

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
June 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding

Present: Council Member Patrick J. Hickey
Council Member Clifford G. Olney III
Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce
Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith

Also Present: Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager
Justin Miller, Esq. Harris Beach PLLC, Interim City Attorney (via
videoconference)

City staff present: James Mills, Scott Weller, Meredith Griffin, Michael Lumbis, Patrick Keenan

The City Manager presented the following reports to Council:

- Resolution No. 1 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation – Expanded Scope and Cost
- Resolution No. 2 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #1 General Construction Con Tech Building Systems, Inc.
- Resolution No. 3 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #2 Mechanical Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- Resolution No. 4 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #3 Plumbing Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- Resolution No. 5 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #4 Electrical Howell Enterprises Inc., dba Blackstone Electric
- Resolution No. 6 - Approving the Professional Services Agreement with C&S Companies for Construction Administration for the Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation,
- Resolution No. 7 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation
- Resolution No. 8 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation – American Rescue Plan Act Funding
- Resolution No. 9 - Approving Intermunicipal Agreement for Use of Recreational Facilities with Watertown City School District
- Resolution No. 10 - Accepting Change Order #1 with Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc. for Thompson Park Pinnacle Masonry Restoration Project
- Resolution No. 11 - Approving Contract Amendment No. 1 with BCA Architects & Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Grant-Seward-Henry Street Reconstruction Project
- Resolution No. 12 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Fund Budget – Grant Street, Seward Street and Henry Street Reconstruction Project
- Resolution No. 13 - Approving Agreement for Public Benefit Services with the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.
- Resolution No. 14 - Accepting Change Order No. 1 with CCI Companies, Inc. for the Watertown Streetscape Design Improvements Project

- Resolution No. 15 - Approving the Architectural / Engineering Consultant Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Design Services for the Black River Trail Western Expansion
- Resolution No. 16 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund and Capital Fund Budgets – Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sewer Project
- Resolution No. 17 - Accepting Bid for Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project - JL Excavation, LLC
- Resolution No. 18 - Approving the Professional Service Agreement with Aubertine and Currier for the Washington Street and Keyes Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project
- Resolution No. 19 - Appointing Suzanne C. Renzi-Falge to the Board of Ethics
- Resolution No. 20 - Appointing Nolan D. Pitkin to the Board of Ethics,
- Resolution No. 21 - Directing City Manager to Hire a Bus to Transport Handicapped and Elderly Persons to Election Polling Locations on June 27, 2023
- Ordinance No. 1 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,900,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs Of the Reconstruction of the William J. Flynn Municipal Swimming Pool and Rehabilitation of The Bathhouse, in and for Said City
- Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity – April 2023
- Sales Tax Revenue – April 2023
- 214 East Hoard Street Rehabilitation

Complete Reports on file in the office of the City Clerk

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2023, budget session of May 22, 2023 and budget session of May 25, 2023, was dispensed and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Debbie and Bill Dermandy, 118 Seymour Street, expressing concern with the City's representation at the Memorial Day celebration held at the American Legion on May 29, 2023. She also discussed the importance of honoring Veterans, especially when the City has the unique opportunity of being a Fort Drum Community.

A letter was received from Christopher Tehonica, organizer of the 1000 Islands Softball Tournament, requesting a reduction in rental fees for the use of the Watertown fields for the tournament to be held in July.

Above communications were placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor interrupted the regular course of business to proclaim Monday, August 21, 2023 as "Train Day" in honor of the multi-GRAMMY and Billboard Award-winning band from San Francisco, coming

to play in concert at the Watertown Fairgrounds.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jason Traynor, 424 Arsenal Street, expressed concern with the City's expenses, especially the purchase of the golf course and the building of a third pool, and wondered how it would impact the middle-class population. He also asked if Mr. Lundy has returned all the property to the City per the purchase agreement and he expressed concern with the increase in water and sewer rates and support for the proposed senior center.

Robert (no last name given), announced that there will be a meeting regarding a proposed senior center tomorrow, June 6, at 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Flower Memorial Library. He explained that he, as well as Council Member Ruggiero, will be presenting and he said the purpose of the meeting is to gather people's input on whether they support a senior center in the area and what they would like provided by the center.

Jonathan Phillips, 735 Mill Street, mentioned the construction downtown, stating that it takes Citibus longer to do their routes. He also reported there are holes in the Arsenal Street bridge, and he expressed concern with Council arguing with each other during meetings.

Christopher Tehonica, organizer of the 1000 Islands Softball Tournament, addressed the chair concerning the request for a discount in fees for the use of the City fields during the tournament to be held in July.

Jake Wilson, Theresa, stated he has disabled children that attend a summer program, which comes to Watertown every Thursday to use the City pool. He requested an amendment to the fee schedule for disabled children using the pool.

Sheila Barney-Pullus, 414 Lincoln Street, mentioned that the "Welcome to Watertown" sign on Coffeen Street is in need of repair. She also noted that there are homeless people living at the base of Court Street bridge and it makes an uncomfortable situation for people, especially the elderly, walking in that area.

Randy Elie, 247 Elm Street, said he is concerned about the water issue, and he talked about stormwater runoff from parking lots and driveways. He suggested the City offer incentives to people for the use of permeable driveways, stressing that more permeable surfaces create less water runoff going into the stormwater system.

Frank Battista, 201 Palmer Street, advised that the margin of the road near the bus stop at the intersection of Palmer and Emmett Streets has collapsed. He said that he reported it to the City in April, but it has not been repaired. He stressed that the City needs to focus on fixing the streets.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation – Expanded Scope and Cost

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on May 24, 2021 the City Council adopted the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the adopted Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Fund Budget did not contain funding to design and rehabilitate the Flynn pool and bathhouse, and

WHEREAS on January 18, 2022 the City Council amended the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget to add the design and rehabilitation of the Flynn pool and bathhouse at an estimated cost of \$750,000 to the FY 2021-22 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the scope and cost of the project has significantly changed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget to modify the scope of the Flynn Pool project to reconstruct the pool rather than rehabilitate the current structure and increase the estimated cost of the project to \$3,900,000.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Smith listed the reasons that he will not support spending \$3.9 million on a third pool for the City and pointed out the proposed deficit in revenue for the outgoing years in the multi-year plan.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing resolution and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 2 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #1 General Construction Con Tech Building Systems, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City desires to rehabilitate and reconstruct the William J. Flynn Municipal Pool, Bathhouse, and installation of a Splash Pad located on 833 Woodbury Street, and all other associated work, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Department advertised and received two (2) sealed bids for Contract #1 - General Construction for the William J. Flynn Pool Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS on May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Manager, Tina Bartlett-Bearup reviewed the bids received with the Engineering Department and in consultation with C&S Companies and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the lowest responsive responsible bid submitted by Con Tech Building Systems, Inc., and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid received from Con Tech Building Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,695,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this bid is contingent on the City Council formally approving the sources of funding for the entire project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 3 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #2 Mechanical Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City desires to rehabilitate and reconstruct the William J. Flynn Municipal Pool, Bathhouse, and installation of a Splash Pad located on 833 Woodbury Street, and all other associated work, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Department advertised and received one (1) sealed bid for Contract #2 - Mechanical for the William J. Flynn Pool Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS on May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Manager, Tina Bartlett-Bearup reviewed the bid received with the Engineering Department and in consultation with C&S Companies and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the lowest responsive responsible bid submitted by Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid received from Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$112,532.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this bid is contingent on the City Council formally approving the sources of funding for the entire project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 4 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #3 Plumbing Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City desires to rehabilitate and reconstruct the William J. Flynn Municipal Pool, Bathhouse, and installation of a Splash Pad located on 833 Woodbury Street, and all other associated work, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Department advertised and received one (1) sealed bid for Contract #3 - Plumbing for the William J. Flynn Pool Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS on May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Manager, Tina Bartlett-Bearup reviewed the bid received with the Engineering Department and in consultation with C&S Companies and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the lowest responsive responsible bid submitted by Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid received from Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$199,077.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this bid is contingent on the City Council formally approving the sources of funding for the entire project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 5 - Accepting Bid for William J. Flynn Municipal Pool Rehabilitation Project – Contract #4 Electrical Howell Enterprises Inc., dba Blackstone Electric

