

**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**HURLEY BUILDING, 205 SALTONSTALL STREET**  
**VIRTUAL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84662898580>**  
**LIVE STREAM: <https://fingerlakestv.org/live/>**

**Planning Committee Members in attendance:** Thomas Lyon, Chair  
Ellen Polimeni  
Steve Uebbing, via Zoom  
Dan Unrath

Other Councilmembers Present: Sim Covington, Jr.  
Erich Dittmar  
Renee Sutton  
Karen White  
Mayor Palumbo

City Staff Present: Nancy Abdallah, City Treasurer  
John Goodwin, City Manager  
David Hou, Corporation Counsel

Chair Lyon opened the meeting and welcomed members present. He welcomed the Canandaigua Town Board and Canandaigua Local Development Corporation members that have been invited to participate with the Planning Committee and City Council for this agenda. Chair Lyon reviewed the Canandaigua LDC Strategic Plan, as last year the Town Board hosted the City Council and the LDC for a joint meeting to review and discuss the mission, vision and strategic imperatives of the LDC for 2022. The LDC has reviewed its strategic imperatives for 2023, which are substantially the same as 2022, and wanted to briefly present them to the Town Board and City Council. He welcomed Jared Shepherd and he serves on the LDC Board providing administrative support. He reviewed the plans, briefly reviewing the mission and vision of the organization. He explained the small changes to the strategic imperatives for 2023, which are balancing tourism, infrastructure is developed for economic development, funding for priority capital projects and develop communication plans to both the City and Town and other necessary stakeholders to stay informed of developments. Councilmember Polimeni, asked about the active transportation plan and the way finding signage plan. Mr. Shepherd said that Bergmann Associates that completed a review for pedestrian traffic and tourism. She also asked about their tourism impact, a Mr. Shepherd reviewed their grant that was obtained for the Winter in Canandaigua event and will be for future funding. The Mayor asked about supporting the BID events and if the LDC is helping to fund some of these events and Mr. Shepherd said that there has been some funding and the reports will be sent to Council to review. Councilmember Sutton asked was the equity lenses is to ensure that all residents of Canandaigua are able to attend. He cited the Active Transportation Plan that the LDC will support through the capital program, support for the tourism throughout the year with jobs and other economic opportunity. Councilmember Polimeni said that she was pleased to see that a communication plan is part of the plans. She felt that we shouldn't have to ask to find out what is happening. Town Councilmember Adeline Rudolph asked what the LDC is referring to as lake front district means, she would like that better defined by the LDC. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Chair Lyon closed the meeting and thanked the guests for attending.

Finance Committee Members Present: Steve Uebbing, Chair, via Zoom  
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Chair Uebbing, opening the meeting and welcomed members present. He reviewed the first agenda item, Capital Plans. He noted that recently, the City Manager has informed City Council of his planned changes to capital plans to address issues that have arisen. Specifically, the City Manager has postponed the reconstruction of North Bloomfield Road in order to utilize a portion of the anticipated debt in the Water Fund related to that project towards replacing and upgrading the sludge collection system and settling tubes at the Water Treatment Plant. Chair Uebbing requested a projection of the debt service over the next five year and thanked Treasure Abdallah for providing a summary to Council. He would like to look at the projections to try and asking the committee to study the details. He has asked the City Manager to look for ways to navigate these costs and ways to reduce the budgetary impacts, without impacting service to the community. Councilmember Polimeni said that she appreciates the work that Mrs. Abdallah has done to provide the details to the committee. Councilmember Unrath said that with aging infrastructure capital project will be bigger and planning is essential, Councilmember Lyon agrees. Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Abdallah noted that the debt service will be cash flow position estimated by year 8 due to the revenue generate from the sale of materials to the landfill. Chair Uebbing noted that choices can be staggered for projects and would like to discuss at the next meeting. Water is not included in the debt limit and we are only at 24% of the debt limit and we are not there. Councilmember White mentioned the Build, Back Better plan to partner with state and national representatives to review that plan to see about some funding. Mr. Goodwin noted that they are planning to purse as many grants as possible. Chair Uebbing said this will be an ongoing discussion for the next meeting as well.

