

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, 7:00 PM
HURLEY BUILDING, 205 SALTONSTALL STREET
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Environmental Committee: Karen White, Chair
Sim Covington, Jr.
Erich Dittmar
Renée Sutton

Additional Council Members present: Nick Cutri
Dan Unrath
Steve Uebbing, via Zoom
Thomas Lyon
Mayor Palumbo

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

Guests: Denise Chaaple, BID Manager
Joseph Desimore, Chief Operating Officer Greenspot
Mike Lamb, Product Specialist, Commercial Recreation
Specialists
Abby McHugh-Grifa, Executive Director, Climate
Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region,

Chair White opened the meeting and welcomed members present. She gave the background on agenda items.

Reviewing the potential partnership with Greenspot, for the City's Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations. City Manager reviewed that the Lafayette parking area that has a charging station now, is in need of repair, and by potentially partnering with Greenspot, they will repair the station and add more charging stations free of cost to the City. The company will maintain the stations and the City will receive 10% of the revenue generated from those Stations. Councilmembers asked questions on how residents will be charged for the use, how quickly their cars will be fully charged and how the system will work. Chief Operating Officer, Joseph Deismore explained that they will be charged per kilowatt hour use and that some charges could be around roughly .30 - .35 cents per kilowatt and the power would come through the local utility. Councilmember Sutton asked if this is something that could become part of CCA, City Manager Goodwin said that it might be possible or even with the Solar Fam. Maintenance of the stations would come through real time data provided by the software, EV Connect, that operates a call center for 24-hour support to the Stations as well as give the company real time back-end data operations to Greenspot to resolve issues quickly. Should something break locally, they would work with local area electrician to resolve the issue on the stations. Questions on the chargers themselves, Joe said they would be using Level 2 Chargers for now, but could move into Level 3 in the

future. It may take up to 30-45 minutes to get a full tank. Hoping this will promote economic development for the downtown area as people will want to eat or shop while their car charges. Questions on the timeframe for how long a person could park and charge their cars combined with how they will know to move their cars... Joe explained that as soon as the car is done charging it will move into an idle parking mode. John explained that all those details will need to be worked out as the City expands the charging network. Questions on whether or not they work with private and public companies, and they do. They prefer to work with larger scale communities, as they cover the cost of infrastructure. David Hou said that the contract is still under review with both parties working out details and more would be forthcoming. City Manager Goodwin has been checking references for the company and will continued discussions.

Chair White moved into the second agenda item, Inflatable Aqua Park at Kershaw Park. City Manager Goodwin said that they had been looking into improve the areas of the park and this concept came up. In reviewing and speaking with the company the cost will be closer to \$50K, not \$25K as previously noted, for the park to be on the water. Mike Lambe, Product Sales Specialist for Commercial Recreation Specialists reviewed the park and how it could be used. They have been in business creating these parks and experiences for since 1999. They partner with a German company called Wubit, who make the inflatables. The pieces are all modular and can be customized. They work with camps and other municipalities around the County. The park could hold 20-30 people, can allow for shallow water activity area as well as rent stand up paddle boards and kayaks. The company offers a full service, maintenance and repairs would be handled in house. The committee reviewed inflatable components that could be used. Questions from Councilmembers in changes in liability insurance and the City hasn't gotten that far yet, wanted Council to review this concept first. May require more regulations with DOH and the water depth is only five-foot depth, Lifeguard Staff would be available. Floating devices would be required for certain ages. City Manager Goodwin wanted Council to review before moving forward. Councilmembers reviewed the scope and size of the potential project and the timeframe involved, if this was something that was wanted for this upcoming season. The maintenance of the materials is something the company would help with and it would be a separate contract from just the contract of the inflatables. City Manager Goodwin pointed out that City Staff could be trained on their maintenance, and that part of the contract would only be for a year. Questions on wind gusts would be planned for and in the event of big storms, they use the Beauford Scale to 30 – 40 mile an hour winds, and the wave action, they would be able to provide the context of when to remove the structure. The company would provide a checklist to ensure the products function properly once operational. The company has locations in the northeast that they have used their products. Councilmembers were concerned about the pricing, long term maintenance, whether or not it's insurable. Councilmember shared feedback that it might be a great idea but has overall concerns on the costs and needing more information in order to move forward. Could be a potential to look into grants and they thanked Mike for presenting.

