

**GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY & CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 4, 2020
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
4:15 PM**

Roll Call: Councilor Barbell [*arrived after roll call at 4:30pm*], Mayor Read

Others Present: Councilor Kelly, Brodi, Gibbs, Moore and McFarlin

Absent: None

1. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILORS:

Boire Benner Group gave presentation to Council on DRI – Marketing, Branding and Signage project.

Mayor Read invited **Greg Johnson** to ask questions and give suggestions about City gym.

Councilor Kelly gave presentation presentation to Council on 5 year plan at end of Committee meeting.

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

1. Request from Canadian Pacific Railway to close Dock Street and have a short term detour for maintenance of the railroad crossing. The anticipated road closure is requested for Monday June 8th from 6am to 8pm.
2. Request from Mickey’s Restaurant & Lounge, located at 26 Riley Avenue to use **four** parking spaces in front of their establishment for outdoor dining seating.
3. The City of Plattsburgh has prepared and approved a five year budget plan commencing on January 1, 2021 which will be presented to the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh for use in preparing the 2021 Mayor's Budget.
4. Request from Councilor Barbell:

Amendment to 5/21/2020 Resolution 7L, addressing Department Overtime:

Whereas the following resolution supersedes and replaces in its entirety the resolution 7L dated May 21, 2020

Whereas, it has been the policy of the City of Plattsburgh to minimize, and where able, eliminate overtime compensation; and

Whereas, in his role as chief executive officer of the City—which includes the direction and supervision of the administration of all departments—the Mayor has directed department heads to constrict, to the maximum amount possible, the use and approval of overtime; and

Whereas, as a result of declining revenue projections for the City of Plattsburgh 2020 and 2021 Budgets due to the Covid-19 pandemic, even, further constriction of overtime compensation is required.

Now therefore, it is hereby resolved, that all overtime in every department’s budget shall be frozen; and, any emergency requiring the use of overtime must be approved by the Mayor

It is further resolved that the Mayor is directed to report to the Common Council, for every instance where overtime used and approved a monthly report on overtime approvals, containing a description of the unique circumstances that required the use of overtime to allow the Common Council to audit and authorize payment thereon.

5. Request from Councilor Gibbs:

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (hereafter “LGBTQIA+”) community, and the Common Council is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in our community; and

ACKNOWLEDGING, residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Plattsburgh who contribute to the enrichment of our City are part of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

RECOGNIZING, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ persons throughout the nation, but that there continues to be opposition to members of this community, making it important for cities like Plattsburgh to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

NOTING, June has become a symbolic month in which the LGBTQIA+ community and their supporters come together in various celebrations of pride; and

NOTING FURTHER, several cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and

DESIRING, to recognize and celebrate all members of our community, especially those who are often excluded or oppressed; and

WHEREAS, given its unique geographical location, the City of Plattsburgh wishes to make this celebration of support visible not only in our own community, but to neighboring communities around the North Country, in Vermont, and Quebec.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh does hereby declare June 13th, 2020 to be LGBTQIA+ Pride Day in the City of Plattsburgh, and invites everyone to reflect on ways

we can all live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding; and further encourages the community to join others in the North Country and throughout the world to increase its awareness of LGBTQIA+ persons in our community.

- 6. Request from SIP located at 14 Margaret Street to use **two** parking spaces in front of their establishment for outdoor dining seating

By Councilor Barbell; Seconded by Mayor Read

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. OLD BUSINESS: None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Barbell asked if protocols in place to be sure protest on Saturday safe for COVID and other questions.

Mayor Read explained Clinton County Health Department recommendations and hope group will follow guidelines.

Motion to Adjourn by Mayor Read; Seconded by Councilor Barbell

(RC) Roll call: Councilor Barbell, Mayor Read

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:00 pm