Chair Uebbing moved into the second item, the Technology Fund Budget Amendment and asked Mr. Goodwin to explain. Mr. Goodwin said that the FCC adopted new rules for the use of certain radio frequencies and as a result the City must modifications to its camera system and obtain a licensed frequency in order to comply with the Federal rules. The cost to complete the modifications is \$9,036 plus a monthly fee of \$125.50 for a total cost of \$10,542 from the Technology Fund, Fund Balance. The Fees would be paid to Integrated Technologies who would pay the FCC. Councilmember Sutton requested to have the full FCC report be sent to Council for review. Councilmember Polimeni motioned to approve the \$10,542 expense to full Council for review, seconded by Councilmember Unrath. Unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Uebbing moved onto the Solid Waste Collection Program. He said that we have two communities, Holiday Harbour and Brigham Hall that had previously has trash dumpster collection. Both of these communities were not issued toters, as they had dumpsters that have been collected by the City of Canandaigua's DPW department. In the updated solid waste plan beginning this year, their dumpsters were no longer going to be collected by the City. Chair Uebbing asked if there was concession within the committee to change the plan or stay where we are now, not picking up the dumpsters. Councilmember Lyon said, in preparation for tonight's meeting, he had reviewed previous meeting minutes and noted the two communities were specifically discussed during the 9/6 meeting which was passed on to the Ordinance committee, where the discussion continued regarding these two communities being impacted continued. He is open to tonight's discussion but he has heard from residents that there was a unilateral decision and it was not. Councilmember Polimeni, who was not on Council during the early stages of these discussions, said that her one question is whether or not, the governing boards for these communities were notified of this discussion. She does not see a need for change preferring the dumpsters to be collected. Councilmember Unrath inquired on the procedure from the City Manager that if Council decides to continue to pick up from the dumpsters, will that involve a resolution to do so. Mr. Goodwin noted the error in the ordinance that will require an amendment to strike the word "condo" from the Single-Family section of the ordinance, as they way it is written now the city would not pick up from dumpsters. Councilmember Unrath said that he would like to listen to the people coming to speak and has not formed an opinion yet. Councilmember White said that since she is property owner at Holiday Harbour, she will recuse herself. She added that with the way it stands right now, there is a way to provide the trash collection from a toter and should the service be grandfathered, it could be picked up that way. She said she thought it would be fair and equitable that way as City residents is doing the same. Councilmember Sutton asked if we are picking up dumpsters from the BID, Mr. Goodwin said that no, we do not pick up from the BID. Mr. Goodwin said that the City owns the land where those downtown dumpsters are located but they are collected privately. Councilmember Sutton said that she is against any change that the City Manager plans to implement, she said the only argument that has been made, that she has taken in for why this should be done is that that condos' only pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their assessed property value. She said the only efficient way is to remove the garbage via these dumpsters. She would like to see the status quo continue with us picking up the dumpsters. Mayor Palumbo agrees that we should change the ordinance and should pick up the dumpsters as it is now. He knows that there has been issues with the dumpsters, illegal materials placed in them. said that the city should tagged the dumpsters and not picked up until the items are removed. Chair Uebbing said that he understands how complex the solid waste issue is and as a municipality, it is one of the most complex issues. He said it was never the intention to withdraw service. Chair Uebbing motioned to request the City Council to make a moratorium on these changes and revert to the processes back to picking up these dumpsters and asked to have no break in service for these communities. He encourages City workers to not pick up dumpsters that have illegal waste in them and asked the communities to police their dumpsters to ensure no illegal waste. Councilmember Unrath seconded, Chair Uebbing motion, (Councilmember Polimeni had to recuse herself as she is a property owner at Holiday Harbour). Prior to the completion of the vote, Chair Uebbing clarified it is for the two-condo communities in question only. Mr. Goodwin recommends changing the ordinance to reflect how we collect dumpsters for condominium communities, understanding that they will be treated as single family homes but questioned how 205 Lakeshore Drive should be treated. Chair Uebbing said that the Hotel Canandaigua will not have the space for the toters and will have to be treated separately. Chair Uebbing said they are grandfathering in these two long standing communities. The Mayor asked if a public hearing would be needed. Mr. Goodwin said that we could schedule a public hearing. Councilmember Lyon clarified the motion on the table (which will be brought before the whole Council at their next meeting), for Holiday Harbour and Brigham Hall will have a mortarium on the solid waste collection changes prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> and will until the new ordinance can be written. Before the

