

# SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

for  
Monday, April 01, 2019  
5:30 p.m.  
Room 110

*The Council President reserves the right to add or delete any agenda item prior to Committee Meeting.*

## SURA

### Finance

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| 1 | Acceptance of SAM Grant for Improvements to Vale Park          | Chris Wallin |
| 2 | A Resolution of Support to NYS re: Increased Vital Record Fees | Chuck Thorne |

### Government Operations

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| 1 | Final Review - Ordinance to Change Taxicab Rates by Resolution | Leesa Perazzo |
| 2 | Resolution to Change Taxicab Rates                             | Leesa Perazzo |
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### City Development & Planning

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| 1 | Transfer of Properties to SURA | Kristin Diotte |
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| 5 | Sale of 837 Grant Avenue       | Andrew Koldin  |
| 6 | Sale of 1719 Albany Street     | Andrew Koldin  |
| 7 | Sale of 115-117 Duane Avenue   | Andrew Koldin  |
| 8 | Sale of 343 Germania Avenue    | Andrew Koldin  |
| 9 | Sale of 1218 Webster Street    | Andrew Koldin  |

### Claims

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**Friday, March 29, 2019**

# **Legislative Request Form**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING**

**CHRISTOPER WALLIN, P.E., CITY ENGINEER**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:**

**DATE: April 1, 2019**

**TO: City Council**

**FROM: Christopher R. Wallin, P.E., City Engineer**

**SUBJECT: Authorize the Mayor, or His Designee, to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Dormitory Authority, to Accept a SAM Grant for Improvements to Vale Park**

**TO BE PLACED ON COUNCIL AGENDA OF: April 8, 2019**

### **Background Information:**

In 2018 the County of Schenectady secured \$250,000 in State funds from the Dormitory Authority (DASNY) to make improvements within Vale Park. This project was to be run as a joint partnership between the City and County of Schenectady however during the grant contract process with DASNY the grant transferred from the County to the City eliminating the need for an official joint partnership between the two municipalities.

### **Evaluation/Analysis:**

Grant monies are earmarked for tree and brush removal, path reconstruction and lighting within Vale Park proper. This grant is 100% reimbursable to the City.

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the Mayor, or His Designee, to enter into an Agreement with the New York State Dormitory Authority, to Accept a SAM Grant for Improvements to Vale Park

**LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY: Engineering**

CRW: cd



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY  
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

**COMMITTEE:**

**DATE: 4/1/2019**

**TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Chuck Thorne, City Clerk**

**SUBJECT: Vital Record Fees**

**Background Information:**

In January, 2019, New York State Assembly Member Phil Steck introduced legislation that would allow the City of Schenectady to charge a fee of up to the fee New York State charges for certified birth and death certificates.

On January 9, the bill passed out of the Health Committee with a vote of 24-1 and has been referred to Ways and Means.

As you are aware, Governor Cuomo and the legislature placed a cap on property taxes, but there has been very little follow-up on the promised relief of unfunded mandates.

The vital records fee for cities and towns was last raised from \$5 to \$10 in 1991. In 2003, New York State raised the fee they charge for vital record documents to \$30, but froze the fee charged by municipalities at \$10. Prior to 2003, the fee charged by local governments was the same as the \$10 charge collected by the state.

**Evaluation/Analysis:**

***No increase in fees for more than 25 years***

- Cost savings associated with labor reduction associated with “new” technologies were realized years ago.
- Staff salaries have increased.
- NYS increased fees DoH charges, but service is substandard compared to the on-demand service provided by the cities and towns
- Help relieve regressive taxation – people who use the service will pay for the service.

- Scanning and indexing software requires consistent upgrading to prevent obsolescence
- Providers of software require annual maintenance costs.
- Record maintenance is required by state law; cutbacks in service will be required at current fee rate.
- A fee increase is the least regressive method to support the costs associated with vital records maintenance

The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) estimates that allowing the cities and towns to raise vital record fees can result in increased revenues of \$100,000 to \$600,000 annually (depending upon the number of documents issued) if they were permitted to charge the \$30 fee. In the City of Schenectady, even allowing for a possible 10 percent drop-off in sales, we would realize \$50,000 to \$55,000 in increased revenue for every \$5 in increased fee.

It should also be noted that some of fee is borne by individuals that live outside the City or even the state

**Recommendation:**

I respectfully recommend that the Schenectady City Council issue a resolution of support to our New York State representatives and the Governor, urging the passing of this legislation.

**LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY:** City Clerk

**A00306 Summary:**

BILL NO A00306

SAME AS No Same As

SPONSOR Steck

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Amd §4173, Pub Health L

Relates to the fee charged for the issuance of birth and death certificates.

**A00306 Actions:**

BILL NO A00306

01/09/2019 referred to health

01/15/2019 reported referred to ways and means

**HEALTH Chair:Gottfried**

DATE: 01/15/2019

**AYE/NAY: 24/1 Action: Favorable refer to committee Ways and Means**

Gottfried Aye

Raia Aye

Schimminger Excused

McDonough Aye

Galef Aye

Ra Aye

Dinowitz Aye

Garbarino Aye

Cahill Aye

Byrne Aye

Paulin Aye

Byrnes Aye

Cymbrowitz Aye

Ashby Nay

Gunther Aye

Rosenthal Aye

Hevesi Aye

Jaffee Aye

Steck Aye

Abinanti Aye

Braunstein Aye

Kim Aye

Solages Aye

Bichotte Aye

Barron Aye

Sayegh Aye

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** Government Operations

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Leesa Perazzo

**Subject:** Final Review - Ordinance to Change Taxicab Rates by Resolution

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** Government Operations

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Leesa Perazzo

**Subject:** Resolution to Change Taxicab Rates

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

**215-8 RATES AND FARES**

**a. Taximeters or equivalent application required.**

- I. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or keep for hire or pay within the Municipality any Taxicab without first having each taxicab equipped with a Taximeter or equivalent application.
- II. Every taxicab shall be equipped with a single-traffic taximeter of a type approved by the New York State Bureau of Weights and Measures and inspected by the County Department of Weights and Measures for accuracy. Equivalent applications may not be used unless approved by the Municipality or, in the case of Taxicabs operating pursuant to a Uniform Medallion, by each participating municipality.
- III. The rates of fare to be charged for Taxicab service shall be as follows, and no other rates of fare may be charged by an Owner or Driver other than the rate established by this section:

	1. First Half Mile	\$4.00 <sup>5<sup>00</sup></sup> / <sub>5<sup>50</sup></sub> 2020
<i>same</i>	- 2. Each Additional <del>1/10</del> Mile <sup>1/8</sup>	\$ <del>20</del> .25
	3. Any additional stop request by passenger	\$ .50
	4. <u>Waiting time in Slow Traffic (per Minute)</u> <sup>if requested by passengers -</sup>	\$ <del>30</del> .50
	5. <u>Each Additional Passenger 18 or over</u>	\$1.00
	6. <u>Each additional passenger over two years of age</u>	\$ .50
	7. <u>For each ride in which a driver must handle groceries</u>	\$1.00
	8. <u>Surcharge evenings after 6:00 p.m.</u>	\$1.00
	9. <u>All Legal Holidays</u>	\$1.00
	<i>Are any Sat/Sun</i>	

**215-9 SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any provision of this Chapter shall be deemed illegal or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then only that specific provision shall not be enforced, and all other sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.



**A Resolution recognizing April 7 through 13, 2019 as "National Crime Victims Rights Week" in the City of Schenectady**

**Whereas**, Millions of Americans become victims of crime each year, affecting both individuals and their communities; and

**Whereas**, The millions of survivors of crime and their families are no less deserving of justice, rights, resources, restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who victimize them; and

**Whereas**, Americans recognize that we make our homes, neighborhoods and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

**Whereas**, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice; and

**Whereas**, in the United State Department of Justice, the office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the capacity to assist crime victims and promote justice and healing for all victims of crimes; and

**Whereas**, for many years, the OVC has helped lead communities throughout this nation in its observance of "National Crime Victims Rights Week" ; and

Whereas, The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims Rights Week" is "Honoring our Past, Creating Hope for the Future";

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Gary R. McCarthy and the City Council do hereby pause in their deliberations to declare the week of April 7 through 13 2019, as National Crime Victims Rights Week in the City of Schenectady and reaffirm this city's dedication to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our community and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

**CITY OF SCHENECTADY  
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:**

**DATE:**           **March 28, 2019**

**TO:**           **City Council**

**FROM:**       **Kristin Diotte, Director of Development**

**SUBJECT:**   **Purchase of five SURA Properties**

**Background Information:**

The City of Schenectady and the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital District have a Cooperation Agreement to assist the City of Schenectady with the return of vacant, abandoned and underutilized property to productive use. The seven properties listed below, are all vacant, abandoned or underutilized property

Address	Section, Block, Lot
1101 Barrett Street	39.57-4-30
760 Eastern Avenue	39.74-3-15
16 Jefferson Street	39.56-2-20
110 Prospect Avenue	39.74-3-21
1213 First Avenue	49.38-2-13
602 Hattie Street	39.58-1-1
602 Orchard Street	49.38-2-14

**Evaluation/Analysis:**

The above mentioned seven properties are in the name of SURA and should be transferred to the City of Schenectady to allow for them to be added to the list of properties included on the Cooperative Agreement with the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital District.

**Recommendation:**

Accept the purchase of the aforementioned properties from SURA at a cost of \$1 each.

**LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Law Department \_\_\_\_\_

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 1821 Broadway

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 219 Linden Street

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 34 Steuben Street

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 837 Grant Avenue

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 1719 Albany Street

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 115-117 Duane Avenue

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019



# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Andrew Koldin

**Subject:** Sale of 343 Germania Avenue

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** City Development & Planning

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:**

**Subject** Sale of 1218 Webster Street

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** Claims

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Meaghan Fitzpatrick

**Subject:** Property Claim Harris

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** Claims

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Meaghan Fitzpatrick

**Subject:** Property Claim Dearing

**Background Info:**

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019

# **SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL**

## **Legislative Request Form**

**Committee:** Government Operations

**Committee Date:**

Monday, April 01, 2019

**From:** Vince Riggi

**Subject:** Crime Victims Month

**Background Info:**

Draft resolution in folder

**Evaluation/Analysis**

**Recommendation**

Friday, March 29, 2019