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City desires to rehabilitate and reconstruct the William J. Flynn Municipal Pool, Bathhouse, and installation of a Splash Pad located on 833 Woodbury Street, and all other associated work, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Department advertised and received one (1) sealed bid for Contract #4 - Electrical for the William J. Flynn Pool Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS on May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Manager, Tina Bartlett-Bearup reviewed the bid received with the Engineering Department and in consultation with C&S Companies and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the lowest responsive responsible bid submitted by Howell Enterprises Inc. dba Blackstone Electric, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid received from Howell Enterprises Inc. dba Blackstone Electric in the amount of \$361,935.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this bid is contingent on the City Council formally approving the sources of funding for the entire project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 6 - Approving the Professional Services Agreement with C&S Companies for Construction Administration for the Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation.

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on May 22, 2023, the City of Watertown requested a proposal from C&S Companies regarding construction administration services for the rehabilitation of the William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse, and,

WHEREAS C&S Companies has submitted a proposal for construction administration services at a cost of \$145,800.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Professional Services Agreement with C&S Companies in the amount of \$145,800.00, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Kenneth A. Mix is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 7 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on May 24, 2021 the City Council adopted the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the adopted Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Fund Budget did not contain funding to design and rehabilitate the Flynn pool and bathhouse, and

WHEREAS on January 18, 2022 the City Council amended the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget to add the design and rehabilitation of the Flynn pool and bathhouse at an estimated cost of \$750,000 to the FY 2021-22 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS on June 5, 2023 City Council was presented with a resolution to amend the Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget to modify the scope of the Flynn Pool project to reconstruct the pool rather than rehabilitate the current structure and increase the estimated cost of the project to \$3,900,000, and

WHEREAS the amended project has a funding shortfall of \$3,150,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget to appropriate fund balance to cover the funding shortfall and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby makes the following adjustments in the re-adopted General Fund Budget:

Revenues and Appropriated Fund Balance:

A.0000.0909 Fund Balance \$ 3,150,000

Expenditures:

A.9950.0900 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund \$ 3,150,000

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and carried with all voting yea except Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

Resolution No. 8 - Re-Adoption of Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget – Flynn Pool Reconstruction and Bathhouse Rehabilitation – American Rescue Plan Act Funding

WHEREAS on May 24, 2021 the City Council adopted the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the adopted Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Fund Budget did not contain funding to design and rehabilitate the Flynn pool and bathhouse, and

WHEREAS on January 18, 2022 the City Council amended the Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26 Capital Budget to add the design and rehabilitation of the Flynn pool and bathhouse at an estimated cost of \$750,000 to the FY 2021-22 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS on June 5, 2023 City Council was presented with a resolution to amend the Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget to modify the scope of the Flynn Pool project to reconstruct the pool rather than rehabilitate the current structure and increase the estimated cost of the project to \$3,900,000, and

WHEREAS the amended project has a funding shortfall of \$3,150,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2026-27 Capital Budget to appropriate an additional \$3,150,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the project.

