

### January 21, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall with President Thomas DePietro presiding.

Upon roll call there were present: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Absent: None.

The Clerk announced there was a quorum present for the meeting as required by Section C12-13 of the City Charter.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

On motion of **Alderman Trombley**, seconded by **Alderman Lewis**, the City Treasurer's Report as of December 31<sup>st</sup> was ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

### Communications.

On motion of **Alderman Halloran**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the following communications were ordered received and placed on file:

1) Tracy Delaney, City Clerk submitting a Record of Annual Completion of Training Report for the members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Resolution No. 5 of October 17, 2017.

2) Audit report as prepared by Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill for fiscal year 2018.

Carried.

### Bills.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Mizan**, the following bills were audited and ordered paid by the following vote:

#### 2019

US Bank Equipment Finance	69.45	NeedDecals.com	280.00
Safeguard Business Systems	164.94	General Code	1,263.28
Complus Data Innovations Inc	3,131.28	Rackspace US Inc	730.40
Mayor's Office (Petty Cash)	25.50	Ricoh USA Inc	17.35
AT&T Mobility	55.30	Kim Smith, Assessor (PettyCash)	76.90
Valley Oil	36.29	Craig Haigh, CEO (Petty Cash)	61.85

Eastern Managed Print Network	103.86	Paychex of New York LLC	724.80
Heather Campbell (Petty Cash)	93.95	Ricoh USA Inc	28.19
Chatham Printing & Copy Ctr	998.00	FirstLight (Telephone)	267.27
Azavar Technologies	485.00	Paychex Human Resources Svcs	193.75
Springbrook Software	636.00	HAVE Inc	400.32
Linda L Fenoff	300.00	Staples Contract & Commercial	270.61
Universal Machine Company	958.78	JV Computers	339.00
Staples Contract & Commercial	2.31	Duncan Parking Technologies	1,190.88
Eastern Managed Print Network	78.81	WB Mason Co Inc	192.11
Johnson Newspaper Corp	346.87	Freeman Howard PC	702.00
JV Computers	2,120.31		

**John L Edwards - 2019**

Lacey Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation LLP 24,070.42

**Tourism Awards – 2019**

Basilica Hudson 500.00

**DRI – 2019**

Mayor's Office (Petty Cash) 25.85

**2020**

Craig Haigh, CEO (Petty Cash)	66.35	Postmaster	110.00
City Clerk's Office (Petty Cash)	11.79	Mid Hudson Cablevision	58.95
Mid Hudson Cablevision	38.95	Verizon	51.55
Johnson Newspaper Corp	126.13	Willard W Powell	600.00
CGNYSBOC/ c/o Karl VonHassel	105.00	Crowne Plaza Lake Placid	1296.00
Northern Adirondack Code Enforce -ment Officials Assoc.	900.00	WB Mason Co Inc	127.45
US Bank Equipment Finance	160.58	JV Computers	292.50
AP Technology	350.00	Springbrook Software	14,401.00
Paychex Human Resources Svcs	194.58	FirstLight (Telephone)	444.97
JV Computers	1,108.75	Whitbeck Benedict & Smith LLP	2,836.15
Jane Trombley	91.40		

**Ferry Street Bridge – 2020**

CSX Transportation 15,400.00

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

Carried.

**Resolutions.**

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Mizan**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 January 21, 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be and hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City of Hudson, County of Columbia, for the following term:

<b><u>February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2022</u></b>	(work)
Courtney Wrigley 33 Aitken Ave Hudson, NY 12534	560 Warren Street
Nicholas Hodges 2571 Rod & Gun Rd Hudson, NY	701 Union Street
Christopher Duntz 894 Route 9 Hudson, NY	701 Union Street
Jason C. Finn 53 Stuyvesant Pl Stuyvesant, NY 12173	701 Union Street
Larry Edelman Jr. 2730 State Rt 23 Hilldale, NY 12529	701 Union Street

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
 Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 January 21, 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers within the Parking Violations Bureau Account to cover shortages for fiscal year 2019:

\$3,132	FROM: A.3320.0100.0100	Parking Bureau – Personal Svcs Enforcement
	TO: A.3320.0470	Parking Bureau – Contracts

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
 Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENT BUDGET TO  
FUND THE ADA COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Hudson is committed to improving the accessibility of the city as a whole, and

**WHEREAS**, one component of the city’s accessibility plan is the creation of an ADA Coordinator, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Budget includes funds to compensate an ADA Coordinator, currently in the contingent budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor’s Aide has been designated as the ADA Coordinator,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2020 budget transfer:

\$5,000	TO:	A.1210.0120	Aide to the Mayor Personal Services
	FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingent

**Approved by Board of Estimate & Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Trombley**, seconded by **Alderman Rosenthal**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 January 21, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XXXIII of the City Charter and General Municipal Law §239-x, there has been a Conservation Advisory Council whose members are named by the Common Council,

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that David Konigsberg is appointed to the Conservation Advisory Council to fill a vacant office, for a term ending on December 31, 2021.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENT BUDGET TO FUND THE APPROVED POLICE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Hudson has agreed to a four year contract with the Police Union,, and

**WHEREAS**, the increase for 2020 was included in the contingent budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2020 budget transfer:

\$30,383	TO:	A.3120.0120	Police Personal Services
	FROM:	A.1990.0400	Contingent

**Approved by Board of Estimate & Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Lewis**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 6 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE HUDSON YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the youth of the City of Hudson, and

**WHEREAS**, The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc. wishes to make monetary donations to the Hudson Youth Department between the months of January and December 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc. further wishes to donate equipment to the Hudson Youth Department for use in programs related to the youth of the City,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby agrees to accept monetary donations and donations of equipment from The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc. to the Hudson Youth Department, to be used for programs related to the youth of the City, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby agrees to accept up to \$50,000.00 in donations from The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc. between the months of January and December 2020, on the condition that the funds be used by the Hudson Youth Department for programs related to the youth of the City and in accordance with The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc.'s bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to receive the subject donations and direct the funds from the following:

Revenue: A.0000.2705 – Gifts and Donations  
Expenditure: A.7310.0530 – FOHY Program Funds

**Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar** the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM THE FRIENDS OF HUDSON YOUTH, INC. TO THE HUDSON YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the youth of the City of Hudson has presented a proposed memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) setting forth its desire to make donations to the Hudson Youth Department, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the MOU, future donations would be subject to review and approval by the Common Council;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with The Friends of Hudson Youth, Inc. for future donations to the City of Hudson Youth Department.

