

MINUTES OF THE CANANDAIGUA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANURARY 18, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers- VIA ZOOM
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Mayor Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Councilmember Ward 1 Nicholas Cutri
Councilmember Ward 2 Dan Unrath
Councilmember Ward 3 Karen White
Councilmember Ward 4 Erich Dittmar
Councilmember-at-Large Sim Covington, Jr.
Councilmember-at-Large Thomas Lyon
Councilmember at-Large Renee Sutton
Councilmember-at-Large Stephen Uebbing
Mayor Bob Palumbo

Also Present:

City Manager John D. Goodwin
Corporation Counsel J. Michael Wood, Boylan Code

Review of Community Core Values: Councilmember Ward 2 Unrath read the Community Core Values: As residents, city staff and appointed & elected officials of the City of Canandaigua, our decisions and actions will be guided by these core values: Responsive, Participatory Governance; Caring & Respect; Integrity; Heritage; Stewardship; and Continuous Improvement.

Resolution #2022-002:

Moved: Councilmember-at-Large Covington
Seconded: Councilmember-at-Large Uebbing

**AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSOR TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS ON THE 2022 CITY
ASSESSMENT ROLE.**

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the difficulty caused by the pandemic that senior citizens and individuals with disabilities may have in filing their real property tax exemption applications in person, Governor Hochul, as part of Executive Order No. 11 modified subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of sections 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to

request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the City Council reviewed and approved authorizing the Assessor to grant exemptions without the need for renewal applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No 11, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, there by dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that the City Assessor, in his sole discretion, may require a renewal application to be timely filed with the Assessment Office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice containing instructions on how to file the renewal application and allowing for said renewal application to be returned by mail in addition to dropping of the same at the Assessment Office.

Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0)

Adjournment

Councilmember Ward 2 Unrath moved to adjourn the regular session at 7:07 pm. Councilmember Ward 3 White seconded the motion.

Vote Result: Carried unanimously by voice vote (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Erin VanDamme
City Clerk