



City Council Special Meeting **Minutes**
The City of Cortland
June 10, 2020

Council Meeting #13
June 10, 2020
Via Zoom
7:00 PM

Present: Aldermen Kat McCarthy, Katy Silliman, Bruce Tytler, John Bennett, Jacki Chapman, William Carpenter, Troy Beckwith, Thomas Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Catalano, Fire Chief Friedman, Interim Director of Code Enforcement Mike Tenkate, City Clerk Ray Parker, Superintendent of WWTP Bruce Adams, Director of Youth Bureau John McNerney, Confidential Secretary Devon Rainbow

Special Meeting Session:

Mayor Tobin called the thirteenth Common Council special meeting of the year to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution #121 of 2020 – Resolution to allow licensees that sell food and beverages, to do so in approved public areas adjacent to their businesses. Businesses will be required to submit diagrams of how the area will structured, plans to monitor the safe use of public space. The Mayor reserves the right to revoke approvals if there are public safety or other strong concerns. Further to allow Mayor and Staff to approve other locations and suspend open container in defined space through August 22, 2020. The City Council is asked to approve the following requests:

1. 14 Main Street (known as the pocket park)
2. The multiuse right of way alley between 31 and 33-35 Central Avenue
3. The closure of Haskell Place behind 54-60 Main Street (Downtown Deli and Brix)
4. The closure of the east end of Clayton Avenue from the intersection to the entry to the U.S. Postal Service building

Mayor Tobin stated that phase 3 to open this Friday with 50% capacity for businesses and restaurants. In order to maintain social distancing most places can't get 50%. If a restaurant has a proposal on how they can utilize the area around them we are open to the concept. If there are other businesses interested and want to do this, they need to contact the Mayor's Office ASAP.

Motioned by: Alderman Silliman
Seconded by: Alderman Bennett

Motion to approve the amendment
Motioned by: Alderman Bennett
Seconded by: Alderman Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #122 of 2020 – Resolution to approve the following: We, the Cortland Common Council and the Mayor oppose racism in all its forms. We believe Black Lives Matter. The City is wholly committed to equality, diversity and inclusion in the community we serve. Local government is listening. We look forward to being part of the much-needed conversation on how we can collectively confront and end racism. Racism has no place in our community.

Motioned by: Alderman Tytler
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Adjournment

Motioned by: Alderman McCarthy
Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

I, RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 10TH DAY IN JUNE 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HIS CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN