

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

January 10, 2022

The City Council Meeting was called to order by the City Council President Marion Porterfield at 7:00 p.m. in Room 209, City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Ms. Porterfield asked Reverend James A. Konicki of the Holy Name of Jesus National Catholic Church to offer the invocation.

Ms. Porterfield then called on Thomas Kelly, III to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk called the roll and the following members of the City Council answered to be present:

Present – Council Members: Doreen Ditoro, Damonni Farley, John Mootooveren, Carmel Patrick, John Polimeni, Carl E. Williams, and Marion Porterfield.

Also Present – Mayor Gary R. McCarthy, City Clerk Samanta R. Mykoo and Corporation Counsel Andrew Koldin.

At this point, Ms. Porterfield asked if there were no objections, she would like to take agenda item four out of order. There were no objections

Resolution No. 2022-004 A Resolution Recognizing Lieutenant Thomas J. Kelly, Jr. for his Recent Graduation from the FBI National Academy.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Polimeni and seconded by Ms. Patrick. The resolution passed unanimously.

The resolution was accepted by Lt. Thomas J. Kelly, Jr. He thanked the Mayor, Council, and Chief Clifford for the recognition and opportunity to train at the academy.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Regarding Amending Section 138-30 of the Code of the City of Schenectady

Ms. Porterfield invited all who wished to address the Council regarding Public Hearing Number One to come forward:

Seeing no speakers come forward, Ms. Porterfield declared the Public Hearing Number One, to be closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Porterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2021 Council Meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Mr. Mootooveren made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Patrick seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

None.

General:

None.

Petitions:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

Ms. Porterfield invited all who wished to address the Legislative Agenda to come forward or otherwise submit their comments to the City Clerk:

Seeing no speakers to come forward, Ms. Porterfield declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding Legislative Items, to be closed.

INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Porterfield made a motion that Council approves the Consent Agenda, and the motion was moved by Mr. Mootoveren and seconded by Mr. Williams.

Consent Agenda

- Local Law No. 2022-LL-01 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-004 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-005 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-006 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-007 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-CS-01 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-CS-02 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-CS-03 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-CS-04 Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-CS-05 Adopted Unanimously

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Mootoveren directed all who wished to discuss any items for City Business to come forward or otherwise submit their comments to the City Clerk.

Diablo – Communicated his perspective on the lack of importance of contemporary art being due to the ethnic and racial makeup of the community. He would like the City to build or construct a museum using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Ron Suriano – Explained how the growth of downtown is affecting business owners downtown. There isn't much parking available during periods of construction or when tenants come home from work. He would like to see some designated areas with markings for business parking.

Seeing no other speakers come forward, Ms. Porterfield declared the Privilege of the Floor to be closed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Carl Williams – Thanked everyone for speaking. Thanked emergency staff for their response to the freezing rain. He welcomed five new officers to the community and congratulated Lt. Kelly.

Carmel Patrick – Congratulated the new officers that joined our police force and the police officer that were promoted. They do an amazing job in our City and are appreciated.

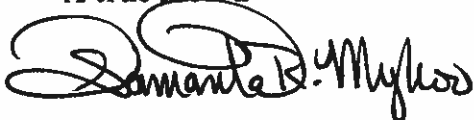
Mayor Gary R. McCarthy – Welcomed the new members to the City Council, he looks forward to working with them. He then spoke about the ice storm over the weekend and stated that 450 tons of salt was used on the streets. He asked that everyone be conscious of their decisions when driving. He then encouraged everyone to get vaccinated or get the booster shot.

Marion Porterfield – Congratulated Lt. Kelly on his graduation from the FBI Academy and the four officers that were promoted, as well as the five new recruits; they were the first to go through our review panel. We did receive national attention for this review panel; a piece that was done by Soledad O'Brien called *Matter of Fact TV*. She then welcomed the new Council Members, thanked Council Member John Mootoveren and previous Council Presidents for all the work they've done, thanked the City Clerk and Corporation Counsel for all their hard work. She then added that there is much work yet to be accomplished by she and her colleagues with regards to the ARPA funds and marijuana dispensaries, but by working together, it will be done.

Adjourned:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Ms. Porterfield asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Ms. Patrick and seconded by Mr. Mootoveren. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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By Samanta R. Mykoo
Schenectady City Clerk