

**CITY OF RENSSELAER  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2019**

THE COUNCIL CONVENED AT 7:00 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  
GARDNER  
LEAHEY  
CASEY  
ENDRES  
VANDYKE

**EXCUSED:**

**CITY OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** DOMINICK TAGLIENTO, MAYOR MOONEY

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

**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: NONE**

CITY CLERK NANCY HARDT REPORTS THAT THE MAYOR HAS APPROVED ALL RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:**

ALDERPERSON GARDNER MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL, SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON CASEY.

VOTES TO WAIVE THE READING OF BILLS

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

**NOES:**

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED

ALDERPERSON VANDYKE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL AS PRINTED SUBJECT TO CORRECTION, SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON ENDRES.

VOTES TO ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL:

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

**NOES:**

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED

**COMMITTEE & WARD REPORTS:**

**NONE**

**BIDS: NONE**

**CLAIMS: NONE**

**PETITIONS: NONE**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERPERSON LEAHEY TO ADJOURN AT 7:05 P. M. AND SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON CASEY.

**VOTES TO ADJOURN:**

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

**NOES:**

PRESIDENT DEFRANCESCO DECLARED THIS MOTION DULY ADOPTED.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 3, 2019

COMPANY CODE	PAID IN DEPARTMENT	REGULAR EARNING	OVERTIME EARNINGS	OTHER EARNINGS	STATUTORY DEDUCTIONS	GROSS PAY	REGULAR HOURS	OVERTIME HOURS	OTHER HOURS	VOLUNTARY DEDUCTIONS	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY
VBK		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5,717.30	-5,717.30	5,717.30
VBK	A.1010-Common Council	2,168.53	0.00	0.00	273.45	2,168.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,895.08	2,168.53	0.00
VBK	A.1210-Mayor	4,299.36	0.00	0.00	777.17	4,299.36	87.00	0.00	1.00	2,196.43	2,973.60	1,325.76
VBK	A.1315-Comptroller	5,396.78	0.00	0.00	1,273.24	5,396.78	139.00	0.00	15.25	4,123.54	5,396.78	0.00
VBK	A.1325-Treasurer	6,141.60	0.00	0.00	1,295.85	6,141.60	276.25	0.00	0.00	4,845.75	6,141.60	0.00
VBK	A.1345-Purchasing	1,255.39	0.00	62.50	142.66	1,317.89	70.00	0.00	41.09	1,119.39	1,262.05	55.84
VBK	A.1355-Assessment	1,249.23	0.00	0.00	122.34	1,249.23	39.00	0.00	0.00	1,126.89	1,249.23	0.00
VBK	A.1410-City Clerk	4,017.04	0.00	0.00	856.37	4,017.04	95.25	0.00	0.00	2,892.51	3,748.88	268.16
VBK	A.1420-Law Department	1,753.28	0.00	0.00	314.91	1,753.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,438.37	1,753.28	0.00
VBK	A.1430-Administrative Services	5,071.84	0.00	0.00	1,039.86	5,071.84	163.50	0.00	56.50	4,031.98	5,071.84	0.00
VBK	A.1440-Engineering	4,791.43	0.00	0.00	1,137.42	4,791.43	78.00	0.00	46.50	3,654.01	4,791.43	0.00
VBK	A.1490-Public Works Administration	5,617.37	0.00	0.00	1,394.80	5,617.37	150.00	0.00	8.75	4,222.57	5,617.37	0.00
VBK	A.1620-Buildings	2,137.29	16.65	266.43	507.65	2,420.37	142.00	0.75	18.00	170.86	678.51	1,741.86
VBK	A.3120-Police	81,631.65	16,249.25	4,217.52	26,046.34	102,098.42	2,390.00	317.00	4.00	69,203.31	95,249.65	6,848.77
VBK	A.3410-Fire Department	31,210.36	3,844.99	2,448.46	7,195.64	37,503.81	100.00	102.00	24.00	25,524.59	32,720.23	4,783.58
VBK	A.3620-Building Code Enforcement	3,907.86	0.00	0.00	674.65	3,907.86	175.75	0.00	17.00	3,233.21	3,907.86	0.00
VBK	A.5010-Maintenance of Roads - Highway	19,875.90	865.27	5,282.02	5,160.06	26,023.19	1,134.50	32.25	282.50	16,550.88	21,710.94	4,312.25
VBK	A.7310-Youth Bureau	460.46	0.00	0.00	73.69	460.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.69	386.77
VBK	A.8020-Planning Department	7,111.95	0.00	0.00	1,611.24	7,111.95	177.50	0.00	13.75	5,500.71	7,111.95	0.00
VBK	CL8160-Solid Waste	6,999.11	332.97	1,389.62	1,940.91	8,721.70	404.00	13.50	76.00	5,813.46	7,754.37	967.33
VBK	F.8310-Water	1,573.75	0.00	0.00	311.54	1,573.75	0.00	0.00	7.25	1,262.21	1,573.75	0.00
VBK	F.8320-Cross Street	1,316.79	56.43	188.11	317.69	1,561.33	0.00	2.00	0.00	146.07	463.76	1,097.57
VBK	F.8340-Water Crew -	5,075.64	480.52	504.81	1,259.27	6,060.97	285.00	16.50	26.50	4,801.70	6,060.97	0.00
VBK	G.8120-Sanitary Sewers	1,793.32	534.43	568.43	724.08	2,896.18	75.50	15.00	4.50	1,784.49	2,508.57	387.61
VBK	L.7410-Public Library	3,459.20	0.00	0.00	569.15	3,459.20	223.00	0.00	0.00	2,890.05	3,459.20	0.00
Report Totals:		208,315.13	22,380.51	14,927.90	55,019.98	245,623.54	6,205.25	499.00	642.59	162,710.76	217,730.74	27,892.80



