

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

March 23, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Michelle M. Roman called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Barnard, Beakman, Devine, Fogle, Kantor, and Pasceri.

INVOCATION

MAYOR'S UPDATE

RECESS

Recess for public input.

032322.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Beakman, seconded by Alderman Kantor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2022 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6. Carried.

FROM THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk submitted payrolls, bills for services and expenses, and reported that the Department Heads submitted reports of labor performed in their departments. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)
3/17/22 Paul K. Oates, City Clerk – notification the Lockport Municipal Offices will be closed as follows in the month of April in observance of Good Friday:

Friday, April 15th

There will be no change in the garbage pickup schedule.

Referred to the Media.

Notice of Complaint:

3/16/22 17 Remick Pkwy – tree
3/18/22 88 Center Street – trees
3/22/22 202 East Avenue – tree

Referred to the Director of Streets and Parks.

Notice of Special Franchise Assessment Complaint:

3/17/22 (Pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law section 610) Eversheds Sutherland LLP, FBO Time Warner of Buffalo, 7820 Crescent Executive Drive, Charlotte, NC

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Notice of Claim:

3/15/22 & 3/21/22 E. A. Granchelli, Developer, 36 Pine Street, Lockport, NY

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

032322.2

By Alderman Beakman:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue orders in favor of the claimants for payrolls, bills, and services to be paid on March 24th, 2022 as follows:

General Fund	Fund A	\$163,095.13
Community Dev.	Fund CD	\$20,000.00
Water Fund	Fund FX	\$106,264.42
Sewer Fund	Fund G	\$62,853.03
Capital Projects	Fund H	\$155,693.91
Refuse Fund	Fund CL	\$85,623.81
Self Insurance	Fund MS	\$1,560.90
Worker’s Comp	Fund S	\$8,920.00
Payroll	Pay Date 3/10	\$502,104.37

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

032322.3

By Alderman Pasceri:

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to amend Local Law #1 – 1962, amended by Local Law #1 – 1963, relative to Section C-370a of the City Charter—the opening of streets; and be it further

Resolved, that a public hearing be held at the Common Council meeting of April 13, 2022, starting at 6:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, NY relative to said local law, and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise notice of said public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman Barnard and adopted. Ayes 6.

032322.4

By Alderman Barnard:

Resolved, that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Niagara Hospice to conduct the 9th Annual Hospice Gran Fondo Bike Ride, on Saturday, August 6th, 2022 beginning at 7 a.m., subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief; and be it further

Resolved, permission include the barricading of West Jackson Street to through traffic, from Plank Road to Niagara Street, from 10am until 1pm; and be it further

Resolved, that the Director of Streets, Parks and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades, cones and 'street closed' signs as required; and be it further

Resolved, that Niagara Hospice send a letter to affected residents informing them of the race and the closure of West Jackson to through traffic; and be it further

Resolved, that Niagara Hospice file a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

032322.5

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, General City Law 20(3) authorizes the City to accept donations from individuals or organizations, and to use said donations per the restrictions placed on them by the donor, regardless of minimum value; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend thanks and appreciation to West Falls Fire Company, through West Herr Automotive, for the donation of a used ambulance to the Lockport Fire Department.

Seconded by Alderman Beakman. Ayes 3. Nays 3. Aldermen Barnard, Kantor and Pasceri voted no. The Mayor voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

032322.6

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas, the City Council passed Resolution 120419.7 in December 2019, sponsored by Alderman Oates and seconded by Alderman Abbott, wherein the Council approved a contract between the City and GAR Associates, LLC, for an Equity Improvement Project for assessments on properties in the City; and

Whereas, said Resolution approved the contract for GAR Associates, LLC, Williamsville, to be paid \$400,000, paid over a three year time period; and

Whereas, said project was not identified in the capital budget or the 2019 General Fund Budget and necessitates the amendment of both, including the use of contingency to fund the first year; and

Whereas Alderman Oates also sponsored Resolution 070120.6 in July 2020, seconded by Alderman Abbott, which amended the FY 2020 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets to pay for said contract; and

Whereas GAR Associates have performed and completed the 3 year Reassessment on City properties, and have presented their findings on same to City officials; and

Whereas the Council believes that it is in the City's best interest to hold the findings in abeyance for one year and delay the implementation of the reassessments until April 1, 2023; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Reassessment completed by GAR Associates, at the expense of \$400,000, shall not be implemented until April 1, 2023; and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate City Departments shall take all necessary steps to implement the reassessment effective April 1, 2023.

Seconded by Beakman. Ayes 2. Nays 4. Aldermen Barnard, Fogle, Kantor and Pasceri voted no. Motion failed.

032322.7

By Alderman Pasceri:

Whereas, Lockport Community Services, Inc. has secured a \$300,000 challenge grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, and additional funding totaling \$250,000 from the Grigg Lewis Foundation, the John R. Oshei Foundation, Geico, community funding, and other sources; and

Whereas, the City of Lockport (City) has identified the need to make improvements at the Railyard Skate Park at Outwater Park; and

Whereas, the Skate Park has a projected completion date of December 1, 2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City's Consulting Engineer, Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc., is authorized and directed to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Design/Build services related to improvements at the Skate Park; and be it further

Resolved, that upon receipt of said Request for Proposals (RFP), the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes: 6.

032322.8

By Alderman Kantor:

Resolved, that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Lockport Little Loop Football for use of Exchange Field for their 2022 season.

Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes: 6.

032322.9

By Alderman Kantor:

Whereas, in FY 2021, the City of Lockport partnered with Lockport Main Street (LMS) and the Verizon Media Community Benefit Fund to secure grant funds for downtown beautification projects; and

Whereas, LMS has secured \$14,000 in grant funds for the City of Lockport and wishes to partner again for the 2022 fiscal year to continue downtown beautification projects (which includes the purchase of trees, benches, waste and recycling receptacles, and flower pots/landscaping); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the FY 2022 Appropriated General Fund Budget is hereby altered to incorporate these new revenues/expenditures:

Revenues:

Increase

A.8510.32705	Gift and Donations	\$14,000
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Expenditures:

Increase

A.8510.54515	Special Supplies	\$14,000
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Seconded by Alderman Pasceri and adopted. Ayes 6.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 P.M. Alderman Beakman moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Kantor and adopted. Ayes 6.

PAUL K. OATES
City Clerk