

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

February 14, 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 Pastor Nicolle Harris of Duryee Memorial AME Zion Church to offer the invocation.

Ms. Porterfield then called on Council Member John Mootooveren 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: John Mootooveren, Doreen Ditoro, Damonni Farley, Carmel Patrick, John Polimeni, and Marion Porterfield.

Also Present – Finance Commissioner Anthony Ferrari, City Clerk Samanta R. Mykoo and Corporation Counsel Andrew Koldin.

Absent – Carl Williams.

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

Resolution No. 2022-032 A Resolution Recognizing American Heart Month

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

The resolution was accepted by Janice Rouse-Brown. She thanked the Mayor and City Council, for the recognition.

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:

P. D. Voorhis – Stated that she is familiar with Barrett Street and South Avenue and is in favor with the rezoning of the area. She then enquired about the sidewalks, curbcuts, and curbing.

Seeing no other 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 January 24, 2022 Council Meeting as submitted by the City Clerk. Ms. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Farley seconded the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Official:

None.

General:

From James A. Wilson of the 27th Division Post 1002 of the American Legion, a letter thanking Mayor and City Council for the funds received that will allow them to rent rooms to hold their meetings.

From George Sykala of the Polish-American Veterans of Schenectady, New York, Inc., a letter thanking the City of Schenectady, the Mayor, and City Council for the funds received.

From Robert S. Albee of the Schenectady Veterans of WWII, Inc., a letter thanking the Mayor and Council for funds to continue to maintain their home.

From Nils Hedlund of the American Legion Post 1485, a letter thanking the City of Schenectady for the funds received.

From Gene Altman of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., a letter thanking the City of Schenectady for the funds received that allows them to rent space to hold their meetings.

From Leonard F. Porcara of the Broderik-Fuller-Nekols, American Legion Post 1005, a letter extending their gratitude for the donations received.

From Chuck Shannon of Schenectady VFW Post 357, a letter thanking the City of Schenectady for their continued support for all the veterans in the City.

Petitions:

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:

P. D. Voorhis – Stated that there were six items in executive session that the public has no idea what they are, and the confidentiality rules were not public to the public. There should have been an easement on the Nicklaus Building, how is there an easement on the Wedgeway Building? The Jerry Burrell Park has been rehabbed, why does it need more money? The pedestrian walkway is beginning to sound really rank. This does not involve the people who have been hurt and this has been secretive.

David Giacalone - Stated that he will be contacting all of the Council regarding the pedestrian safety plan. This plan has overlooked many of the comments and has many weaknesses. He is surprised it approved without closer scrutiny by the Council.

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. Mootooveren and seconded by Mr. Farley.

Consent Agenda

- Resolution No. 2022-032.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-033.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-034.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-035.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-036.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-037.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-038.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-039.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-040.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-041.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-042.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-043.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-044.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-045.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-046.....Adopted Unanimously
- Resolution No. 2022-047.....Adopted Unanimously

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

P.D. Voorhis – Stated that some of the artwork on the Woodlawn neighborhood section of town makes it feel like Florida. She then spoke about trees being planted directly under the wires on her block. She then asked if any has heard of Belmont?

Diablo – Stated that the target of his comments are for the people sitting at home. Too many people coming from New York City that don't care about Schenectady History. Ray Gillen changing the street name will not help. It's been 20 years since the museum showed art, he recommends that funding be used to construct a museum for art. The City does not need Affirmative Action or "Black Lives Matter", it needs innovation so we can move forward.

David Giacalone – Frustrated and angry that the Mayor and City Council did not opt-out of the cannabis dispensaries and sites. Many other municipalities opted-out. We showed that Schenectady is not a pro-business municipality, but that if you have the correct connections, you can get what you want. We didn't have the chance to learn about this and take some time?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

Doreen Ditoro – Stated that last Tuesday and Wednesday were the public hearings for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. She appreciated hearing from the public and various agencies regarding their input on how funding should be allocated.

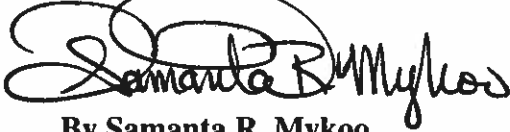
Damoni Farley – Announced that the Schenectady NAACP branch will be holding a Black History Month virtual celebration on February 20th at 4 p.m. Additional information can be found on their Facebook page.

Marion Porterfield – Thanked everyone for speaking tonight and braving the cold. She then reminded everyone that the Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, since Monday is a holiday.

