

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Syracuse City Council, acting as the Board of Canvass, held on November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., held in a hybrid in-person/electronic format via Zoom, meeting ID 883 4742 2178, in-person in the City Council Chambers at 1979 W. 1900 S., and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in accordance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020.

Present: Councilmembers: Lisa W. Bingham (participated via electronic means)
Corinne N. Bolduc
Dave Maughan
Jordan Savage (participated via electronic means)
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
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Community and Economic Development Director Noah Steele
Police Chief Garret Atkin

1. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Gailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Teague provided an invocation and Councilmember Bolduc led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Public comment.

There were no public comments.

3. Canvass and consideration of certification of the results of Syracuse City Primary Election held November 2, 2021.

A staff memo from the City Recorder explained the Syracuse City General Election was held November 2, 2021; the election was conducted using a vote-by-mail hybrid approach whereby all registered voters were mailed a ballot in advance of the General Election with the option of returning that ballot via mail, via a ballot box at City Hall, or surrendering it on Election Day to vote in person at the Syracuse Library. Results provided in advance of this meeting were preliminary in nature and final results will be provided during the meeting.

City Recorder Brown reviewed the staff memo and provided a report of the final results for the Syracuse City Municipal General Election held November 2, 2021. For the Mayoral race, Dave Maughan received 2,907 votes and Michael Gailey received 2,460 votes. Dave Maughan is the duly elected Mayor of Syracuse City. For the City Council race, Jordan B. Savage received 3,094 votes, Jennifer Carver received 2,310 votes, Paul Watson received 2,257 votes, and Brett D. Cragun received 2,188 votes. Those duly elected to a seat on the Syracuse City Council are Jordan B. Savage and Jennifer Carver. She concluded there are 17,165 registered voters in the City and 5,393 ballots were cast, for a voter turnout of 31.42 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER BINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE SYRACUSE CITY GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021. COUNCILMEMBER TEAGUE SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

4. Authorize Administration to execute First Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Fieldstone Construction and Management Services, Inc.

A staff memo from the City Manager explained the City and Fieldstone entered into a purchase agreement on May 13, 2021 to sell property to Fieldstone. In the original purchase agreement, the parties agreed to work together on the access easements across Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) property to access 1000 West. The alignment for that easement has been identified and is included in Exhibit 'A' of the amendment. Since RMP has final say on the location of the easement, Fieldstone needs extra time to allow RMP to give final approval. The amendment outlines the following:

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- The responsibilities of each party as it pertains to the costs of constructing the access roads to the property.
- The ability for Fieldstone to construct the City's access drive to the cemetery expansion property, with reimbursement from the City.
- Extends the closing date for the sale to December 17, 2021.

The memo concluded the item before the Council is to vote on whether to approve the First Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Fieldstone Construction and Management Services, Inc.

City Manager Bovero reviewed his staff memo.

Councilmember Maughan stated the agreement is different than he understood it was going to be; he initially believed the City was only going to contribute a small portion of property rather than the entire right-of-way. Mr. Bovero reviewed the image illustrating the property the property subject to the agreement and indicated the portion being contributed by the City is identified in hash marks. Councilmember Maughan then stated he is unclear about why Fieldstone is not entirely responsible for paying for the road. Mr. Bovero stated the City needs access to 1000 West from the cemetery property and in the initial agreement, the City agreed to participate in the costs to build the access point. There was brief discussion about negotiations between the City and Fieldstone about the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER TEAGUE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE FIRST AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FIELDSTONE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. COUNCILMEMBER BOLDUC SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

5. Mayor/Council announcements.

The Council and Mayor provided announcements about upcoming community events and other opportunities for public involvement. The Council also discussed requests for future agenda items.

Mayor Gailey also invited City Manager Bovero to make any necessary announcements.

At 6:19 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER TEAGUE 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: January 11, 2022