

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Olean Municipal Building - Council Chambers – 6:35 p.m.

1. ROLL-CALL

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE

4. READING, CORRECTING, AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING:

“The Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:35 p.m.”

PRESENT: Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Andreano, Gonzalez, Dougherty, Smith, and George

ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS: Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Keri Kerper, Community Development Program Coordinator; Bob Bell, Fire Chief; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Michiko McElfresh, Mayor’s Secretary.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

Report from Strategic Planning Committee on PL #20-19, to declare the City of Olean a Charter for Compassion City. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

8. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended January, 2018

9. PROPOSED LEGISLATION & REFERRALS

PL #22-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to sign and submit an application for grant funding to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation through the “Zombie” and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative – Round 2 also called “Zombies 2.0”. *Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 26, 2019 by Council President.*

PL #23-19: (Aiello) That the Project Loan Committee recommends that the City subordinate its lien position for Olean Homeownership Assistance Program Application #148-04. *Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 26, 2019 by Council President.*

10. PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT (5 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER)

11. FINANCE-BILLS

By Alderman _____ Seconded by Alderman _____

The Auditor has processed bills and claims against the City of Olean as per list submitted to each Alderman and recommends payment thereof.

WHEREAS, the Auditor has presented to the Common Council, bills and claims against the City of Olean totaling \$1,932,129.14 for the budget and recommends payment thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the same be and are hereby audited and allowed, and the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payment thereof at the amounts set opposite each respective claim.

12. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #13-19

PL #16-19

By Alderman Dougherty, Seconded by Alderman Witte

TO AMEND THE CITY OF OLEAN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12 TO INCLUDE ARTICLE VI, SECTION 12-126, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (IPMC) OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE BY REFERENCE

RESOLVED, that Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Olean, New York is hereby amended to include the following:

Article VI IPMC.

Sec. 12-126. Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code by reference

The provisions of the Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code are adopted by reference.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #19-19

PL #20-19

By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Witte

TO DESIGNATE THE CITY OF OLEAN A CHARTER FOR COMPASSION CITY

WHEREAS, it is evident that Olean is a community that values compassion, and living by the “Golden Rule”, as demonstrated by numerous agencies that provide food, shelter, medical care, spiritual support, and other kinds of assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Olean promotes the nurturance of a healthy environment as a means of maintaining a healthy quality of life for all our citizens, as evidenced by our River Trail, Walkable Olean, beautification of our downtown and parks, etc.; and

WHEREAS, in hundreds of communities that have endorsed the Charter for Compassion, there has been increased focus on improving quality of life, reducing crime, drug addiction, homelessness and most importantly, maximizing “human capitol” by increasing levels of volunteerism and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 area individuals, and over 40 local organizations, have signed the Charter for Compassion, indicating their desire to live in a community wherein “compassion” and “living by the Golden Rule” are viewed as central core values, and many of these individuals have also indicated a willingness to put their belief into action by offering to help with the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Charter for Compassion’s Sustainable Development Goals are highly compatible with the City of Olean’s “Comprehensive Development Plan 2005-2025”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Olean Common Council that the Olean Common Council supports the designation of Olean as a “Charter for Compassion City” and applauds the mission of the Charter to promote volunteerism and positive community involvement aimed at improving the quality of life for all our citizens, especially those most in need.

RESOLUTION #21-19

PL #22-19

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION THROUGH THE “ZOMBIE” AND VACANT PROPERTIES REMEDIATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE – ROUND 2 ALSO CALLED “ZOMBIES

2.0”

WHEREAS, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (“LISC”) has introduces Zombies 2.0, the second round of the Zombie and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative to be administered by Enterprise Community Partners; and

WHEREAS, said grant program will provide \$9 million to help municipal leaders across New York State support programs addressing housing vacancy remediation and prevention and homeowners retention and enforcement of the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2016”, known as the “Zombie Law”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean is eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 to enable the City to partner with New York State to ensure continued implementation of, and compliance with, the Zombie Law, and to support the effort of the City to prevent future “zombie houses”, as well as to support City programs that address issues related to housing vacancy and distress; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of using said funds to continue address blight issues throughout the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for grant funding to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation through the “Zombie” and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative – Round 2, also called “Zombies 2.0” for funding to support City programs that address issues related to housing vacancy and distress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any contracts, documents and instruments associated with the aforementioned Program.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #22-19

PL #23-19

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

THAT THE PROJECT LOAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY SUBORDINATE ITS LIEN POSITION FOR THE OLEAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION #148-04

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development received a request from one first-time homebuyer to subordinate the City’s lien positions with respect to the grant/loan funds provided to the applicant under the Olean Homeownership Assistant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean’s Project Loan Committee has received said request and recommends approval of the following application:

OHAP #148-04;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Olean approves the above-identified request and authorizes the Mayor to execute the respective subordination agreements pending the City Attorney's review and approval.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will be effective immediately.

13. ADJOURNMENT