

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council held on August 25, 2020 at 9:03 p.m., held virtually via Zoom, meeting ID 853 9243 4856, and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in conformance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020. Pursuant to written determination by the Mayor finding that conducting the meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present due to infections and potentially dangerous nature of Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

Present: Councilmembers: Lisa W. Bingham
Corinne N. Bolduc
Dave Maughan
Jordan Savage
W. Seth Teague

Mayor Mike Gailey
City Manager Brody Bovero
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

Administrative Services Director Steve Marshall
City Attorney Paul Roberts
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Community and Economic Development Director Noah Steele
Administrative Intern Brittany Morgan

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Gailey called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. Consideration and action to submit voter information pamphlet argument in favor of special election ballot proposition regarding general obligation bond for regional park to the Syracuse City Election Officer

An administrative staff memo explained the review and revision of an argument in favor of the ballot proposition related to the park, as required by state law, took place during the August 25, 2020 Work Session. The final product is now be ready for a vote to submit it to the Election Officer.

Councilmember Maughan inquired as to the process for soliciting an argument in opposition to the ballot proposition. City Recorder Brown stated the City has posted a notice inviting any eligible voter to apply to write the opposing statement for the voter information pamphlet. An eligible voter must notify the City of their desire to write the argument by August 31 and submit their statement by September 4. Following that date, she will provide the authors of both arguments with the opposing side's statements for rebuttal. Both statements and any rebuttal will be included in the voter information pamphlet for the bond.

COUNCILMEMBER BINGHAM MOVED TO APPROVE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL ELECTION BOND PROPOSITION REGARDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR REGIONAL PARK TO THE SYRACUSE CITY ELECTION OFFICER. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN, WHO VOTED IN OPPOSITION.

3. Consideration of adjourning into Closed Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Open and Public Meetings Law for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC MADE A MOTION TO CONVENE IN A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 52-4-205 OF THE OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OR REAL PROPERTY AND PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION. COUNCILMEMBER SAVAGE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The closed session began at 9:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

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At 9:16 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER MAUGHAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Mike Gailey
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved: September 8, 2020