No Introduction

Resolution No. 9 - Approving Intermunicipal Agreement for Use of Recreational Facilities with Watertown City School District

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the Watertown City School District ("District") owns and maintains its school buildings and related sports and recreational facilities (hereinafter "School Facilities"), and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown ("City") owns and maintains certain municipal buildings, baseball and soccer fields, and other outdoor facilities (hereinafter "City Facilities") which are utilized by residents and organizations of the City of Watertown for recreational purposes, and

WHEREAS the City is desirous of utilizing the School Facilities for certain Parks and Recreation programs and events, and

WHEREAS the School District is desirous of utilizing the City Facilities for games and/or practices for its school teams, as well as certain other school programs and events, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5-G, §119-0 of the General Municipal Law the Parties are authorized to enter into inter-municipal cooperative agreements, and

WHEREAS the City is willing to allow the School District to utilize the City Facilities, and the School District is willing to allow the City to utilize the School Facilities for the benefit of the residents of the City and School District respectively, upon the terms and conditions contained in the Intermunicipal Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Intermunicipal Agreement, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Kenneth A. Mix is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 10 - Accepting Change Order #1 with Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc. for Thompson Park Pinnacle Masonry Restoration Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City Engineering Department has received Change Order No. 1 for the Thompson Park Pinnacle Masonry Restoration Project from Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc., and

WHEREAS the Contractor's Original Contract Price of **\$191,500.00** has been increased by **\$17,500.00** due to an increase in the scope of work, and

WHEREAS the Engineering Department has reviewed the Change Order, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the Change Order submitted by Heritage Masonry Restoration, Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts Change Order No. 1 for the Thompson Park Pinnacle Masonry Restoration Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 on behalf of the City Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the additional cost will come from the City's American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 11 -Approving Contract Amendment No. 1 with BCA Architects & Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Grant-Seward-Henry Street Reconstruction Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on December 20, 2021, the City Council approved a contract with BCA Architects & Engineers for the design of the Grant-Seward-Henry Street Reconstruction Project in an amount of \$218,000, and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its April 17, 2023, meeting, accepted a bid for the construction of the project from Luck Bros., Inc., in an amount of \$3,403,203.50, and

WHEREAS the City desires to amend the agreement with BCA Architects & Engineers to provide construction and post-construction administrative services, resident project representative inspection services as well as additional design services, and

WHEREAS BCA Architects & Engineers has provided Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement dated December 21, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement dated December 21, 2021, in the amount of \$295,000, between the City of Watertown and BCA Architects & Engineers, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, bringing the total amount of the agreement to \$513,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 12 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Fund Budget – Grant Street, Seward Street and Henry Street Reconstruction Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on September 7, 2021, the City Council re-adopted the Fiscal Years 2021-22 Capital Budget to add the Henry Street and Grant Street water main replacement projects at an estimated cost of \$400,000 funded by American Rescue Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds, and

WHEREAS on September 20, 2021, the City Council re-adopted the Fiscal Years 2021-22 Capital Budget to add the Seward Street reconstruction project at an estimated cost of \$850,000 funded by ARPA funds (\$200,000), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (\$300,000), Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funds (\$150,000) and a transfer from the Sewer Fund (\$200,000), and

WHEREAS on June 6, 2022 the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Budget which included the Grant Street and Henry Street reconstruction project at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000 funded by ARPA funds (\$695,258), CDBG funds (\$254,742) and a transfer from the Sewer Fund (\$250,000), and

WHEREAS on April 17, 2023 the City Council accepted the base bid submitted by Luck Bros. Inc., in the amount of \$2,881,204.50 which created a project funding shortfall of \$1,075,000, and

WHEREAS on April 17, 2023 the City Council accepted bid alternate #1 in the amount of \$521,999 which has created an additional funding shortfall,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby re-adopts the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Budget to add the ornamental streetlights to the Grant Street, Henry Street and Seward Street reconstruction project at a cost of \$521,999, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2022-23 Capital Budget to amend the projects costs as follows:

Seward Street	\$ 950,000
Grant Street / Henry Street	\$ 3,000,000

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby re-adopts the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Sewer Fund Budget to provide the funding for the sanitary sewer portions of the Grant Street, Henry Street and Seward Street reconstruction project and makes the following adjustments in the re-adopted Sewer Fund Budget:

SEWER FUND

Appropriated Fund Balance:
G.0000.0900

Fund Balance

\$ 87,000

Expenditures:

G.9950.0900

Transfer to Capital Projects Fund (Seward St)

(\$ 75,000)

G.9950.0900

Transfer to Capital Projects Fund (Grant St./Henry St.)

