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AGENDA FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MAY 6, 2020

1. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR PURCHASE OF 15 WILLOW STREET BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER
2. A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
3. A BOND RESOLUTION

**CITY OF RENSSELAER
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY EVENING
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2020**

NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BEGAN AT 6:40 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT COMMENCED AT 6:30.

ALDERPERSON LEAHEY MADE A MOTION TO GO STRAIGHT INTO THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:40PM AND ALDERPERSON CASEY SECONDED THAT MOTION.

VOTES ON THE MOTION TO COMMENCE THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

AYES: VAN VORST, GARDNER, LEAHEY, CASEY, ENDRES, VAN DYKE, AND DEFRANCESCO.

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED.

THE COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:40 P.M. AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO.

THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING ANSWERED TO THEIR NAMES:

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO

ALDERPERSON:	VAN VORST	CASEY
	GARDNER	ENDRES
	LEAHEY	VAN DYKE

EXCUSED:

CITY OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: _____

ALDERPERSON ENDRES MOVED THAT THE MINUTES BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED, SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS, SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON CASEY
PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: NONE

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WARD 5, ALDERPERSON ENDRES: AGREES WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THANKS EVERYONE.

WARD 6, ALDERPERSON VAN DYKE: FRIDAY MORNING WILL MEET WITH DPW COMMISSIONER JIM BRADY TO DISCUSS DOING ROAD WORK IN THE PATROON POINTE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THANKED DPW AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO: THANKS THE PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE WORKED ABOVE AND BEYOND DURING THIS TIME. HE ALSO NOTICED THE SIGNS IN FRONT OF HOUSES WITH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. HE NOTED THAT THE KIDS ARE MISSING OUT ON A LOT AND HOPES THE SIGNS HELP OUT.

BIDS: NONE

CLAIMS: NONE

PETITIONS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TABLE RESOLUTION NUMBERS 1 AND 3 AS HE BELIEVES THAT IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT THAT IT WOULD BE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO PURCHASE 15 WILLOW STREET WHICH WAS AGREED TO PURCHASE FOR \$65,000.00 PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS; RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 IS RELATED TO RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE AND IS A BOND ISSUE THAT WAS INCREASED TO \$165,000.00 ONE DAY PRIOR TO THIS MEETING AND WITHOUT A DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMON COUNCIL. COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMY IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES AND STATE FUNDING AND BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

ALDERPERSON GARDNER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 3 AND ALDERPERSON LEAHEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTES ON THE MOTION:

AYES: VAN VORST, GARDNER, LEAHEY, CASEY, ENDRES, VAN DYKE AND DEFRANCESCO.

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERPERSON VAN VORST TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 P. M. AND SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON CASEY.

VOTES TO ADJOURN:

AYES: VAN VORST, GARDNER, LEAHEY, CASEY, ENDRES, VAN DYKE AND DEFRANCESCO.

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED

NEXT MEETING: MAY 20, 2020

By Alderperson : _____
Seconded by Alderperson : _____

Table # #1

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR PURCHASE OF 15 WILLOW STREET BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer owns and operates a Department of Public Works facility within the City located on Willow Street;

WHEREAS, the DPW facility would greatly benefit from having an additional parking area adjacent to its facility in order to store City owned vehicles and equipment;

WHEREAS, the property owners of 15 Willow Street, which contains a single-family residence located on a 75' by 100' lot, are willing to sell the property to the City for \$65,000.00;

WHEREAS, the City plans to demolish the single-family residence in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements and to use the property for the construction of an appropriately landscaped asphalt parking area;

WHEREAS, the most prominent structure in the area is the existing DPW facility and the neighborhood clearly contains commercial uses in addition to residential uses;

WHEREAS, the City, in addition to buying the property from the sellers, will be bonding the purchase of the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer Common Council has determined that this Project is an unlisted action pursuant to the requirements of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council is an involved agency pursuant to SEQRA for the review of this unlisted action, and that the Common Council hereby determines that a coordinated review of lead agency status is not required by the SEQRA regulations, and that the Common Council further declares itself to be the lead agency for the review of this unlisted action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council as lead agency hereby approves the Short Environmental Assessment Forms Parts 1 through 3 and determines that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that no environmental impact statement will be required for this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicable City of Rensselaer staff are directed to file the SEQRA documents and this resolution as required by the SEQRA regulations.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of May, 2020.