**NANCY E. HARDT**  
*City Clerk*

# **CITY OF RENSSELAER**

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**THE CITY CLERK**

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## **AGENDA FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 20, 2019**

- 1. A RESOLUTION HONORING SALAH HARRIS ON HIS YMCA STUDENT AWARD.**
- 2. A RESOLUTION HONORING TINO RODRIGUEZ ON HIS YMCA STUDENT AWARD**
- 3. A RESOLUTION HONORING DENISE WRIGHT ON HER YMCA EDUCATOR AWARD**
- 4. RESOLUTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1979 AS AMENDED ON JUNE 4, 2003**
- 5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING-FIRE LANE" SIGNS**
- 6. RESOLUTION INCREASING SALARY OF FIRE CHIEF**

By Alderperson:

Council As A Whole \_\_\_\_\_

# 1

Seconded by Alderperson: \_\_\_\_\_

## A RESOLUTION HONORING SALAH HARRIS ON HIS YMCA STUDENT AWARD

**WHEREAS**, Salah is a Senior Student Athlete for the Rensselaer Rams and excels on the court as part of the Varsity Basketball team and Varsity Track and Field team. In addition, Salah is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the Captain of the Varsity Masterminds team; and

**WHEREAS**, Salah has volunteered for the Men of MODEL Community Clean Up Day, the Equinox Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner and the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; and

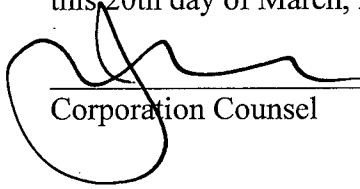
**WHEREAS**, Salah has been connected to the YMCA through the Black and Latino Achievers Program for many years where he has attended Youth Summits at local colleges, been part of social gatherings and gone on college tours in different states aside from New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Salah has been chosen as a delegate for the Global Immersion YMCA 175 London Trip this August. In his application for the Outstanding Student and Educator Awards he stated "I have learned how important taking responsibility and having respect for others is." He also said "The Y opportunities let me travel the Country, meet Politicians, make new friends, go to Caucus, and network with people that I never been able to connect with. This has and will always have a lasting affect one me."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Common Council, City Clerk, Treasurer and all Citizens of the City of Rensselaer take this opportunity to congratulate Salah Harris on his many achievements.

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
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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			

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 20th day of March, 2019.

  
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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

  
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Mayor

By Alderperson:

Council As A Whole \_\_\_\_\_

# 2

Seconded by Alderperson: \_\_\_\_\_

## A RESOLUTION HONORING TINO RODRIGUEZ ON HIS YMCA STUDENT AWARD

**WHEREAS**, Tino has been connected with the YMCA for numerous years and participated in the YMCA Summer Camp to eventually become a Counselor in Training; and

**WHEREAS**, After completing the program and turning 16, Tino became an employee of the YMCA as a Camp Counselor and later transitioned to being an Activities Assistant at the Rensselaer Afterschool Program with the YMCA; and

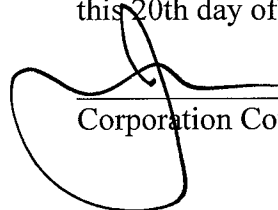
**WHEREAS**, Tino is a 5 year Black and Latino Achievers Program participant and has volunteered with participants in the program as a scorekeeper for a basketball tournament as well as facilitating a craft fair at the Albany YMCA and ran the concession stand multiple times for basketball tournaments to raise funds for the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Tino credits the work that he has done with the YMCA to becoming more social and welcoming to new experiences, and through his involvement with the YMCA, he has made many new friends and has had the ability to network with many people.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Common Council, City Clerk, Treasurer and all Citizens of the City of Rensselaer take this opportunity to congratulate Tino Rodriguez on his many achievements.

