

**GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2019
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:30PM**

Roll Call: Councilor Armstrong, Councilor McFarlin, Mayor Read

Others Present: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Gibbs, Councilor Ensel, Councilor Moore

Absent: None

1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

1. Latest DRI news - **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** gave various updates on Downtown Grant program, Streetscape, Riverfront, marketing signage & branding and Durkee Street
2. Community Engagement
 - o outlook for this season's events. Status of portable stage - **Community Engagement Coordinator Scott Matthews** gave various updates on upcoming events; Hunger Games this weekend, July 4th and Mayors Cup July 4-7, 2019, Battle of Plattsburgh September 12-14, 2019 and volunteer day at Ball Field.
 - o web page revision plans and suggestions
 - o status of outreach related to DRI
3. Rec Complex report - **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** gave various updates on City Beach.
4. Saranac River Trail Update - **Director of Community Development Matthew Miller** indicated no new updates waiting on DEC approval of plans.
5. Plattsburgh Sustainability Task Force appointments:
 - a) Councilor Rachelle Armstrong (Coordinator)
 - b) Joel Chase (MLD)
 - c) James Welch (Building Inspector's Office)
 - d) Ethan Vinson (Community Development)
 - e) Scott Buffett (College and Industry)
 - f) Lisa Bergmann (Climate Smart Coalition)
 - g) Wouter Rietsema (Non-Profit)
6. Report from Chamberlain Marks re: Open Gov - **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** indicated representative is going to get reference of other municipalities using software to contact for feedback.

2. AGENDA ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM DEPARTMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- 1. Request from Chief Ritter for a Police Department employee to attend “Police Mental Health New Instructor Training” from June 17 -19, 2019 in Rochester, NY. The total cost will not exceed \$658.75 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Mayor

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Armstrong, Councilor McFarlin, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor McFarlin indicated a constituent asked if council meetings could be changed to 6:30p with committee meeting to begin at 5:30p. He indicated after review that it would present some labor issues for city staff as work day ends at 4pm. If anyone wished to consider it he thought it should be brought up during Organizational meeting held at the beginning of the year.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Armstrong mentioned she, Eva and Ethan from Community Development office participated in a webinar on Climate Smart Community grants and she would like to meet with them on first steps for the task force. Asked for updates on Consolidated Funding Process.

Director of Community Development Matthew Miller gave various updates on Finch Network’s work on Consolidated Funding Applications.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Armstrong, Councilor McFarlin, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:57 pm