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
James Casey	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Margaret Van Dyke	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

#2

By Alderperson:

Council As A Whole

Seconded by Alderperson:

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer Common Council has the power to reappoint Commissioners of Deeds for a term of two (2) years from the date of their appointment; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the citizens of Rensselaer, NY to have certain persons appointed Commissioner of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons be and they are hereby reappointed Commissioner of Deeds, with a term commencing forthwith and ending May 31, 2022.

Officer Jeffrey Adams
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer James Gallagher
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sergeant James Hannigan
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Juan Marrero
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Daniel Micare
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Clark Roehr
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Nathaniel Ferreira
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Dalton Michaud
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sergeant Michael Deso
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Det. Sgt. Matthew McCoy
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Stephen Boniface
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sgt. John Mooney, Jr.
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Tyler Sammon
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Matthew Spath
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Daniel Fumarola
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

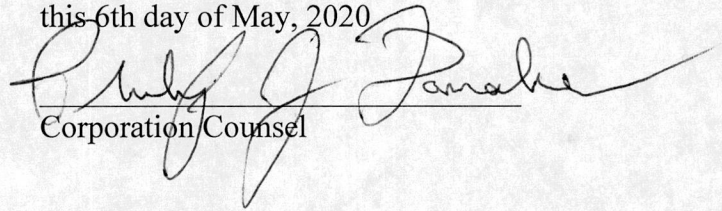
Marcia Caryofilles
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dispatcher Peter C. Foust
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Evelyn Ryan
201 Broadway
Rensselaer, NY 12144

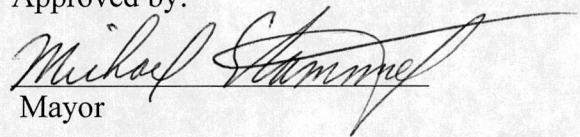
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a Certificate of Appointment for the aforesaid persons with the Rensselaer County Clerk and said Certificate shall specify the terms for which said Commissioner of Deeds shall have been appointed.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this 6th day of May, 2020



Philip J. Janabe
Corporation Counsel

Approved by:



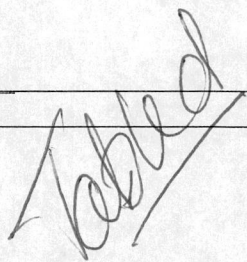
Michael Stumm
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Margaret Van Dyke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John DeFrancesco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	Abstain	Absent
Result	PASSED			

#3

BY: ALDERPERSON
SECONDED BY: ALDERPERSON

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: _____



BOND RESOLUTION

_____ BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 20, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15 WILLOW STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF RENSSELAER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE ON SAID PROPERTY, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE ON SAID PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PARKING AREA, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN COSTS PRELIMINARY AND INCIDENTAL THERETO, IS \$165,000, APPROPRIATING SAID SUM THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$165,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Common Council (the “Common Council”) of the City of Rensselaer, New York (the “City”) seeks to acquire the real property located at 15 Willow Street in the City (including, without limitation, any and all improvements located thereon) (the “Property”), demolish the existing structure on the Property and construct a parking area adjacent to the City’s Department of Public Works (collectively the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has declared itself “Lead Agency” (within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act [“SEQRA”]) with respect to

this Project, has determined that (1) the action is an “unlisted action” within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively “SEQRA”) and (2) the action will not have a significant impact upon the environment, and thus, has issued a negative declaration with respect to the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City is hereby authorized to acquire the Property, demolish the existing structure on the Property and construct the parking area.

Section 2. (A) The estimated maximum cost of the Project, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$165,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore.

(B) To finance said appropriation, serial bonds of the City (in one or more series) are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$165,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the “Law”).

