

MINUTES
PLANNING COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 7:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS- HURLEY BUILDING 205 SALTONSTALL ST.

Planning Committee: Thomas Lyon, Chair
Nick Cutri
Steve Uebbing
Dan Unrath

Others Present: Mayor Palumbo
Sim Covington, Jr.
Erich Dittmar
Renee Sutton (via Zoom)

City Staff: John Goodwin, City Manager
David Hou, City Attorney

Chair Lyon opened the meeting and welcome members present and via Zoom. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting. The first item on the agenda is the [Waterfront Active Transportation Plan](#), which is a collaboration between the City, Town and Canandaigua Local Development Corporation with funding provided by the Genesee Transportation Council. The study was commissioned last year was completed in April. City Manager Goodwin reviewed the details that looked at the transportation plan starting at South Main Street and Lakeshore Drive corridor (from Antis/Foster Streets, through the intersection of Eastern/Western Blvd to Lakeshore Drive and ending at East Lake Road). A number of public hearings were attended by City Council reviewing the details of these plans and Bergman Associates came up with several suggestions with the goal of connecting the downtown to the lake area. Several traffic, pedestrian traffic and bike lanes changes are proposed, with the plan to move forward with raised crossing which will reduce the number of lanes creating wider pedestrian and a new traffic signal. The plan more than a year to develop and City Manager Goodwin is looking into funding from the State DOT and possibly with the Federal Government's RAISE funding. Councilmembers discussed the pedestrian and bike lanes discussing plans for increasing bike safety outside of the pedestrian areas. The plans are consistent with how the current bikes lanes are now. Parking spots may also be an issue at the Lakeshore. Jennifer Newman from Young Lion Brewery, spoke advocating for more bike safety and not taking away parking, as it could hurt traffic into her business. Goodwin said that he does not have a grant funding program that he is pursuing at the moment, he is waiting to see what the State Budget will hold and other potential funding that is available as a result and will prioritize the projects based on funding available. Discussions will continue on this and as programs are identified, a grant writer may be needed and hoping to implement the recommendations in the current plan with the exceptions of areas on Lakeshore Drive.

Chair Lyon reviewed the second item on the agenda for Cannabis Zoning as the Mayor expressed interest in discussing adding a provision relative to cannabis zoning, to potentially restrict similar where retail dispensaries could be. Mayor Palumbo said that this originally came up when opting

in or out of the program came up, the City chose to opt in, without truly knowing the State plan. The Mayor explained the thinking was we would have one or two dispensaries and now could be more of a free market. Wanted to discuss this with Council to see if we should restrict and acknowledges that it may not be necessary yet without full guidance from the State. Goodwin said that the question of can we, is uncertain without knowing what the State guidance will be and that the City can regulate time, place and manor but cannot regulate the license or options of these locations. It's a very gray area right now, if we want to do this, we do need to do this now. The State offices are moving very quickly with the first dispensaries potentially opening this fall, uncertain if the location will be in Canandaigua. Councilmember discussions on this may continue depending on guidance from the State as needed.

Chair Lyon reviewed National Community Survey Questions. Questions were distributed ahead of the meeting asking Council to give their top four. The questions were drafted after receiving feedback and hope to be sent out to soon to the public. Discussions may continue as needed.

Chair Lyon closed the committee meeting at 7:40 pm.

Finance Committee: Steve Uebbing, Chair
Nick Cutri
Thomas Lyon
Dan Unrath

Others Present: Mayor Palumbo
Sim Covington, Jr.
Erich Dittmar
Renee Sutton

City Staff: John Goodwin, City Manager
Matt Nielsen, Chief of Police
David Hou, City Attorney
Michelle Hess, Chief Operator, Waste Water Treatment Plant
James P. Sprague, Director of Public Works

Chair Uebbing welcomed members present and reviewed the agenda. He explained the Antis Street Reconstruction and asked City Manager Goodwin to review the potential funding structure. Goodwin explained appropriating up to \$600,000 of the surplus to the Capital Fund which would be applied to the Hurley Building Roof project. The ARPA funding allocated to the Hurley Building Roof project would be reallocated (\$600,000 of the \$700,000) towards the construction of Antis Street due to how the funds have to be used. Goodwin reviewed why this project was delayed since 2014 when it was cut from the budget. Residents on Antis Street have been without a storm drain and now have other water issues. The Bates Street side will have to be on hold as Bates does not have the immediate need that Antis has. Councilmember Unrath motioned to approve the project, seconded by Councilmember Cutri, unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Uebbing reviewed the request from the Police Department to purchase a Public Safety Drone.

The Police Chief reviewed the request, we currently have smaller scale drone and they do not have nighttime capability. The new drone would have better enhancements and could also help with DPW, Fire and Code for their needs. The drone has thermal imagine would help in finding missing persons cases as well as photographic capabilities for crime scenes and could potentially aid with accidents in Canandaigua Lake. The drone could help both Fire and the Police Departments at those accidents and/or crimes. This drone would also be able to have the ability to carry water floatation devices. The flying speed of 51 mph, can fly in high wind and does have a telephoto lens as well. Our current drones do not have these capabilities. Goodwin explained how the funding for the drone would be from Police Asset Seizure & Forfeiture Reserve fund. The fund is very restricted and does not come from tax payer dollars. Councilmember Cutri motioned to approve but before the vote discussion from Councilmember Sutton on understanding the drone's use and how it could be used in several situations. City Manager Goodwin explained a recent situation where a drone would have been helpful to see the roof line on a Main Street Building to see if it needed repair. Councilmember Sutton would like to see a policy on how the drone will be used. Councilmember Uebbing agrees that having clear guidelines is helpful and is in favor of the purchase. Chief said that they have guidelines in place and will be revising those guidelines for use as this new drone has more capabilities. Chair Uebbing recognized Councilmember Cutri's motion, seconded by Councilmember Lyon. Before the vote discussion on pending review of the policy before the purchase the drone. Councilmember Cutri amended his motion to approve the purchase after reviewing the policy on use, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Uebbing reviewed the change to the Civil Service Position. Waste Water Treatment Chief Operator Michelle Hess, addressed Council, and reviewed the change to do a promotion, she would like to see the vacancy change from an Operator role from a Laborer role. Councilmember Lyon motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cutri, unanimously passed and carried. City Manager Goodwin congratulated Ms. Hess on her New York Water Environmental Association's Operator of the Year Award representing the Genesee Chapter.

Chair Uebbing reviewed 2024 Street Reconstruction Design and Engineering. Jim Sprague, Director of Public Works reviewed the reconstruction program, and the bids received. In order to facilitate this, proposals were opened on Friday, April 1st for the design, engineering and construction management of the project. They would like to work with Hunt Engineering as their costs for the project was closer in line with what has been budgeted. Councilmember Cutri motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Councilmember Unrath, unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Uebbing asked if they could move the next meetings Monday of May 9th. Councilmember Lyon motioned to adjourn seconded by Councilmember Cutri, unanimously passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.