\$ 162,000

Total Expenditures

\$ 87,000

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby appropriates additional ARPA funds for the Grant Street, Henry Street and Seward Street reconstruction project as follows:

Seward Street	\$ 199,920
Grant Street / Henry Street	\$ 1,267,776

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 13 - Approving Agreement for Public Benefit Services with the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc.

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. (CAPC) was incorporated and designated in 1967 as the official anti-poverty agency for Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS since that time, CAPC has received funds from local governments as the local share required to leverage State and Federal program service dollars, and

WHEREAS the services provided by CAPC promote the public purposes of education, charity, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement for Public Benefit Services between the City of Watertown and the Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc., a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 14 - Accepting Change Order No. 1 with CCI Companies, Inc. for the Watertown Streetscape Design Improvements Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City Engineering Department has received Change Order No. 1 for the Watertown Streetscape Design Improvements Project from CCI Companies, Inc., and

WHEREAS the Contractor's Original Contract Price of **\$3,647,704.75** has been increased by **\$20,612.42** due to an increase in the scope of work, and

WHEREAS the Engineering Department has reviewed the Change Order, and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the Change Order submitted by CCI Companies, Inc,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts Change Order No. 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Change Order with CCI Companies, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the additional cost will come from the City's American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 15 - Approving the Architectural / Engineering Consultant Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Design Services for the Black River Trail Western Expansion

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City of Watertown applied for and received a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to design and construct a project identified as the Black River Trail Western Expansion, and

WHEREAS the City previously executed a Federal Aid Local Project Agreement with NYSDOT for the project and is ready to begin the project design, and

WHEREAS the City is a participant in the Local Design Service Agreement (LDSA) program under NYSDOT Region 7, for which Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. is an eligible consultant, and

WHEREAS the City submitted an LDSA Consultant Selection Sheet to NYSDOT identifying Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. as its preferred design consultant for this project, and

WHEREAS Barton & Loguidice D.P.C. has submitted an Architectural / Engineering Consultant Agreement to the City for design services for the Black River Trail Western Expansion Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Watertown, hereby approves the attached Architectural / Engineering Consultant Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, in the amount of \$333,500, a copy of which is made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Kenneth A. Mix, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 16 - Readopting Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund and Capital Fund Budgets – Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sewer Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on June 6, 2022 the City Council passed a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, of which \$57,731,644 was appropriated for the General Fund, and

WHEREAS on April 4, 2022 the City Council re-adopted the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Budget to add the Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and ,

WHEREAS the initial Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project did not include a storm sewer component and therefore no funding as well,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby re-adopts the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Budget to include the storm sewer component and increase the project cost to \$1,050,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby re-adopts the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and makes the following adjustments in the re-adopted General Fund Budget:

Revenues and Appropriated Fund Balance:

A.0000.0909	Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 175,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 175,000</u>

Expenditures:

A.9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 175,000</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 175,000</u>

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 17 - Accepting Bid for Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project - JL Excavation, LLC

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS the City desires to replace sanitary sewer and storm sewer mains, structures, etc. along with related restoration work on Washington Street and Keyes Avenue, and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Department advertised and received two (2) sealed bids for the Washington Street and Keyes Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, and

WHEREAS on May 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Purchasing Manager, Tina Bartlett-Bearup reviewed the bids received with the Engineering Department and in consultation with Aubertine & Currier and it is their recommendation that the City Council accept the lowest responsive responsible bid submitted by JL Excavation, LLC,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby accepts the bid received from JL Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$910,090.50, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this bid is contingent on the City Council approving a Bond Ordinance to fund the project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City Watertown is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 18 - Approving the Professional Service Agreement with Aubertine and Currier for the Washington Street and Keyes Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS on February 27, 2023, the City of Watertown requested a proposal from Aubertine and Currier regarding Construction Administration and Inspection services associated with the Washington Street and Keyes Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and

WHEREAS Aubertine and Currier submitted their proposal and corresponding Scope of Services on May 02, 2023, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Professional Service Agreement from Aubertine and Currier in the amount of \$65,209.00, a copy of which is attached and made part of this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Kenneth A. Mix is hereby authorized and directed to execute Professional Service Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 19 - Appointing Suzanne C. Renzi-Falge to the Board of Ethics

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Board of Ethics for the remainder of the term expiring on December 31, 2023:

Suzanne C. Renzi-Falge
825 Holcomb Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 20 - Appointing Nolan D. Pitkin to the Board of Ethics,

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Board of Ethics for the remainder of the term expiring on December 31, 2023:

Nolan D. Pitkin
117 N Massey Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting yea.

Resolution No. 21 - Directing City Manager to Hire a Bus to Transport Handicapped and Elderly Persons to Election Polling Locations on June 27, 2023

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to hire a bus with wheelchair access to transport handicapped and elderly persons to election polling places on June 27, 2023.

Seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mr. Mix pointed out that he would need more information on what is desired for this service, noting details like where the buses pickup and drop-off, whether it would be on-demand and how many trips it would make.

Council Member Ruggiero suggested contacting the Volunteer Transportation Center to see whether this is something that they could provide.

Mentioning that he had asked for this resolution to come forward, Council Member Olney offered an explanation as to why he would like the service and his thoughts as to what it should do.

Council Member Pierce asked if Paratransit could transport individuals with wheelchairs.

Mr. Mix noted that all City buses are accessible for wheelchairs and have regular routes that could accommodate the polling sites, as well as the early voting location.

Council Member Pierce commented that typically candidates help transport people to polling sites and wondered if this would appear as if the City was helping campaigns.

There was further discussion about the Board of Elections' decision to close certain polling sites and the timing of that notification, as well as how it affects certain people. The ability to vote through early voting and absentee ballots was reviewed.

Mayor Smith asked for the attorney's opinion on whether a government entity can provide transportation to individuals from one closed polling site and not the other closed polling site.

It was decided to wait for more information prior to voting on this resolution.

Motion was made by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,900,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Costs Of the Reconstruction of the William J. Flynn Municipal Swimming Pool and Rehabilitation of The Bathhouse, in and for Said City

Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. For paying the costs of the reconstruction of the William J. Flynn Municipal Swimming Pool and rehabilitation of the bathhouse, including engineering assessment, design, construction, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, a specific object or purpose, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$3,900,000 bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$3,900,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$3,900,000

bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance; provided, however, that the amount of bonds ultimately to be issued will be reduced by the amount of any State and, or federal aid or any other revenue received by the City from other sources for such specific object or purpose, which monies are hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision ninety-one of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, as each item of said class has a period of probable usefulness of at least fifteen years under subdivisions twelve or sixty-one.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the City Comptroller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized, at the sole discretion of the City Comptroller, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose

described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said City in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The intent of this ordinance is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes, without resorting to further action of the City Council.

Section 11. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of its City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

- Section 12. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
 - (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 13. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 14. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the *Watertown Daily Times* the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey

Motion for unanimous consent moved by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Patrick J. Hickey and defeated with all voting yea except for Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith voting nay.

After unanimous consent was not achieved, Council Member Ruggiero commented that it was expected, but that they tried to bond for the pool.

Ordinance was laid over under the rules.

STAFF REPORTS

Sale of Surplus Hydro-electricity and Sales Tax Revenue – April 2023

A report was available for Council to review. Mayor Smith asked the City Comptroller to provide an overview of the two reports.

214 East Hoard Street Rehabilitation

A report was provided by Planning and Community Development Director Michael Lumbis, explaining the history of this project and the plan for its rehabilitation by Neighbors of Watertown (NOW) through the NDC Housing program. He noted that there is now interest from Diego Aguilar of Aguilar Property Services to purchase the property and complete the rehabilitation of it in order to utilize it as a single-family residence for his family. Mr. Lumbis' report explained the scope of the rehabilitation and that it would be handled similar to homes that were transferred to contractors and developers through the Vacant Homes Redevelopment Initiative. Council was asked how they would like staff to proceed.

Mayor Smith expressed his concern that this was to have been a complete rehabilitation many years ago and wondered what guarantee could be given to the neighborhood that it would happen now.

Council Member Pierce mentioned there had been interest from the adjacent property to purchase the property and put up a garage, so she wondered if the property should be put to auction.

Council Member Olney agreed with Council Member Pierce, explaining the adjacent property owner's concern.

Since there is interest from multiple parties, there was discussion as to whether this property should now be put through the public auction process or through an RFP process, like what was done recently with other properties taken for back taxes. There was a general consensus to use the RFP process.

NEW BUSINESS

Response to Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Smith responded to issues brought up during Privilege of the Floor by providing an update to the homelessness issue at the base of the Court Street Bridge and asking staff to look at the concerns with Palmer Street.

Council Member Hickey's Upcoming Meetings and Events

Council Member Hickey listed the following upcoming meetings and events: Senior Center Discussion and City Planning Commission meetings on June 6; PIVOT Stigma Campaign and CPR training on June 7; Advantage Watertown on June 8; Music and Arts Festival on Public Square on June 10; Benefit for City employee Scott Hyneman on June 11; City Council Work Session on June 12; Flag Day and Black River Watershed Conference on June 14; Pride Weekend and Landlords Meeting on June 16; Pride Flag

Raising, Thompson Park workday, Out in the Park event and Fireworks on June 17, and Juneteenth holiday on June 19.

Golf Course Statistics

Council Member Hickey commented that he is looking forward to receiving the monthly data on usage of the City golf course. He noted that over Memorial Day weekend 456 rounds of golf were played and mentioned that General Manager Jordan Northrup had exceeded his goal of 150 season passes sold.

Clean Slate Act

Council Member Hickey mentioned a recent article in the NY Times, stating that lawmakers may pass the Clean Slate Act, which would seal the criminal records for those who finished their sentences and stay out of trouble for a certain period of time.

Communication from David Graf Regarding Black River Natural Park

Council Member Hickey informed Council of correspondence he had received from David Graf regarding the possibility of portions of Black River, Tug Hill and Lake Ontario waterfront being a natural park. He also noted Mr. Graf's suggestion that a hydrokinetic power generation system could be better than a dam and turbine system.

13th Annual Black River Watershed Conference

Council Member Hickey mentioned this conference, to be held in Carthage on June 14, would include topics such as invasive species, the adaptive modeling project, solid and water conservation projects and emerging contaminants.

Anniversary of Clinton Correctional Facility Escape

Council Member Hickey pointed out that this day marked the eighth anniversary of the escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora.

Overdose Prevention Centers and Harm Reduction Kits

Council Member Hickey, citing an article written by Susan Arbetter for the New York State of Politics, informed Council that both Federal and State experts are endorsing Overdose Prevention Centers. He offered details about overdose deaths and the potential preventions. He compared having a can of NARCAN in your home to having a fire extinguisher. He further noted that an email had been generated to law enforcement officials warning them of the dangers of Xylazine mixed with other drugs and informing them that Xylazine test strips should be part of the harm reduction kits with NARCAN.

Watertown Rapid's Season Opening

Council Member Olney announced that he attended the season opening game with his family and mentioned the new lighting and scoreboard was revealed.

