



Cortland Common Council

April 19, 2022 – 6:00 PM

City Hall, 25 Cortland Street, Cortland NY 13045

Agenda

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

**Proclamation No. 1**

**Declaring April 25-30, 2022 as YWCA Stand Against Racism Week**

WHEREAS, all residents regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and justice; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland residents value initiatives that will end race-based disparities and make the world a more equitable, inclusive, and dignified place for all to live; AND

WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all residents in dialogue, reflection, and action; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland Common Council supports YWCA in its praiseworthy mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities; AND

WHEREAS, the Common Council proudly supports YWCA Cortland in celebration of Stand Against Racism, a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Cortland hereby declares April 29, 2022 as YWCA Stand Against Racism Day and encourages residents, local businesses, educators, and community and faith-based organizations to celebrate diversity and advocate for the elimination of racism by taking the pledge to stand against racism at CortlandYWCA.org; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that April 25 – 30, 2022 is declared as YWCA Stand Against Racism Week.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

MAYOR'S REPORT

WARD REPORTS









**Agenda Item No. 10**

**Appoint Members to the Environmental Advisory Committee**

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland Environmental Advisory Committee was established by resolution of the Common Council on December 1, 2009; AND

WHEREAS, the Committee shall consist of no fewer than five nor more than seven regular members; AND

WHEREAS, Committee members shall be City residents, and every effort shall be made to ensure representation of a broad cross-section of the community; AND

WHEREAS, vacancies shall be filled by appointment upon nomination by any member of the Common Council or the Environmental Advisory Committee and may be subject to confirmation by the Common Council; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the John Busch residing at 2 Kent Drive, Cortland NY 13045 is hereby confirmed by the Common Council as a member of the City of Cortland Environmental Advisory Committee.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

**Abolish and Create Position in the Mayor's Office**

WHEREAS, there is a part-time position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor with an annual salary of \$25,000; AND

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in this position; AND

WHEREAS, the position has been advertised and a number of applications have been received; AND

WHEREAS, none of the applicants met the minimum qualifications; AND

WHEREAS, the position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor was previously a full-time position under previous administrations; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the part time position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor with an annual salary of \$25,000 is hereby abolished; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a full time position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor with an annual salary of \$45,000 is hereby created effective immediately.

**Agenda Item No. 12**

**Appoint Parker School Ad Hoc Planning Committee**

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland purchased the Parker Elementary School building located at 89 Madison Street, and took possession of said building on April 1, 2022; AND

WHEREAS, the city is responsible for the maintenance of the Parker School building; AND

WHEREAS, the city seeks to make arrangements with Cortland County Community Action Program, Inc. (CAPCO) and YWCA of Cortland to use the building for the provision of child care services; AND

WHEREAS, there is considerable architectural design and construction work which will need to occur to facilitate the provision of child care services; AND

WHEREAS, the city intends to work with CAPCO and the YWCA in the planning for these renovations and services; AND

WHEREAS, there may be additional purposes for which portions of the building can be used; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby create an ad hoc committee to be referred to as the Parker





WHEREAS, Karen Leahy has submitted her resignation effective April 26, 2022; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas Larson residing at 42 West Court Street, Cortland NY is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term beginning April 27, 2022 and expiring April 26, 2025.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Parker School Update**

**Redistricting**