# CITY OF LOCKPORT COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting Official Record

> April 23rd, 2025 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 Fogle, Kirchberger, Lupo, Mullane, Devine. Absent: John Craig

# **INVOCATION – Major Tom Duperee**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RECESS**

Recess for public input.

# 042325.1

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Kirchberger seconded by Alderman Mullane, the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 9th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Aves 5. 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.

(Reviewed by the Finance Committee.)

# **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

## 042325.2

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**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 April 24th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

# By Alderman Mullane:

**Resolved** that pursuant to their request, the Challenger Learning Center is hereby granted permission to host the William Gregory Astronaut 5k on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am, starting and ending at the Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport NY 14094 subject to approval of the race route by the Police Chief. They request the Lockport Police Department to direct traffic at Locust Street and Beattie Avenue on race morning to the parking lot by the Montessori School and to cover major intersections listed below.

- Beattie and Georgia
- Beattie and Willow
- Willow and Locust
- Willow and Pine
- Pine and Lincoln
- Lincoln and Berkley
- Locust and Sargent
- Locust and Winfried Circle
- Other intersections at our discretion

Said permission is subject to the Challenger Learning center filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured, and be it further

**Resolved** that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the preparation of the restroom facilities for said event and to arrange for delivery of barricades to close off the parking lot.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

**042325.4** Withdrawn

**042325.5** Withdrawn

**042325.6** Withdrawn

### 042325.7

By Alderman Devine:

**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 2025 season.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### 042325.8

By Alderman Kirchberger:

Whereas the Department of Finance has completed a review of all open capital projects, and

**Whereas** all completed projects have been identified, associated account balances verified, and budgetary balances resolved (see attachment included), and

Whereas closure of all completed projects with outstanding funds require Council approval to move excess funds to original funding sources, and

**Resolved** that the following capital projects be closed, the account balance be transferred to the original funding source or from operating sources, and all related budgets be closed:

Project	Funding Source	Sponsor Fund	Surpl	us/(Deficit)
H223 - Police Radio Replacement	Operating	General	\$	1,440.00
H214 – Hot Box	Operating	General (ARPA)	\$	0

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

### 042325.9

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Resolved**, the following banner installation fee is hereby approved and effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Banner installation and removal

\$250 per instance

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

#### 042325.10

By Alderman Mullane:

**Whereas** on February 8, 2023, the Common Council adopted Resolution 020823.7, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Empire Emergency Apparatus, Inc. for the purchase of a fire ladder truck for the Lockport Fire Department, initially identified in the amount of \$1,677,191; and

**Whereas** on February 8, 2023, the Common Council also adopted Bond Ordinance 020823.8, authorizing the issuance of \$1,717,191 in serial bonds to finance the cost of said purchase and related incidental expenses; and

**Whereas** the final purchase price for the ladder truck has been determined to be \$1,720,793, which exceeds the amount authorized by the bond ordinance; and

**Whereas** additional funds are necessary to fully cover both the purchase cost and associated bond issuance legal costs totaling \$3,602; and

Whereas the total capital project budget must be increased to \$1,720,793 to reflect both the final purchase price of the ladder truck and bond-related legal expenses, with the additional funds to be provided from the General Fund;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the City of Lockport Common Council hereby establishes Capital Project H230 titled "Ladder Truck" with a total project budget of \$1,720,793; and be it further

**Resolved** that the funding for said capital project shall consist of \$1,717,191 from the proceeds of bonds or bond anticipation notes as authorized under Bond Ordinance 020823.8, and \$3,602 from the General Fund to fully cover the purchase cost; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the FY 2025 General Fund and Capital Project Funds are amended as noted below:

Revenue		
Increase:		
H230.3410.35031.A	Interfund Transfer From General	\$3,602
H230.3410.35710	Serial Bond Proceeds	\$1,717,191
Expenditures		
Increase		
H230.3410.52030	Motor Vehicle Equipment	\$1,721,793
A.9901.59000.H	Interfund Transfer	\$3,602
Decrease		
A.1900.54775	Contingency	\$3,602
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Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

# 042325.11

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By Alderman Mullane:

**Whereas** the City of Lockport (City) has approximately 90 miles of streets and roads within the City boundary that are maintained by AFSCME employees in the Public Works division, which includes Highways & Parks departments, as well as the Water & Sewer departments.

Whereas the City obtains funding through NYS Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR), PAVE-NY (PAVE), Pave Our Potholes (POP) and State Touring Route (STR) to address the City's capital maintenance responsibility to support the construction and repair of eligible activities for highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings and other transportation facilities for projects with a service life of ten years or more, specifically for the repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of local highways.

Whereas City funds from the State Touring Route program may be used for eligible roads listed on the Local Highway Inventory, with preference given to state highways maintained by the City and designated as Touring Routes.

**Whereas** Davison Rd from Akron St. to East Ave is listed on the Local Highway Inventory and qualifies for the State Touring Route program and its poor condition poses a safety risk to travelers; and

Whereas Highway Rehab, Corp offers Hot-in-place asphalt recycling (HIR), an approved pavement rehabilitation method by the Department of Transportation. HIR reuses on-site asphalt by heating, scarifying, and remixing it, with or without rejuvenator or new hot mix asphalt. This technique addresses pavement distress like rutting, cracking, and unevenness, offering a cost-effective, environmentally friendly solution that reduces traffic disruptions, shortens construction time, and improves pavement performance and sustainability.

Whereas In New York, municipalities and school districts can avoid the formal RFP process by using contracts awarded by other governmental entities for certain goods and

services. This includes materials, equipment, and related installation/maintenance services. Highway Rehab, Corp's contract with Niagara County is one such contract that the City can utilize.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to use State Touring Route funds for a contract with Highway Rehab, Corporation at 11061 Walden Ave, Alden, NY 14004. The contract involves hot-in-place asphalt recycling on Davison Rd., resurfaced by City AFSCME workers under supervision of the City Engineer and Director of Highways, Parks, and Water Distribution.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

# 042325.12

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the City of Lockport has concluded all expenses relating to the 2024 fiscal year budget; and

**Whereas** the Finance Director, in coordination with the City Treasurer and Staff Accountant, have reviewed closing budgetary accounts, open encumbrances, and capital balances, and have recommended that the following adjustments be approved as to close the general ledger relating to expenditures for the year;

- (1) Operating budgetary accounts be amended as supplied in the supplemental handout.
- (2) Select FY 2024 encumbrances be carried forward into FY 2025 as follows:
  - a. Waste Water Koester Associates Inc Rebuild Gear Box 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarifier -\$23,366
  - b. Waste Water Koester Associates Inc SCADA System Upgrade \$75,000
  - c. Waste Water Koester Associates Inc Pump Rebuild \$15,000
  - d. Waste Water Cummins-Wagner Holdings Inc ARI Valve Hoover Pump -\$5,806
  - e. Police Department United Uniform Headsets \$8,675
  - f. Police Department United Uniform QTR Vests \$16,648.80

Seconded by Alderman Mullane and adopted. Ayes 5.

# 042325.13

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk