

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

January 25, 2021

Mayor Gary R. McCarthy provided the 2021 State of the City Address (see following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqCrTzAp84Q>)

The City Council Meeting was called to order by the City Council President John Mootooveren at 5:52 p.m. by Webex Teleconference.

Mr. Mootooveren asked Council Member Marion Porterfield to offer the invocation.

Mr. Mootooveren then called on Council Member Carmel Patrick 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: Carmel Patrick, John Polimeni, Marion Porterfield, and John Mootooveren.

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

Absent – Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Mootooveren asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Ms. Porterfield made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Mootooveren seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

None.

General:

From Betty Johnson, a letter stating that she does not want chickens in her building and asking for a halt to the chicken movement.

An anonymous letter from a resident of the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood to the Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council, about the traffic nightmare on Ostrander & Crane Street.

Petitions:

None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (LEGISLATIVE ITEMS):

Mr. Mootooveren 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, Mr. Mootooveren declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding Legislative Items, to be closed.

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

Mr. Mootooveren made a motion that Council approves the Consent Agenda, and the motion was moved by Mr. Polimeni and seconded by Ms. Patrick.

Consent Agenda

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| Resolution No. 2021-004..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-005..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-006..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-007..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-008..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-009..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-010..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-011..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-012..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-013..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-014..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-015..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-016..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-017..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-018..... | Adopted Unanimously |
| Resolution No. 2021-CS-01..... | Adopted Unanimously |

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Mootooveren directed all who wished to discuss any items for City Business to submit their comments to the City Clerk.

Seeing no speakers to come forward, Mr. Mootooveren declared the Privilege of the Floor regarding to be closed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Ms. Porterfield – Thanked the Mayor for his presentation of the State of the City; it has been a tough year and we have some challenging times ahead. Hopefully, we are successful in getting the support we need from the Federal Government. She then stated that she was happy to see the inclusiveness of small businesses because they are the strength of most communities. She looks forward to a year of increase as everyone works together.

Ms. Patrick – Thanked the Mayor for the State of the City presentation and his staff for all their work; it has been a challenging year. She looks forward to working with her colleagues in the upcoming year.

Mr. Polimeni – Thanked the Mayor for his State of the City presentation. He then stated that it has been a challenge and thankfully the City staff has stepped up, primarily our Police and Fire Departments, General Services with our garbage, water, and sewer crew; without them we would not exist as a City. He thanked them for their tremendous efforts, as well as other City staff. He also urged our residents to contact members of Congress to come to a compromise and provide Federal funding to the City.

Mayor McCarthy – Thanked his colleagues for their kind words and asked everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Mootooveren – Thanked the Mayor for his presentation of the State of the City; there is a lot ahead of us and we will need to work together to continue to move the City forward. He hopes that the Federal funding is provided to help with the deficit and progress. He then thanked the City staff for all they have done during the year and what they continue to do; it has been a difficult road, but we will work together to achieve a positive outcome in the years ahead.

Adjourned:

Seeing no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Mootooveren asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Ms. Porterfield and seconded by Mr. Polimeni. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

A true record

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samanta R. Mykoo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S" and "M".

By Samanta R. Mykoo
Schenectady City Clerk

January 8, 2020

Council Leader John Mootoveren
City Hall Building
105 Jay Street
Schenectady, New York 12305

Dear Mr. Mootoveren:

Please have it read into the Formal Official Minutes of the Schenectady City Council Minutes that I do not want chickens in my building. I have rented here for several years and there is no room for chickens. I was going to write Ms. Perazzo to tell her to stop the chicken movement but I was told she moved to Saratoga Springs where they have chickens and more space. It seems foolish for her to move just for chickens. I implore you to not force people like me to have chickens in my building that was not built to hold chickens. My neighbor has a cat which seems nice but would just chase chickens around in our building and that would not be good. Thank you for your help in not having chickens in my building and my cousin on Albany Street does not want chickens also.


Betty Johnson

To Mayor
To Police chief
to Mont Pleasant Councilman

This letter is about a year overdue. Ostrander & Crane is a traffic nightmare especially during rush hour and evenings.

In the winter snowplows & school buses can't turn. Snowplow has to use his air horn to get the corner opened from people parked on sidewalk and street on no parking side and here to corner on opposite side. Same way on Crane st in front of convenient store.

With cars parked illegally on both sides it leave only a narrow lane to turn in or out of Ostrander PL.

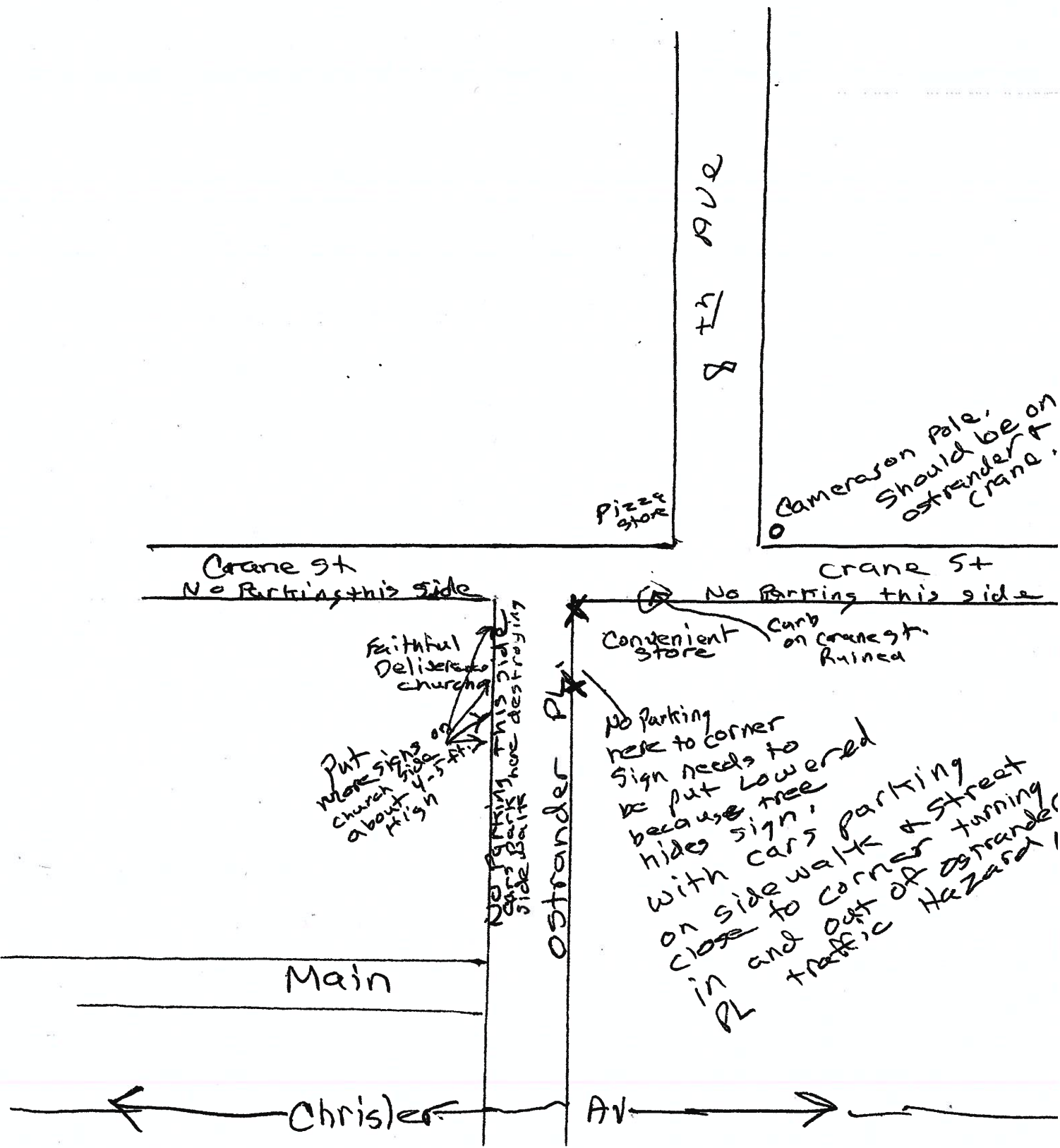
One night actually counted patrons going in conv. store. 43 went in with nothing in there hands and 36 came out of store with nothing in their hands. Also attached are the license plates that park illegally nightly. You will be amazed at the variety.

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Also, small Plastic bottles of 1 shot
Fireball ^{Cinnamon} ^{Whiskey} shot are littered on
the street. ^{Costmader} Not saying where they
came from but can only be
guessed.

Mont Pleasant
Neighborhood
Resident

I don't want to go
to Chanel 6 or the
Gazette @ this time
Please check this Hazard
out and correct. This
is a very heavy travel
intersection between
Christer Av. and Crane St.



Some License plates that stop
@ Conv. store Crane & Ostrander

New Jersey

Conn.

Mass.

Florida

Vermont

Pennsylvania

Delaware

N.C.

Georgia

S.C.

Maine

Maryland

Ohio

† of course

New York.

† parking violation car
seen going down Ostrander to
Crane just keeps going even
though both sides of street are
parked on.