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SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK
AGENDA FOR
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Webex Meeting Phone #: 1-415-655-0001; Meeting #: 185 766 9495; Meeting Password: CityCouncil
Monday, March 08, 2021

5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

001

Regarding the Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative

PUBLIC HEARING

002

Regarding the Acceptance of Ownership for North End Drive

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PUBLIC HEARING

003

Regarding the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

01 Council Member

A RESOLUTION Calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 93 of the Code of the City of Schenectady

Votes Required 4

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

02 Council Member

A RESOLUTION Calling for a Public Hearing in Relation to Zoning Change for Multiple Properties on McClellan Street

Votes Required 4

03 Council Member

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Transfer of 1009 Strong Street and 1011 Strong Street to the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region and Authorization to Provide a \$100,000 CDBG Funded Forgivable Loan to the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region

Votes Required 4

04 Council Member

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION Declaring that the City Council is the Lead Agency and Opening a Thirty Day Public Comment Period Regarding the Zoning Change for Multiple Properties on McClellan Street

Votes Required 4

05 Council Member

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION Authorizing a Referral to the Planning Commission Regarding a Zoning Change for Multiple Properties on McClellan Street

Votes Required 4

06 Council Member

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the City of Schenectady to Act as Lead Agency and Issue a Negative Declaration for the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Project

Votes Required 4

07 Council Member

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Amendment to the Agreement between Bethesda House and the City of Schenectady for the 2020 Schenectady TBRA Program

Votes Required 4

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- 08 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the City of Schenectady to Assign Interest in 133 Edison Avenue to Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority of Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region
- Votes Required 4
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- 09 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing a Transfer of Properties to SURA
- Votes Required 4
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- 10 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 313 Front Street
- Votes Required 4
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- 11 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 959 Vermont Avenue
- Votes Required 4
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- 12 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 917 State Street to Bethesda House
- Votes Required 4
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- 13 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 1318 Chrisler Avenue
- Votes Required 4
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- 14 Council Member
- ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION**
- A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 1422 Albany Street
- Votes Required 4
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ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

15 Council Member

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of 2060 Eastern Parkway

Votes Required 4

ORIGINAL CONSIDERATION

16 Council Member

A RESOLUTION Honoring the John F. Kennedy Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Together with the John F. Kennedy Division 1 of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and All People of Irish Descent Throughout the City of Schenectady on the Occasion of the Feast of Saint Patrick, March 17th

Votes Required 4

CONTRACT & SUPPLY

17 Council Member

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Mayor, or his Designee to Enter into a Contract with Northeast Turf & Irrigation for the Maintenance of the Schenectady Municipal Golf Course

Votes Required 4

Public comments may also be submitted by mail:

Samanta R. Mykoo, City Clerk
City Hall, 105 Jay Street, Room 107
Schenectady, New York 12305

Offer of Cession

Maxon Pointe Schenectady LLC with a corporate address of 525 Union Street #101, Schenectady, NY 12305 hereby offers to the City of Schenectady, a municipal corporation, the street and roadway known as North End Drive as shown on a Subdivision Plat map entitled "THE RESERVE AT TOWPATH TRAIL", City of Schenectady, County of Schenectady, State of New York, dated April 29, 2019 (last revised January 6, 2021) by ABD Engineers, LLP. Descriptions of the lands being ceded is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Maxon Pointe Schenectady LLC

By: 

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF Schenectady } ss.:

On the 11th day of February, in the year 2021 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Christopher Maddaloni personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.


NOTARY PUBLIC

Chandania Karava
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Schenectady County
Reg. No. 61212
My Commission Expires 05/18/2021

Schedule "A"

PARCEL DESCRIPTION, NORTH END DRIVE

THE RESERVE AT TOWPATH TRAIL SUBDIVISION, CITY OF SCHENECTADY

ALL THAT TRACT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate, lying and being in the City of Schenectady, County of Schenectady and State of New York, being North End Drive, as shown and laid out on the "Subdivision Plan Apartment Complex, Single Family Home Development & Road Dedication The Reserve At Towpath Trail", dated 04/29/2019, last revised 08/28/2019 and filed 00/00/2020 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the division line between lands N/F State of New York (1075/542), on the northwest, and the northwesterly bounds of The Reserve At Towpath Trail Subdivision, on the southeast, with the southwesterly side of Anthony Street;

THENCE South 48°10'07" East a distance of 74.54 feet along the southwesterly side of Anthony Street, to a point;

THENCE Southerly along the easterly side of North End Drive, the following three courses & distances:

South 41°49'53" West a distance of 101.45 feet, to a point;

Southerly along a curve to the left, radius of 170.00 feet, a distance of 287.80 feet, chord being S 06°40'03" E 254.64 feet, to a point; and

South 55°09'57" East a distance of 376.43 feet, to a point on the northwesterly side of Van Vranken Avenue;

THENCE South 34°05'03" West a distance of 84.95 feet along the northwesterly side of Van Vranken Avenue, to a point;

THENCE Northerly along the westerly side of North End Drive, the following three courses & distances:

Northerly along a curve to the left, radius of 25.00 feet, a distance of 39.21 feet, chord being N 10°14'19" W 35.31 feet, to a point;

North 55°09'57" West a distance of 352.55 feet, to a point; and

Northerly along a curve to the right, radius of 230.00 feet, a distance of 266.50 feet, chord being N 21°58'18" W 251.84 feet, to a point;

THENCE North 48°51'26" West a distance of 72.10 feet along the northeasterly bounds of Lot 13, to a point on the southeasterly bounds of lands N/F State of New York;

THENCE Northeasterly along the southeasterly bounds of lands N/F State of New York the following two courses & distances:

North 43°14'55" East a distance of 100.00 feet, to a point; and

North 52°44'45" East a distance of 121.65 feet, to a point on the southwesterly side of Anthony Street, being the point or place of beginning.

CONTAINS 57,705 +/- square feet OR 1.325 +/- acres.



February 11, 2021

Christopher Maddalone
President & CEO
Maddalone & Associates Inc.
525 Union Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Dear Chris:

We are pleased to work with your development company on another project in the City of Schenectady. The Towpath Trail project on the City's northside adds to the development momentum in this area. The \$14 million project is scheduled to get underway this year as all local approvals are in place. As part of the project, the City has agreed to accept Northend Drive with the provision that the road be rebuilt and paved to city standards. The purpose of this letter is to provide assurances that Metroplex will commit to working with the developer to cover this cost estimated at \$56,000.

We are pleased to work with you and the City on this infrastructure improvement.

Sincerely


Ray Gillen, Chair

SUMMARY: 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	2,217,193	2,445,930
HOME	public - federal	1,015,556	1,031,478
ESG	public - federal	189,952	157,136

The CAPER is a report on accomplishments of the projects and programs, approved and undertaken in the 2019-2020 HUD Annual Action Plan, using CDBG, ESG and HOME funds. HUD requires an annual CAPER, due after the close of the Federal Fiscal year. Due to COVID-19, a 180-day extension for submission has been granted.

The City of Schenectady was impacted by COVID-19 beginning in March 2020, the last quarter of the 2019 CDGB, ESG, and HOME program year. City Hall was closed to the public and many organizations throughout the City closed their doors to await further instruction on how to avoid spreading the virus and began moving programming to a virtual format.

Notwithstanding, the 2019 program year was spent holding public comment meetings to discuss the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The public meeting discussions included a focus group and several community meetings to get input for the next 5 years for CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds. Four priorities were identified: Housing, Workforce Development, and Youth Programs, and Public Infrastructure.

The merger of Community Land Trust and Better Neighborhoods, Inc (BNI) into Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc. (BCNI) was underway with a focus on increasing capacity to address affordable housing issues. Creating affordable housing and the rehabilitation of existing properties to assist low-to-moderate income households remains a focus. The City of Schenectady has more than 50 percent of its housing stock that is over 100 years old, so the newly created merger of Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc. role will be well served in the City of Schenectady.

The City's Affirmative Action Office (AAO) is busy at work creating partnerships with local unions, microenterprises, trade associations, community colleges, and banks to create job opportunities throughout the City. The City of Schenectady also has a construction skills training program that provides free training that includes OSHA and NCCER certifications. The training program is held in conjunction with SUNY Schenectady County Community College and participants are linked with the college's Career Center to find employment once training has been completed. The AAO office held several community workshops to engage small businesses in technical assistance and conducting business with the City of Schenectady. The AAO is working to develop an Empowerment Center that will address business needs, provide technical assistance, and ensure that Section 3 requirements are met throughout the City, giving low-income individuals opportunity for employment.

There are currently over 1,000 youth being served by Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Boys & Girls Club, Peaceful Warriors, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Still I Rise-Working Group on Girls, Schenectady Job Training Agency and the YMCA. These organizations prepare the City's youth for many different roles, from teaching job training skills to leadership skills. They target youth who are low-income and many of the programs are located within the NRSA.

In addition, public meetings and neighborhood surveying was conducted for the Craig-Main Connection project. The purpose of the Craig-Main Complete Streets Study was to work with Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant Neighborhoods to identify a complete street design to better serve the neighborhoods through creation of a safer, efficient, and more inviting corridor that takes into consideration the needs of all travelers, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists.

The City of Schenectady partnered with the Schenectady Foundation for the Thriving Neighborhoods II Challenge. The Thriving Neighborhood projects are proposed by city residents and community organizations to improve neighborhood conditions. There were 9 applications in the final round to be considered for funding. The projects include park improvements, streetscape improvements and public art, such as creative banners across the Craig-Main bridge that children cross to go to school and the Hamilton Hill Arts Center Sculpture Park.

Goals and Outcome Table for the 2019 CAPER:

Goal	Source / Amount	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year
Economic & Employment Opportunities	CDBG	Number of Individuals Assisted	135	137
Essential Needs: Food, Shelter, Safety	CDBG/ HOME/ ESG	Number of Individuals assisted	1930	3878
Quality Affordable Housing Options	CDBG / HOME	Households Assisted	49	131
Strengthening Neighborhoods	CDBG/ HOME/ ESG	Buildings Demolished	6	10