Section 3. (A) The plan of financing the cost of the Project (including costs preliminary and incidental thereto) consists of issuing serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$165,000.

(B) The serial bonds may (but need not) be issued in the form of one or more bonds, known as a statutory installment bond, in accordance with Section 62.10 of the Law. The annual debt service on the bonds may (but need not) be substantially level or declining annual debt service as provided in Section 21.00(d) of the Law.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(A) The periods of probable usefulness of the specific objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by this resolution are to be issued is at least ten (10) years, within the limitations of Section 11.00(a)(20)(f) and Section 11.00(a)(12-a)(b) of the Law.

(B) Current funds are not required by the Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(9) of the Law.

(C) Pursuant to Section 34.00 of the Law, this resolution is not subject to a referendum.

(D) The City, including any subordinate entity of the City (within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended [the "Code"]), reasonably does not expect to issue more than \$10,000,000 of "qualified tax-exempt obligations" (as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code) during the 2020 calendar year.

(E) The bonds authorized by this resolution are not private activity bonds as defined in Section 141 of the Code.

(F) All of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall be used to pay for the Project and to pay costs incidental and preliminary thereto (including, without limitation, costs relating to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds).

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law, shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be general obligations of the City. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in

(A) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or

(B) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution or summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(C) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 10. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, or a summary thereof, in the official newspaper of the City, said bond resolution or summary to be published together with the City Clerk's statutory notice provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of May, 2020.

Corporation Counsel

Approved: _____
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

CITY OF RENSSELAER, COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
May 6th, 2020

Aldersperson_moved that all bills and payrolls be referred to the Auditing Committee. The City Clerk reports that the bills and payrolls amounted to:

BILLS ENCUMBERED THROUGH:	April 15th, 2020	May 6th, 2020
General Fund	\$291,874.05	\$66,505.22
Water Fund	\$23,743.02	\$9,728.85
Solid Waste Fund	\$40,159.16	\$2,338.08
Sewer Fund	\$3,087.38	\$5,557.61
Library Fund	\$498.61	\$2,526.95
Capital Fund	\$189,678.56	\$18,882.83
Community Development Fund	\$9,550.00	\$0.00
Total	\$558,590.78	\$105,539.54

PAYROLL DATES:	April 3rd, 2020	April 17th, 2020
Departments:		
Common Council Payroll	\$2,168.53	\$2,168.53
General Fund Admin. Payroll	\$42,093.53	\$42,632.45
Library Payroll	\$4,057.75	\$3,985.75
Public Works Payroll	\$32,185.42	\$34,327.20
Public Works Clothing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Works Overtime	\$1,377.20	\$385.23
Water Department Payroll	\$9,089.27	\$8,968.67
Water Department Overtime	\$408.29	\$327.75
Solid Waste Payroll	\$7,540.35	\$7,490.67
Solid waste Overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Payroll	\$1,787.89	\$1,881.31
Sewer Overtime	\$64.07	\$80.09
Fire Department Payroll	\$35,041.61	\$35,041.61
Fire Department Overtime	\$2,739.44	\$654.91
Fire Department Kelly Days	\$849.97	\$1,997.46
Fire Department Longevity	\$292.31	\$292.31
Fire Department EMT	\$1,230.72	\$1,230.72
Fire Department Vacation Buy Back	\$0.00	\$0.00
Police Department Payroll	\$89,483.94	\$89,947.94
Police Department Overtime	\$6,235.87	\$7,911.14
Police Department Longevity	\$1,562.50	\$1,562.50
Police Department Vacation Buy Back	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Ins. Opt out	\$3,147.38	
Employee SS	\$14,400.90	\$14,320.65
Employee Medicare	\$3,368.04	\$3,349.21
TOTAL	\$259,124.98	\$258,556.10

I hereby certify that the above claims are were duly audited and ordered paid at a meeting of the Common Council held on this date: **May 6th, 2020**

TO THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, NY:

Pay to the claimants named herein the amounts of the claims set opposite their respective names, and charge to the funds specified, and this shall be your warrant.