

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Olean Municipal Building – 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, July 13, 2021 at 6:50 p.m.”

PRESENT: Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Panus, Gonzalez, Barnard, Robinson, and Anastasia

ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS: Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Ron Richardson, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Application for a Liquor License – Union Tea Café, Inc. – 301 North Union Street

8. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

9. PROPOSED LEGISLATION & REFERRALS

PL #43-21: (Aiello) That the Common Council of the City of Olean is fully supportive of the submission by Olean City Centre for Empire State Development Grant Funds for the redevelopment of the property located at 400-450 North Union Street. *Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, July 27, 2021 by Council President.*

PL #44-21: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation through the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Wayne Street Shared Use Path Project. *Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2021 for Resolution by Council President.*

PL #45-21: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through the Water Quality Improvement Project Program for the South Olean Syphon Project. *Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2021 for Resolution 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 \$2,037,373.55 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 #51-21

PL #43-21

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLEAN IS FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SUBMISSION BY OLEAN CITY CENTRE FOR THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400-450 NORTH UNION STREET

WHEREAS, Empire State Development provides capital grant funding for capital-based economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business or economic activity in a community or region of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Olean Town centre LLC (d/b/a Olean City Centre) intends to make application to Empire State Development on or about July 30, 2021 for capital grant funding to support redevelopment of the 345,000 square foot mall property located at 400-450 North Union Street (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will involve reimaging the property as a mixed-use development to include sixty residential units, multi-tenant office and retail space, façade and additional investment to support the current anchors Kohl's and JC Penney's; and

WHEREAS, the Project will improve the mall site through façade investments, new lighting and landscaping, and parking lot improvements, while also improving the property's connectivity to

the City of Olean's retail corridor to support retail and commercial activity beyond the mall property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Olean, New York is fully supportive of the submission by Olean City Centre for Empire State Development Grant Funds in an amount up to \$2,000,000 for the Project.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #52-21

PL #44-21

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE WAYNE STREET SHARED USE PATH PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is making available up to \$110 million in funding over a two-year period to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and transportation-related projects and programs that support the goals of New York's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA); and

WHEREAS, the funds, made available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the NYSDOT are provided through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ); and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean has determined that the proposed Wayne Street Shared Use Path Project is an eligible transportation related project with increased options for non-vehicular transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean desires to apply for TAP funding for eligible expenses including planning, design/engineering services, right-of-way acquisition, construction and construction inspection services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation through the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Wayne Street Shared Use Path Project.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, documents and agreements related to this application.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #53-21

PL #45-21

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION THROUGH THE WATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH OLEAN SYPHON PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process for the Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP), a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program open to local governments and not-for-profit corporations to implement projects that directly address documented water quality impairments, improve aquatic habitat, or protect a drinking water source; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean has determined that the proposed South Olean Syphon Project is an eligible project under the WQIP and desire to apply for funding assistance for the construction and construction inspection phases of said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Olean authorizes the Mayor to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through the Water Quality Improvement Project Program for the South Olean Syphon Project.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, documents and agreements related to this application.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

13. ADJOURNMENT