Chair White reviewed the Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region, which Councilmember Thomas Lyon is the Chair of the Climate Smart Committee's Task Force, they are requesting the City adopt a new pledge and Councilmember Lyon introduced Abby McHugh-Grifa, the Executive Director of the Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-

Finger Lakes Region to review the pledge with the Committee. McHugh-Grifa acknowledged the work that the City has done on climate needs and the City is recognized as a leader in the State. The non-for-profit works with municipalities across the 9 County Region Early adopters are the City of Rochester and Monroe County. City Manager Goodwin said that while the City has a plan, this would be a logical next step to look at the regional work. Councilmember Dittmar motioned for the City to sign onto the pledge, Councilmember Sutton seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Chair White closed the meeting.

Ordinance Committee: Renée Sutton, Chair
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Chair Sutton welcomed the committee members and reviewed the agenda. Chair Sutton walked the members present through the first agenda item, Sales Tax on Motor Fuels. The State has suspended taxes on motor fuels, the separate motor fuel tax and the metropolitan commuter transportation tax from June through December. The State is also giving County Governments the option to cap the price that the applicable local sales tax rate is imposed on, at \$4 per gallon. The Mayor requested the discussion on how the City would advocate one way or another to the County, whose ultimate decision this is. The Mayor thought the Council should weigh in and give City Management feedback. The Mayor said that the County has not yet discussed this but thought if Council had a vote one way or another, they could pass the feedback to the County. Revenue from sales tax could directly impact the City. Goodwin reported the analysis has not been done, most of the sale tax revenue is from motor fuel. It is a 33% of our revenue from the sharing agreement from the County. Sales tax did well and which is why we had a surplus in 2021. Discussion on wide range benefits the City receives as a benefit. Councilmember White pointed out that she is not sure what the saving impact on a cap at \$4 and gas is just a little over \$4 right now, and she is not in favor of this cap. Councilmember Uebbing is in favor of capping the gas at \$4. Councilmember Covington agrees with Councilmember White and isn't in favor. The Mayor agrees is not in favor of the cap. Councilmember Lyon agrees. Chair Sutton feels that she cannot advocate either way without knowing the data one way or another. Hard to make an informed decision without numbers. Goodwin will also ask the County if they have the data available. After much discussion, Councilmember White motioned for a resolution advocating the Ontario County Board of Supervisors not to cap gas tax, Councilmember Covington seconded, unanimously passed and carried. Goodwin recommended a straw vote as the Council

meeting isn't until May 12th and the Monroe County Legislature just passed, so the committee voted 8-1 to advocate in favor of a no cap, with Councilmember Uebbing voting no. The Mayor said that Supervisor Rich Russell was attending virtually and is aware of the resolution and the decision.

Chair Sutton reviewed waiving The Central on Main Open Container Ordinance as §246 of the City Code restricts the possession and public consumption of alcoholic beverages with the City of Canandaigua. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in or upon any public sidewalk, street, highway, parking lot, bathing beach, public park or such other public place. Central on Main is in the public parking lot and Goodman reviewed the details according to the State Liquor Authority, the City must waive §246 of the City Code from May through October specifically for The Central on Main. The special use permit would contain specific dates and times that the Central on Main would be offered. Corporation Council Hou explained that it is the physical space that will be exempt as the City is the entity. The permit holder would be the BID, very specific for the events on the Central. Outside alcohol is not allowed. Signage may have to be added to the site. Councilmember White motioned to approve the waiver, seconded by Councilmember Covington. Unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Sutton reviewed the final item, bicycles in the downtown district, as previously discussed, a review of the amended ordinance which prohibits the operation of bicycles, skateboards or scooters on the sidewalks within the Downtown Business District was discussed in regard to the forthcoming bike share program. A review of the new language was reviewed. David Hou said there is a small typo but will be updated. Councilmember White motions to adopt as changed, Councilmember Covington seconds, unanimously passed and carried.

Chair Sutton moved to adjourn; next meeting is May 17th.