

PLANNING COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
HURLEY BUILDING, 205 SALTONSTALL STREET
VIRTUAL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84662898580>
LIVE STREAM: <https://fingerlakestv.org/live/>

Planning Committee: Thomas Lyon, Chair
Ellen Polimeni
Steve Uebbing
Dan Unrath

Other Councilmembers: Sim Covington
Erich Dittmar
Karen White
Mayor Palumbo

City Staff Present: John Goodwin, City Manager
Shawna Bonshak, Assistant City Manager
Erin VanDamme, City Clerk
David Hou, Corporation Counsel

Guests: Douglas Merrill
Denise Chaapple, BID

Chair Lyon opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He reviewed the first agenda item, Parking Map Updates. He explained that concerns were raised by property owners Downtown about the lack of long-term/overnight parking that was impacting their residential tenants as well as guests at short-term rentals. The City Council asked the City Manager and BID Director to form a committee to review the Parking Study and current parking regulations with the intention simplifying parking regulations while increasing long-term and overnight parking. Mr. Goodwin reviewed the committee recommendations and reviewed the updated Draft Parking Map Update and proposes the following changes;

- There will be All Day parking, but with alternate nights of no parking for entire lots from November 1st to April 1st to ensure the lots can be maintained and snow removed.
- All on-street parking will increase from 1.5 hours to 2 hours (*not shown on map)
- Coach Street and Phoenix Street become one-ways off Main Street until the entrance of the Bristol Street Parking Lot (Coach Street) and until Mill Street (Phoenix Street). This is similar to how Coy Street is one-way and then becomes two-way.
- Short-term (2-hour parking) from 5AM to 6 PM in the Coy Street Lot and Mill Street Lots 2 & 3 (denoted by pattern).
- The Pavilion Lot would have no parking from 2AM to 5AM on Saturday to allow for the Farmer's Market on a year-round basis under the Pavilion.
- Electric vehicle charging station locations that exist or soon will exist are noted on the map.

Denise Chaaple explained, that correcting the inconsistencies with parking has been a long-time goal for the committee. This will create two-hour parking on Main Street, creating better signage and she thanked the team of city officials that helped put this all together. She said that her Board voted unanimously to approve the project. Mike Yarger spoke and said that he opposes the changes to Phoenix Street. Councilmember Polimeni said that they have worked for more than 20 years to have two-hour parking on Main Street and praised the work of the committee. Councilmember Uebbing asked about the additional signage. Mr. Goodwin said, should the plan be approved, additional signage will be provided. The Mayor said that it will be great for the Farmer's Market to stay in one location for the whole year. Councilmember Uebbing motioned to approve the plan, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Passed and carried by voice vote.

Chair Lyon reviewed the West Gibson Street block party application. Maria Bucci presented the group's plan, requesting to close West Gibson Street from Park Ave to North Pearl Street. Per the City's Special Event Policy, Block Parties require at least 60% of the residents to agree to the street closure and 100% resident notification. She has gone door to door and the neighborhood is very excited to have this event after everything they have gone through in the aftermath of the funding. She has asked to have the fee waived by Council as a way to show continued support for the neighborhood. Councilmember Polimeni motioned to approve the event as well as the waiver request to bring to full Council, Chair Lyon seconded. Passed and carried by unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Lyon moved onto another discussion of Ontario County Arts, Culture and Recreation Grant Support. He reviewed that Ontario County has established a grant program utilizing a portion of its Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds "to assist projects that develop or expand arts, cultural and recreational opportunities as the community recovers from COVID-19." He sits on the committee at the County that is overseeing the Grant. He asked Councilmember Uebbing to step in to run the discussion and warp up the meeting, as he needed to excuse himself. Councilmember Uebbing explained that the County allowed organizations to submit applications with draft resolutions of support for their application, but formal approval will be required for funding to be awarded. Several organizations submitted requests for support or reconsideration since the last City Council meeting and as such, the Mayor and City Staff provided letters of support and draft resolutions to facilitate the applications. These organizations include Granger Homestead, Partnership for Ontario County, Parrish & Brassie LLP, Finger Lakes Yoga Center, and DP Fuller Limited Partnership (Roseland Waterpark). He asked those present if they wanted to bundle their support or if they wanted to vote on each, one by one. Councilmember Unrath explained that he is okay with bundling but does not want to vote for any public funds to go to private companies. Steve Fuller of DP Fuller Limited Partnership (Roseland Waterpark) spoke and explained that he is seeking support for their project, as the Waterpark was not open due to COVID in 2020. Councilmember White asked if they had received PPP funding, and Mr. Fuller said that they had. Additionally, he said they are seeking to make City Council aware of their project and asking for them to support the project and hopefully adopt a resolution for their application to the county. Councilmember Polimeni motioned to accept the bundling of the other organizations, Councilmember Unrath seconded. Unanimously passed and carried. Councilmember Polimeni motioned to support DP Fuller's Application, Councilmember Unrath seconded, carried by a vote of 3-1.

