

COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA
May 20, 2014

- 6:30 P.M. Public Hearing: Submission for 2014 Community Development Block Grant Applications (MCR)
- 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing: Amending the powers and duties of the Common Council of the City of Cortland to compromise the amount of real property tax received by a delinquent property owner. (Council Chambers)
- 7:00 P.M. Call Meeting to Order
Salute to the Flag of the United States
Public Comments
Minutes of May 6, 2014 Meeting
- Commendations** for life saving performance by members of the Cortland Fire Department (Chief Glover, Deputy Chief Friedman, Mayor Tobin)

AGENDA:

Item #1 – Consideration of a Resolution to adopt Local Law #6 of 2014 Amending the powers and duties of the Common Council of the City of Cortland to compromise the amount of real property tax received by a delinquent property owner. (Ric VanDonsel)

Item #2 – Consideration of a Resolution amending the powers and duties of the Common Council of the City of Cortland to amend the charter to permit the Common Council after recommendation of the Director of Administration and Finance to compromise the amount of real property tax received by a delinquent property owner. (Ric VanDonsel)

Whereas, the City entered into an agreement dated June 6, 2012 with the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) with regard land then owned by International Electron Devices (USA), LLC (“IED”) said agreement is attached as Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Bank of India commenced and completed a foreclosure action including the property’s ultimate sale to David Yaman; and

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. The Common Council finds that good cause exists to compromise the delinquent taxes owed to the city in accordance with the agreement noted above.

2. The payment to the City of funds recovered after the completion of the sale of property satisfies and makes whole the City of Cortland including but not limited to real property taxes and penalties, water and sewer fees and penalties and any “*in quantum meruit*” consideration for work or services provided to the property.
3. This resolution and any agreement does not intend to be a grant of title or otherwise provide the City with any tangible interest in said property, other than specifically stated above.
4. This resolution shall become effective upon receipt of notice of filing of Local Law #6 of 2014 from the Secretary of State.

Item #3 – Consideration of a resolution to allow the City of Cortland to submit 2014 NYMS grant under the Consolidated Funding Application process. (Mack Cook)

Whereas, The City of Cortland, NY is committed to the continuing revitalization of its downtown district;

Whereas, The City of Cortland, NY recognizes the renovation and rehabilitation of buildings in the Downtown District is vital to the revitalization of the Downtown District.

Therefore Be it Resolved: The City authorizes the submission of an application seeking funding under the 2014 New York Main Street Traditional NYMS Target Area Building Renovation Projects program.

Affirmed this 20th day of May, 2014 by majority vote of the City of Cortland’s Common Council.

Item #4 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize and direct the City to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for Microenterprise assistance funds; to authorize the Mayor of the City of Cortland to sign said application on behalf of the City; and upon approval of said request, to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Cortland. (Thoma Development)

Item #5 – Consideration of a Resolution to authorize and direct the City to file an application for planning funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the U.S. Department of housing and Urban Development’s Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of undertaking a Downtown Economic Market Analysis; to authorize the required 5% cash match up to a maximum of \$2,650; to authorize the Mayor of the City of Cortland to sign said application on behalf of the City; and upon approval of said request, to enter into and execute a grant agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the City of Cortland. (Thoma Development)

Item #6 – Consideration of a Resolution to approve the following donations to the Wickwire Pool Trust Fund (John McNerney):

Donations	Amount
Shipwreck Golf Inc.	\$120.00
60 Main LLC	\$300.00
Sandra Ripic	\$100.00
Barbara Klockowski Trust	\$500.00
Diane J Aldrich	\$100.00
Diane S Chu	\$100.00
Lucille and Donald Cole	\$ 75.00
Sarah E Sheahan	\$ 50.00
Steven And Connie Howarth	\$ 50.00
John and Mary Tracy	\$ 50.00
SUNY Cortland Student Government	\$ 20.00
Cash Donations from SUNY Cortland	\$442.00
<i>Total Donations</i>	<i>\$1,907.00</i>

Item #7 – Consideration of a Resolution to approve three projects for assistance under the City’s 2012 New York Main Street Program: (Thoma Development)

- 1) Irene Pothos, 51-53 Main Street
- 2) Irene Pothos, 55 Main Street
- 3) McNeil Development Co. LLC, 65 Main Street

Item #8 – Consideration of a resolution to provide assistance to Access to Independence of Cortland County in the form of NYS Program Income to be used for program delivery and administrative purposes for the recently awarded Access to Home grant (Thoma Development)

Item #9 – Consideration of a Resolution upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Commission to amend Article 2 “Traffic control and flashing signals” Section 11-11; deleting the traffic control signal located at Central Ave and Pomeroy Street. (Nick Dovi)

Item #10 – Consideration of a Resolution to appropriate proceeds from the sale of five (5) stainless beer kegs and spent brass shell casing as scrap back to the City of Cortland Police. (Deputy Chief Sandy)

Item #11 – Consideration of Resolution to permit Marietta Corporation to sponsor “Family Movie Night” in Court House Park on Wednesday evenings from 8:30 PM to approximately 10:30 PM commencing in July and running through August. (Alderman Ferguson)

Item #12 – Consideration of a Resolution to transfer \$40,000 from the contingency account for the traffic signal at Groton & Floral Ave. (Nick Dovi)

Item #13 – Consideration of a Resolution to award the Tree Removal Contract to Carter and Son LLC for \$11,900 for tree removal and \$195.00 hourly rate for tree trimming. (Chris Bistocchi)

Item #14 – Consideration of a Resolution to close Main Street from 5pm to 9:00 pm starting at the corner of Main Street and Arthur Ave to Huntington Street on June 3, 2014 for the June Dairy Parade. Closure of the first blocks of the side streets of Arthur Ave, Madison Street Jewett Ave, Maple Ave and Lincoln Ave as needed. (Mayor Tobin)

Item #15 – Consideration of a Resolution to encumber \$19,823.77 in the General Funds as of December 31, 2013 in the departments and accounts as follows: (Mack Cook)

GENERAL FUND ENCUMBRANCE REQUESTS 2013				
Administration & Finance				
Legal Fees - In Rem	A1325.41502	\$	11,203.07	
Police Dept.				
Operational Equipment	A3120.20600	\$	7,805.70	
Fire Dept.				
		\$	-	
Code Enforcement				
		\$	-	
Youth Bureau				
Youth Programs - Supplies	A7310.40500	\$	565.00	
Youth Center Activities	A7330.40000	\$	250.00	\$ 815.00
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$	19,823.77	

Item #16 – Consideration of a Resolution for appointments of Boards/Commission members (List attached) (Mayor Tobin)

Item #17 – Discussion regarding the Zoning Officer Position. (Chief Glover)

Item #18 – Consideration of a Resolution to allow the Cortland Summer Stage July 26th event from 3-10p.m. on Main Street (alcohol sales 3-10 p.m.) with Main Street closure from noon-midnight (closure between intersections of Main and Court and Main and Tompkins) (Adam Megivern)

Item #19 – Discussion on the Fire Mutual Aid Plan and the potential impact on 207A. (Mack Cook)

Item #20 – Discussion regarding the pilot Wellness Program involving cities of Ithaca and Cortland. (Mack Cook)

Executive Session: Contract negotiations; discussion of litigation

Adjournment