vote, Chair Uebbing asked if there were people present that wish to speak. Claire Fisher, 57 Holiday Harbour spoke and thanked the Committee for what they are doing for the community, she said that they want the trash collection to continue. She reviewed the ordinance and the previously noted error on the language. She reviewed their tax status and reviewed the challenges they have had with illegal waste being left in their dumpster. Claudia Schaffer, President of Holiday Harbour spoke and said that she observed the dumpster collection, which only took 15 minutes to be picked up. They will police the illegal waste. She hopes that Council will continue the service. Emily Palumbos, from Brigham Hall spoke as well (there were some audio issues). Councilmember Sutton asked if the dumpsters have been fully inspected. City Manager said that they do not have the manpower to fully inspect all the dumpsters. Ms. Palumbos audio was restored and advocated for the service to be restored. They will work with their residents to be sure that no illegal waste be left in their dumpster, as they only have one. Bruce Lang, owner at Brigham Hall spoke, he is also the treasurer of the association and advocated for the service to be restored. Alice Hooker a resident of Brigham Hall discussed the differences between an apartment dweller versus condominium and she is hopeful that solid waste collection be restored. Chair Uebbing called for the voice vote, which was approved to move this onto the full Council. David Viggani, 29 Perry Place spoke after the vote and he had sent comments on solid waste issues to the full Council previously. He is speaking on behalf of families that are larger and will use more than a 64-gallon toter. He is opposed to having to pay extra for every toters that may be needed and feels large families are being punished for being larger. He has been holding back trash as he cannot fit everything in and is hoping that Council will waive the fees for families of a larger size. Michael Yarger, owns mixed use buildings on Phoenix St. spoke, he was informed in September that his buildings would not receive trash collection. He reviewed the ordinance, seeing it was corrected, made arrangements for private collection. He said that in December when Council made the change to the ordinance to not picking up mixed use property with commercial use, and feels that all residents should have garbage pick up for all. He would appreciate a clarification on whether or not he qualified for service and would like to see notice placed. John Welch, asked to clarify the mixed use for his property on Main Street and continued discussion with Michael Yarger on clarifying mixed use commercial. Chair Uebbing said that the language can be cleaned up moving forward. Discussions on this will continue. Councilmember White said that the Environmental Meeting will have representatives from the County and Casella on the landfill and encourages those present and listening to attend, on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Uebbing moved onto Volunteer Firefighter Tax Exemption. City Manager reviewed, in December 2022, Governor Hochul signed legislation that permits any local government to provide a real property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who have served a minimum of two years. Real Property Tax Law §466-a allows for an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed value of the primary residence. In order to authorize such an exemption, a municipality must opt-in via the adoption of a local law. The exemption applies only to the tax levy of the unit of local government that opts in. Specifically for the City's levy, in order for the exemption to be greater than the New York State Income Tax Credit of \$200, a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker would need to live in a residence valued at \$260,785. City Manager said that it is unlikely that we have anyone who meets these criteria but is welcome to having Chief come and speak to this. Chair Uebbing said that we could move on this once someone meets the criteria. Councilmember Sutton asked that this goes through the Ordinance Committee as it may require a local law. City Manager said that there is language provided by NYCOM. Councilmember Unrath motioned that the finance committee supports this and refers it to the Ordinance committee for their review seconded by Councilmember Polimeni. Unanimously passed and carried.

Councilmember Polimeni motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Unrath, unanimously passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

*Next Meeting: March 7, 2023*

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