Chair Uebbing closed the meeting.

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Chair Uebbing opened the meeting and reviewed the 2024 Budget General Discussion, the 2024 Budget is underway and a general budget process and priorities discussion. Chair Uebbing asked members to write on colored post-it-notes their budget priorities to help City Staff in the early stages of their budget work.

Eric Dittmar:

1. Flood mitigation
2. Electric charging stations
3. Aging infrastructure - Ex. North Bloomfield Road

Karen White:

1. Improving Parks – Outposts and Buildings especially for Sonnenberg
2. Analyzing the Boat Purchase – needing to know all about it – use, gas, time in service, etc....
3. Not going over the tax rate

Dan Unrath:

1. Flood mitigation
2. Waste water recovery station improvements
3. Storm water drainage

Ellen Polimeni:

1. Maintaining capital reserve and maintaining capital accounts
2. Newsletter to residents – better communication on activities of the Council as well as the City, similar to what the Town of Canandaigua is doing.
3. Maintain the tax rate

Mayor Palumbo:

1. Infrastructure
2. Flood mitigation

3. Streets – fixing Main Street (aware it is with DOT)

Doug Merrill:

1. Flood mitigation
2. Infrastructure

Thomas Lyon:

1. Sewer/Water/Flooding
2. Capital improvements
3. Maintaining the tax rate

Sim Covington:

1. Public Safety
2. Environmental
3. New Development

Steve Uebbing:

1. Flooding
2. Water/Sewer
3. Tax impact

Chair Uebbing thanked the committee for a quick run down of their priorities and discussions will be ongoing.

Chair Uebbing moved onto the issue with Twisted Rail Lease of Muar House and asked Mr. Goodwin for an overview. Mr. Goodwin reported that with the completion and opening of Hotel Canandaigua and the condos on the 4th and 5th floor, he has received complaints regarding the noise level of the music performances that take place at Twisted Rail. John Zito (Condo Owner) presented his concerns to those in attendance. He showed Councilmembers information that he collected that suggests the music acts at the establishment are over the acceptable decibel levels as outline in the City code. Mr. Goodwin reviewed that he had extensive conversations with Twisted Rail and Mr. Zitto, and said Twisted Rail has been working to install noise attenuation measures, changing the times of performances, and potentially repositioning the stage to face a different direction. Currently, the lease agreement does not allow for amplified sound, but he has been trying to find a compromise for all parties. Mr. Zitto explained that he and his family have not been able to live at the condo their full time due to the disturbance. Ian Bodi from Twisted Rail said that no further bookings have taken place with amplified sound and Mr. Goodwin noted that making these changes, turning the stage adding other sound measures may help. Mr. Goodwin suggested sound testing to help figure out the best placement for the stage. No motion from the committee on this matter. Chair Uebbing thanked those for coming and discussing the issue with Council.

Chair Uebbing moved on to the FLTV Contract Renewal. He reviewed that the City has all of its meetings (City Council and its Committees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Assessment Review – Grievance Day) air live on television and streamed on various online formats as well as recorded and indexed for on-demand viewing. For many years the City has utilized Finger Lakes Television (FLTV) for this service and the current agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2023. FLTV has proffered a successor agreement covering 2024, 2025 and 2026 at the same annual cost. Councilmember Unrath motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Councilmember Polimeni. Unanimously passed and carried onto the full Council meeting later tonight.

Chair Uebbing reviewed the Leachate Treatment Agreement and Mr. Goodwin reviewed; the City has embarked on solids handling improvements via the conversion from anaerobic digestion to a TermAer ATAD System at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Part of this project includes the side stream treatment of leachate to be effectively processed locally with the revenue from leachate treatment covering the costs of the upgrades. An agreement to process leachate has been negotiated with Casella. Mr. Goodwin reviewed the details of the agreement and the potential revenue from the contract may pay for debt services as well as the other projects to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Polimeni motioned the approve the contract and move it to full Council, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Unanimously passed and carried.

Councilmember Polimeni motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm, seconded by Councilmember Lyon. Unanimously passed and carried.