

AGENDA
PLANNING COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
7:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/91191767335>

Planning Committee: Steve Uebbing, Chair
Jim Terwilliger
Nick Cutri
Dan Unrath

1. Renaming Squaw Island

Recently, a community member named Edward Randolph raised concerns with the name “Squaw Island;” a wildlife management area under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Randolph notes that the term “squaw” is a derogatory term that is meant to cast a Native American woman in a negative light, and that other communities have taken action regarding the same topic. In 2015, the Seneca nation petitioned the City of Buffalo to change the name of their own Squaw Island to what is now known as Unity Island. While the City does not have jurisdictional authority to change the name, Mr. Randolph is requesting the City support his petition to the State to have Squaw Island renamed “Treaty Island.” Mr. Randolph, as well as representatives for the Seneca Nation, have been invited to the meeting to discuss his request.

2. Policy Discussion

Recently, questions have been raised about the role of “policy” in local governance. How is “policy” defined? Who is responsible for making policy? What is the role of City Council? What, if any, boundaries or regulations exist regarding the types of policy City Council can affect? What recourse does City Council have over the policies they cannot affect? Are policies the City currently has in place available to the community for review? This item was added to the agenda for further discussion by Planning Committee Chair Steve Uebbing.

Finance Committee: Jim Terwilliger, Chair
Nick Cutri
Steve Uebbing
Erich Dittmar

1. Software Upgrades

Recently, Staff have been exploring a variety of software upgrades to help improve resident communication, their access to information, and the efficiency of City Operations. Assistant City Manager Rob Richardson will update Council on the types of software being explored and how they will impact the City’s ability to provide better ser

2. Snow Removal Fee

At its June 4th Meeting, City Council passed Ordinance #2020-002 Amending Chapter 600-12, Snow and Ice Removal, of the Municipal Code to allow City Council set the fee for snow removal when residents fail to clear their sidewalk 24 hours after a snow event. With the ordinance set to go into effect July 1st, City Council must determine what the fee will be for the 2020-21 snow season. Prior to this change, the fee for snow removal was set at \$80, which was calculated based on one hour of work. The amended ordinance states that the fee established by City Council, but shall not less than the equivalent of one-half hour’s cost. This item was added to the agenda for further discussion.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2020

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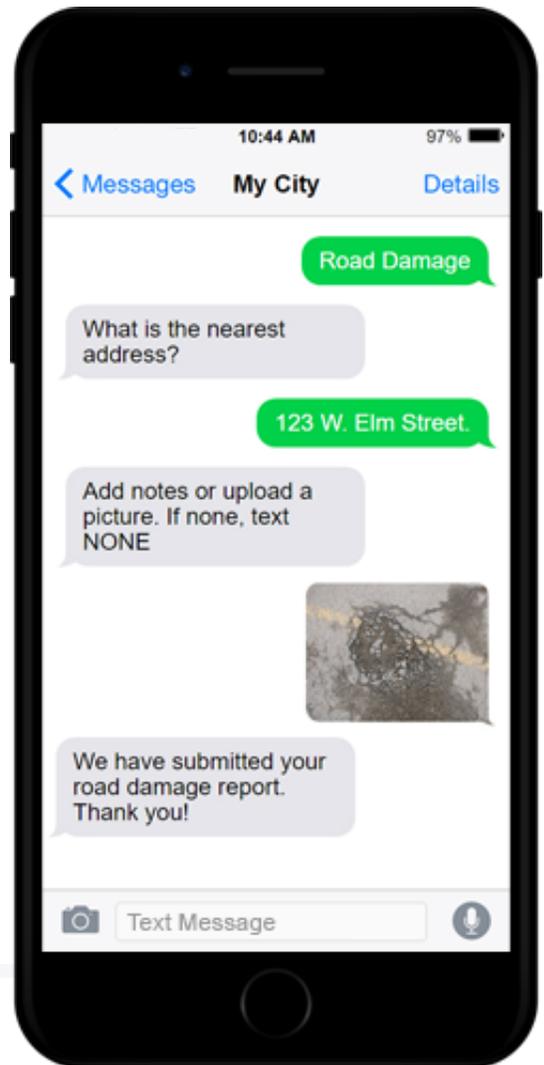
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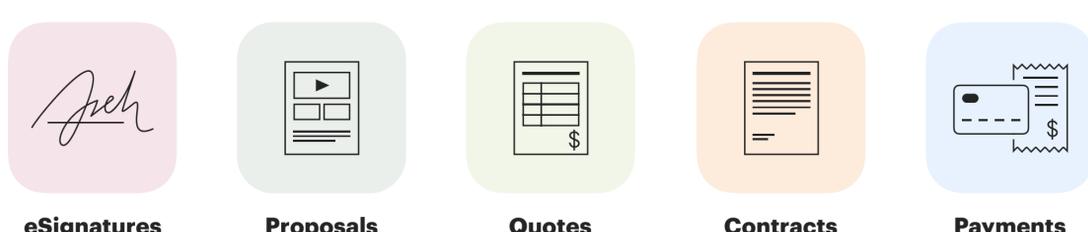
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