Response to Privilege of the Floor

Council Member Olney discussed issues mentioned during Privilege of the Floor. He pointed out that more services will be available for the homeless, noting that some of the people do not want assistance. Regarding the request to reduce the pool fees for disabled children, he noted that the upcoming budget included \$25,000 for revenue from pool fees and wondered if Council would reconsider if the County would contribute \$25,000 to the cost of operating the City pools. Lastly, in regard to the welcome sign

on Coffeen Street, he said, if the City had a Marketing Director, this individual could review signage throughout the City.

Stream in Thompson Park

Council Member Olney reported that during a recent visit to the park, he discovered a stream that he had not been aware of before.

After determining the location, Mr. Mix explained that it is due to a new leak in the water reservoir, and they are working on defining the cause.

June Work Session – ARPA Funded Projects

In response to Council Member Olney's inquiry about the status of the projects for Thompson Park, Mr. Mix stated that this will be part of a larger discussion about the ARPA funded projects on the schedule for the June Work Session.

Thompson Park Pool Vandalism

Council Member Olney thanked Parks and Recreation for their fast response to the recent vandalism that occurred at the pool and for getting the pool operational again quickly.

Council Member Pierce's Upcoming Events

Council Member Pierce announced that she will be hosting a voter education event at Midtown Towers on June 7 and the Landlord Listening Session will be at the Library on June 16.

Welcome Sign on Coffeen Street

Referring to comments made during Privilege of the Floor, Council Member Pierce asked if the City owned this sign. After Mr. Mix provided the history of the sign and confirmed that it is not City-owned, she suggested the City take over the maintenance of it.

Council Member Ruggiero mentioned that the City should inquire with Rotary because they are always interested in projects such as this one.

Flynn Pool

Council Member Pierce provided her reasons for not supporting a third pool for the City, and mentioned other year-round recreational facilities that could benefit the northside of the City.

Council Member Ruggiero's Recent Events and Upcoming Meetings

Council Member Ruggiero reported that she had missed the opening game of the Watertown Rapids because she chose to go to the Jefferson County Dairy Parade instead, but she encouraged the community to support their local team. She commented that the Dairy Parade was a large and well-attended event.

Council Member Ruggiero listed the following events she attended recently: Hospice Ribbon Cutting on May 18, Holocaust Remembrance on May 19, Jeff-Lewis Board of Realtor monument cleanup on May 25 and the Memorial Day celebration at the American Legion on May 29.

Council Member Ruggiero also announced the following upcoming events: Senior Center meeting at the Library on June 6, her Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot event at Kinney Drugs in Seaway Plaza on June 9 and the Urban Mission Victims Panel on June 14.

Bonding for the Flynn Pool

Council Member Ruggiero stressed the importance of bonding for the pool on the northside, reminding Council that this is the method the City Manager and City Comptroller recommend. She reminded Mayor Smith that he voted to bond for the Thompson Park pool. Council Member Ruggiero asked Mr. Mix for clarification on the bond ordinance, which did not have unanimous consent during this meeting.

Mr. Mix indicated that the ordinance would appear on the agenda on June 19.

Council Member Ruggiero suggested a groundbreaking ceremony when the time comes to begin construction for the pool.

Mayor Smith explained that when he came into office, he recommended to bond for the Thompson Park pool to correct a decision made by the prior Council. He stressed he was never in favor of that project and only supported two pools for the City. He said it was to save money so the City could focus on clean drinking water, roads, infrastructure, and ensuring the City is not dumping raw sewage into the river.

Communications

Mentioning that one of the Communications contained criticism, Mayor Smith said it is always easy for people to criticize when they do not know what happens in families or emergencies that come up.

Change of First Brigade Commander at Fort Drum

Mayor Smith congratulated outgoing Commander Brian Ducote and incoming Commander Dan Kierney at Fort Drum, stating that he attended this ceremony.

Motion was made by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero to move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property, and to discuss the employment history of particular persons or corporations.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Sarah V.C. Pierce and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. by motion of Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero, seconded by Council Member Clifford G. Olney III and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk