,

Paul LaFond  
Commissioner of General Services

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