

CITY OF LOCKPORT
CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

March 27th, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Craig, Devine, Fogle, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane

INVOCATION

RECESS

Recess for public input.

032724.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Fogle, seconded by Alderman Craig, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13th 2024 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on the NYS Department of Transportation – Route 78 Rehabilitation that will rehabilitate Transit Rd (Route 78) between Millersport Highway and Summit Street and the proposed improvements, the acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW) from Children's Memorial Park, and any potential impacts on the community.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said NYS Department of Transportation – Route 78 Rehabilitation have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced a public hearing on the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application relative to a grant to implement a microenterprise assistance program

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to said Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application have been received.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments - Corrections:

Andrew Nemi, 564 Willow Street is hereby appointed to Fire Board for the City of Lockport, effective February 21st 2024. Said term expires December 31st ~~2028~~ 2027

Sommers Sherman, ~~6251 S. Transit Road~~, 770 East Avenue - is hereby appointed to the City of Lockport Police Board effective February 21st, 2024. Said term expires December 31st ~~2028~~ 2027.

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. Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)

3/27/2024 Sarah K. Lanzo, City Clerk- Residential Trash and Recycling services will be pushed one day during the week of April 8th, due to the anticipated traffic volume and activities during the Solar Eclipse.

Notice of Claim:

3/8/2024 Randall Shellman, truck damage from tree.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

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By Alderman Craig:

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 28th 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.3

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that claims authorized for payment by the Director of Planning and Development, and subsequently paid from the Community Development Escrow Account, be and the same are hereby approved.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.4

By Alderman Craig:

Whereas the boat stewards of the WNY Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) have performed voluntary boat inspections to remove visible aquatic plants and animals from all types of water craft, and

Whereas the removal of these plants and animals helps prevent the transport and spread of aquatic invasive species, and

Whereas WNY PRISM has conducted its boat steward program in Lockport for the past four years and wishes to do so again this summer, and

Whereas the stewards will also be responsible for public education and distribution of educational materials; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that pursuant to their request, WNY PRISM is hereby granted permission to have watercraft inspection stewards at launches at Nelson C. Goehle Wide Waters Marina during the upcoming season. Stewards will work Thursday through Sunday and holidays, 7am until 5:30pm, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Said permission is subject to WNY PRISM filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.5

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas the Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant desires to add a Wastewater Treatment Operator Trainee position to the 2024 Sewer Fund Budget, and

Whereas the Lab Technician position in the 2024 Sewer Fund Budget is currently vacant, now therefore be it

Resolved that the position of Lab Technician be removed from the 2024 Sewer Fund Budget, and replaced with the position of Wastewater Treatment Operator Trainee.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.6 WITHDRAWN (Juneteenth)

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By Alderman Kirchberger:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the VFW Post 2535, organizers for a Leprechaun 5K run and Leprechaun-in-training 1.5-mile walk are hereby granted permission to conduct the run and walk on Saturday, March 23, 2024 starting at 9:00 am. Said permission is subject to the VFW filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief, 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 to said area prior to the event.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.8

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Whereas the City of Lockport has adopted a salary schedule for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor; and

Whereas the City of Lockport adopted the updated Employment Policy Manual for Unrepresented Department Heads, Management Employees and Management Confidential Employees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the salary schedule for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor is approved to follow the 2024 Step 1- Fiscal Year; and be it further

Resolved that the salary for the position of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor shall be set at \$42,000 for the year 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.9

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the YMCA of Buffalo Niagara is hereby granted permission to conduct the “Fitness in the Parks” program at Nelson C Goehle Marina Park (Widewaters), Sundays and Thursday’s and Outwater Park on Monday’s; beginning June 3, 2024 until August 29, 2024. All classes free and open to members of the community. Said permission is subject to the YMCA of Buffalo Niagara filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

032724.10

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas, the upcoming Eclipse on April 8th poses potential safety concerns for travel and outdoor activities; and

Whereas, ensuring public safety is of paramount importance to the municipality now **there for be it resolved that:**

1. All municipal offices shall be closed on April 8th to mitigate potential safety risks associated with travel and outdoor activities during the Eclipse.
2. Essential services and workers required for public safety, including emergency response and law enforcement, shall remain operational.
3. This closure aims to prioritize the well-being and safety of residents and municipal employees alike.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 5.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 PM Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 10th, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

SARAH K. LANZO
City Clerk