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 Mr. Mootoveren and seconded by Ms. Patrick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

A true record

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha R. Mykoo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

By **Samanta R. Mykoo**
Schenectady City Clerk

27th DIVISION POST 1002
AMERICAN LEGION



For God and Country



Mr. James A. Wilson
356 Twelfth St.
Schenectady, NY 12306

25 January 2022

Samanta Mykoo, City Clerk
City of Schenectady
City Hall, Jay Street
Sch'ldy, N.Y. 12305

Dear Ms. Mykoo:

On behalf of the membership of American Legion Post 1002 Schenectady, please notify the Mayor, and the City Council that we appreciate the check for \$500.00 that we recently received for the rental of rooms to hold our meetings as prescribed by laws.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely


James A. Wilson, Adjutant

By Order of

David Nowak, Commander



**POLISH-AMERICAN VETERANS OF
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, INC.**

942 Cutler Street
Schenectady, NY 12303-2010
Phone: (518) 382-1783

January 26, 2022

Samanta Mykoo

The Polish American Veterans of Schenectady, New York, would like to thank the city of Schenectady, the Mayor and city council for the \$500.00 check. Again, Thank you so much

PAV Commander
George Sykala
942 Cutler Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12303
Home Phone (518) 382-1783

**SCHENECTADY VETERANS OF WWII INC.
718 UNION STREET
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 12305**

January 28, 2022

Samanta Mykoo, City Clerk
City Hall, Jay Street
Schenectady, New York 12305

Thank you for the support of our organization with the funds for us to continue to maintain the home of the Schenectady Veterans of WWII, Inc.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, especially during the difficult crisis of the pandemic.

Sincerely,


Robert S. Albee

Member, Board of Directors



AMERICAN LEGION POST 1485

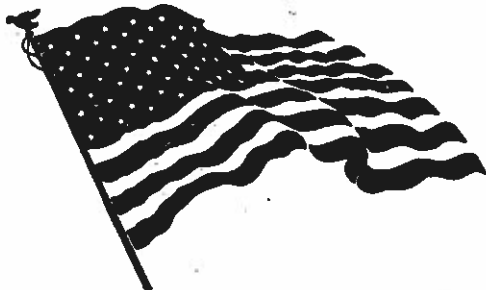
January 31, 2022

SAMANTA MYKOO
City clerk - City Hall
105 Jay St
Schenectady N.Y
12305

Dear SAMANTA MYKOO

The members of American Legion 1485 want to
thank the City of Schenectady for the check of \$500.00.

Sincerley yours,
Phil Hedlund A.O.J.



JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A.

SCHENECTADY POST 106
Schenectady, New York



Gene Altman- Commander
1110 Glenmeadow Court.
Niskayuna, NY 12309
Galtman903@aol.com

Harlan Harrison
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Jason Leftor
Vice-Commander

Gary Hoffmann
Quartermaster

Judge Advocate
Alan Gebell

Adjutant
William Jaffe

Members at Large
Sidney Cramer
Dan Tilsner

Samata R. Mykoo, City Clerk

City Hall, Jay Street

Schenectady, NY 12305

February 1, 2022

On behalf of Schenectady Post 106 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, we wish to thank the City of Schenectady for the generous support to help defray the expense for renting space to hold meetings.

Your support of our Veterans Organization is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Altman".

Gene Altman

Commander



BRODERICK - FULLER - NEKOLA
AMERICAN LEGION POST 1005
951 NORWOOD AVENUE
SCHENECTADY, N.Y. 12303

KOREA



VIETNAM



PHONE (518) 372-2161)

Panama; December 20, 1989 to January
31, 1990;

Persian Gulf; August 2, 1990 to cessation
of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt.

Feb. 01, 2022

Libanon/Grenada; August 24, 1982 to
July 31, 1984;

*Samanta Mykoo, City Clerk
City Hall, Jay St
Sch'dy, N.Y., 12305*

*On behalf of all the officers
and members of our Post, American
Legion Post 1005, we want to extend
our gratitude to you for the donation.*

*It always helps us and is
used wisely.*

*Sincerely
Yours for the Legion
Leonard F. Roccaro
Commander*

*Broderick Fuller Nekola
Memorial Post 1005*



SCHENECTADY VFW POST 357

C/O St. LUKE'S CHURCH
1241 STATE STREET
SCHENECTADY, NY 12304

Samanta Mykoo, City Clerk
City Hall, Jay Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

February 4 2022

Dear Samanta,

Our fine Comrade Mr. James Wilson recently handed our organization the check from the city. I'd like to thank the City of Schenectady for the continued support they show for all the Veteran groups in the city. This truly helps us to continue our mission to help our local Veterans. As we no longer have our own building on Fifth Ave. We now hold our monthly meetings and other events at St. Luke's Church. We donate this money and more throughout the year to them with the stipulation our donations are used to help them pay the National Grid bill.

Stay safe.

Regards,

Chuck Shannon, Post 357 Commander