



CITY OF CORTLAND COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 16, 2023 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION

CITY HALL
25 COURT STREET
CORTLAND, NY 13045

STREAMING VIA ZOOM

MEETING ROOM ID:
923 566 4700
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MAYOR

SCOTT STEVE

COUNCIL MEMBERS

WAYNE SCHUTT
KATY SILLIMAN
MARY CLARE PENNELLO
PAT LANE
SETH THOMPSON
BILL CARPENTER
TROY BECKWITH
TOM MICHALES

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

- Resolution No. 98 Authorize Additional Funds for the City's 2023 Sidewalk Program
- Resolution No. 99 Authorize Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2023 to Amend Chapter 11 of the City Code Relative to City Parking Regulations and Enforcement"
- Resolution No. 100 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for St. Anthony's Day Festival
- Resolution No. 101 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for Juneteenth Celebration
- Resolution No. 102 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for Cortland LGBTQ Center's Cortland Pride Community Festival
- Resolution No. 103 Authorize Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates for Clinton Ave, Phase III
- Resolution No. 104 Declare DPW Equipment Surplus and Authorize its Sale
- Resolution No. 105 Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Cortland for Disposal of Leachate and Sludge
- Resolution No. 106 Authorize Purchase of Fountain System for Aeration and Circulation of Water at Yaman Beach



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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., and the City Corporation Counsel called the roll. The following Common Council members were in attendance:

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| Wayne Schutt | First Ward Alderperson |
| Katy Silliman | Second Ward Alderperson |
| Mary Clare Pennello | Third Ward Alderperson |
| Patricia Lane | Fourth Ward Alderperson |
| Seth Thompson | Fifth Ward Alderperson |
| William Carpenter | Sixth Ward Alderperson |
| Troy Beckwith | Seventh Ward Alderperson |
| Thomas Michales | Eighth Ward Alderperson |

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Heath spoke regarding his previous request for an unrestricted Sound Device Permit to preach the Gospel from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends in public parks. Mr. Heath acknowledged that he is able to communicate his message without a permit for amplifying sound.

Lorraine Lopez, Chief Diversity Officer at SUNY Cortland spoke on behalf of C-4, a TC3 and SUNY Cortland collaboration, with respect to the upcoming Juneteenth event. They are seeking a commitment from the Common Council for financial support in the amount of \$500.00 toward the celebration and that the City make an annual budget appropriation for this holiday moving forward.

Rick McMullen, a retiree of the Cortland Police Department spoke about his and other retirees' desire to maintain the current BC/BS health coverage rather than coverage through Medicare Advantage.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Steve indicated that a meeting with the Governor is scheduled on the topic of asylum, and that he has previously met with Congressman Molinaro on this matter. He also recently met with the County on the matter, specifically with respect to a shortage of local housing availability.

The Mayor met with the County on a separate occasion on the topic of mental health service needs in our community. He said he met with CSEA to discuss pre-negotiation topics for upcoming union contract negotiations, and that firefighter union contract negotiations are ongoing.

Administrative Code relative to City parking regulations and enforcement thereof, including that of public parking lots, shall be held on the 20th, day of June, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 25 Court Street, Cortland, New York and notice of such public hearing shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Cortland.

Motioned by: Council Member Pennello

Seconded by: Council Member Schutt

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 100 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for St. Anthony’s Day Festival

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby approve a Special Event Permit, an Application for Street Closing, a Sound Device Permit without fee, and an Operating Permit for the St. Anthony’s Day Festival to be held on June 10 - 11, 2022.

Motioned by: Council Member Schutt

Seconded by: Council Member Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 101 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for Juneteenth Celebration

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby approve a Special Event Permit, a Sound Device Permit without fee, and an Operating Permit for the Juneteenth Celebration event in Courthouse Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2023.

Motioned by: Council Member Lane

Seconded by: Council Member Schutt

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0
Abstention – 1 [Thompson]

Resolution No. 102 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for Cortland LGBTQ Center’s Cortland Pride Community Festival

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby approve a Special Event Permit and a Sound Device Permit without fee for the Cortland LGBTQ Center’s Cortland Pride Community Festival to be held in Courthouse Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 15, 2023.

Motioned by: Council Member Lane

Seconded by: Council Member Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 103 Authorize Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates for Clinton Ave, Phase III

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council hereby authorizes Mayor Steve to sign Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates for Clinton Ave. Phase

III (Project No. 2018-020) engineering and design services for \$98,000.00.

Motioned by: Council Member Schutt

Seconded by: Council Member Silliman

Discussion: Mayor Steve clarified that this contract amendment addressed the area from Church Street to Main Street, which was not included or budgeted for in original plan approved prior to 2022. The work was required to be performed.

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 104 Declare DPW Equipment Surplus and Authorize its Sale

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council hereby declares the following vehicles and equipment surplus, authorizes its sale, and appropriates all proceeds of the outlined surplus equipment and then appropriate all of the proceeds to budget line A.5010-5405-00 for the purchase of new material and equipment.

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>VIN / Serial No. / Model</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| International Dump Truck | 1994 | 1HTGHAAT5RH584452 |
| International Salt/Dump Truck | 1994 | 1HTGHAAT3RH584451 |
| Chevy Tahoe | 2009 | 1GNK0302R223284 |
| Nissan Xtera | 2006 | 5N1AN08W46C506724 |
| Sterling Elgin Street Sweeper | 2006 | 49HAADB66DW02032 |
| The Kraken Model 740 Truck Flat Bed | | Serial No.740042 |
| PJ Trailer | | 4P5FD2529F1236143 |
| Lincoln Air Jack Model 93696 | | 2.5 tn |
| Speedairre Air Compressor | | 3z495 |
| Tow behind (GAS) Compressor | | Gyro-FLO 150 Ingersoll Rand |

Motioned by: Council Member Beckwith

Seconded by: Council Member Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 105 Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Cortland for Disposal of Leachate and Sludge

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council does hereby authorize Mayor Steve to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the County of Cortland to permit the County to dispose of landfill leachate at the City Wastewater Treatment Facility at no cost, and permit the City to dispose of Wastewater Treatment Facility sludge at the County Landfill for use in composting or vermicomposting on County property; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the initial term of this Agreement shall be twenty five (25) years, with the option to extend for additional ten (10) year terms by mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

Motioned by: Council Member Schutt

Seconded by: Council Member Pennello

Discussion: Wastewater Superintendent Bruce Adams explained that the agreement memorializes a previous informal agreement between the City and County which provided a mutual, cost effective benefit.

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 106 Authorize Purchase of Fountain System for Aeration and Circulation of Water at Yaman Beach

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$19,160.00 from sales tax revenue to budget line A.7180.540502 and to use said funds for purchase a fountain system for aeration and circulation of water at Yaman Beach.

Motioned by: Council Member Beckwith

Seconded by: Council Member Thompson

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Motioned by: Council Member Schutt

Approved: Ayes – 8 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith, Michales]
Nays – 0

I, ANDREW T. JEWETT, CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MOTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND HELD MAY 16, 2023. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE AFORESAID RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR HIS APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

ANDREW T. JEWETT, CITY CLERK

I, SCOTT STEVE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY APPROVE THE AFORESAID RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON MAY 16, 2023.

SCOTT STEVE, MAYOR