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
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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			

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 20th day of March, 2019.

  
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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

#3

By Alderperson: Council As A Whole

Seconded by Alderperson: \_\_\_\_\_

### A RESOLUTION HONORING DENISE WRIGHT ON HER YMCA EDUCATOR AWARD

**WHEREAS**, Denise Wright has been a dedicated educator for the Rensselaer High School in the English Department for the last 32 years; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of her teaching philosophy, Denise believes in getting students involved with many community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, she serves as the Coordinator of the School District's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Washington Park in Albany since her own diagnosis in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, she has spent time mentoring parents, students and faculty through their struggles with the disease; and

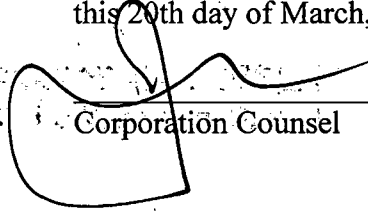
**WHEREAS**, Denise serves as the faculty liaison of the Rensselaer Alumni Association where she instills school pride in students by creating Community Service Projects which includes archiving memorabilia from past graduates and creating displays around the school; and

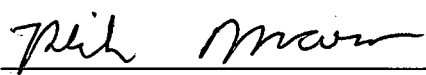
**WHEREAS**, She is an active member of her church as a mentor for confirmation class members, as well as a 20 year member of the East Schodack Fire Company serving on the Board of Directors, kitchen and beautification committees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Common Council, City Clerk, Treasurer and all Citizens of the City of Rensselaer wish to congratulate Denise on her dedication and excellence in her teaching capacity and her outside charitable interests.

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
James Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	Abstain	Absent
Result	Passed			

Approved as to form and sufficiency this 20th day of March, 2019.

  
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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:  
  
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Mayor

#4

By Alderperson:

Dave Gardner

Seconded by Alderperson:

Council

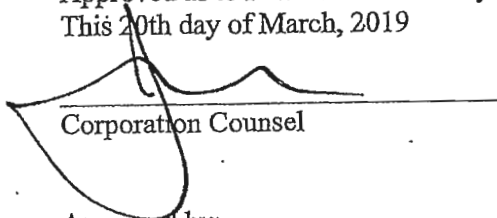
**RESOLUTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1979 AS AMENDED ON JUNE 4, 2003**

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer conducted a Public Hearing to discuss amending Local Law#1 of 1979 as amended on June 4, 2003 on March 6, 2019; and

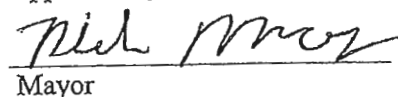
WHEREAS, said amendment will add the following language at the end of "Regulation for Dumpsters." "During the period of November 15 to April 15, Dumpsters and Portable Storage Containers may be placed on City of Rensselaer streets for only 72 hours."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above stated language be added to Local Law #1 of 1979 as amended on June 4, 2003.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
This 20th day of March, 2019

  
Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

  
Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

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By Alderperson:

Bryan Leahey

Seconded by Alderperson:

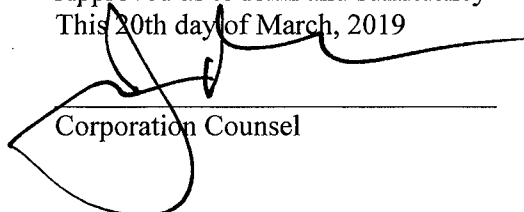
Council AS A Whole

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING-FIRE LANE" SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer conducted a Public Hearing to discuss the installation of two "No Parking-Fire Lane" signs located on Tracey Street between Broadway and First Street facing West to East on March 6, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that two "No Parking-Fire Lane" signs be installed in the manner described in the above paragraph.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
This 20th day of March, 2019



Corporation Counsel

Approved by:



Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	Abstain	Absent
Result	Passed			

By Alderperson:

Jim Van Vorst

Seconded by Alderperson:

Council BAWHole

#6

### RESOLUTION INCREASING SALARY OF FIRE CHIEF

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of increasing the annual salary of the City of Rensselaer Fire Chief from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer Fire Chiefs salary shall be \$25,000.00 effective immediately; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that budget line #A.3410.7100 be increased to \$25,000.00

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

  
Corporation Counsel

James Van Vorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	7 Aye	0 No	Abstain	Absent
Result	passed			

Approved by:

  
Mayor