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
Nays: None.

**President DePietro** stated the Common Council had been seeking members for the Tourism Board and he said “if members of the Council or the public would like to apply or suggest somebody, they think would make a good member, please contact me”.

**President DePietro** said “last week we spent a number of, more time than it was useful on the whole Minority/Majority issue” and he said “much of what happened up until that point was illegitimate in the sense that it wasn’t following proper or legal established procedure, mind you that there’s some debate about what is established procedure to how these things are determined and they are not determined by the Council President”. He said “to make sure that in the future we have no such confusion, this resolution establishes the process for naming Majority and Minority Parties and Leaders for the Common Council”.

**Alderman Merante** asked “in the resolution, in an event that there is two parties, for example, that are different, how has that been resolved in the minority”?

**President DePietro** said “according to the resolution, the future Common Council President will decide if there’s two members of two minority parties and of course the Council at large would have to vote in support of that”.

**Alderman Merante** asked “the President will make an appointment and then the full Council vote”?

**President DePietro** said “yea”.

**Alderman Merante** asked “even though they’re not part of that party”?

**Jeffrey Baker, Legal Advisor** said “it’s the same way you’re voting on it now” and he said “it’s an acknowledgement”.

**Alderman Trombley** asked “when does the voting, in this case for the Majority Party Leader take place”?

**President DePietro** said “when the caucus happened”.

**Alderman Trombley** said “I’m not sure we had an election”.

**Alderman Garriga** said “we did”.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS FOR NAMING  
MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTIES AND LEADERS OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no process for identifying a Minority Party Leader on the Hudson Common Council where either: 1) all members of the Council are enrolled in the same party; or 2) the composition of the Council includes the same number of Council Members enrolled in two minority parties; and

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of selection of a Majority and Minority Party Leader, the Council desires to clarify that Council Members who are not enrolled in a constituted political “party” as that term is defined by N.Y. Elec. Law § 1-104 (McKinney), shall be ineligible to serve as either a Minority or Majority Party Leader.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2020 Rules of Order of the Hudson Common Council are hereby amended by adding the following:

**Rule #16 Designation of Majority and Minority Leaders**

The terms “party” or “political party” shall be given the same meaning as the term “party” in N.Y. Elec. Law § 1-104 (McKinney), to wit: The term “party” means any political organization which at the last preceding election for governor polled at least fifty thousand votes for its candidate for governor.

Majority Party: The Majority Party is the party whose elected Council Members are enrolled members of the political party which controls the greatest number of votes in the Common Council.

Majority Party Leader: The Majority Party Leader shall be chosen by the members of the Majority Party at a caucus of the enrolled members of said party.

Minority Party: The Minority Party is the party whose elected Council Members are enrolled members of the political party which controls the greatest numbers of votes in the Common Council after the Majority Party.

Minority Party Leader: The Minority Party Leader shall be chosen by the members of the Minority Party at a caucus of the enrolled members of said party.

Minority Representation: Where, during a session of the Common Council, all members of the Council are enrolled members of the same party, or there is an equal number of members of two or more minority parties, the Council President shall select a Minority Party Leader to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) and the Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency (“HCDPA”).

Unenrolled Party Council Members: Any Common Council member who is not enrolled as a member of a party is ineligible serve as either a Majority or Minority Party Leader.

Term of Office and Acknowledgement by Council of Majority and Minority Leaders: A Majority and Minority Party Leader shall be chosen by their respective caucuses, or by the Common Council President in the case of Minority Leader where no Minority Party can be identified, at the start of every session of the Common Council. Such selections shall be acknowledged by a resolution of the Common Council at its organization meeting.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Lewis, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff, and President DePietro. (9)

Nays: Aldermen Halloran and Merante. (2)

**President DePietro** stated Proposed Resolution No. 9 would confirm the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Common Council.

**Alderman Merante** stated for the past week there had been two (2) different, conflicting opinions and he said “I am the son of my parents who taught me to be a decent, fair, caring person who when I see wrong, I step in and say it’s wrong and I think how this went down was totally wrong and inappropriate and I think if and I’m going to respect the findings of the attorney, I think this could’ve been avoided if this is, was the first step then how it started in the beginning that the process was done”. He said “I hope moving forward the process, there’s individuals that may learn by this process and maintain it fair, equitable and transparent so this doesn’t happen again to, I’ve got my emails in terms of how this violated some trust in terms of elected officials, that how this was done, so moving forward I hope we all learned a valuable lesson on transparency and how to do the right thing”.

**President DePietro** said “that was the meaning of the previous resolution, to establish that transparency and procedure for the future”.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Mizan**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9 January 21, 2020**

#### **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2020 the Common Council acknowledged the designation of and approved naming Alderpersons Tiffany Garriga as Majority Leader and Rebecca Wolff as Minority Leader; and

**WHEREAS**, a question was raised by one Alderperson regarding the manner in which the Minority Leader is determined; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 8 of January 21, 2020, the Council has adopted a Rule of Order #16 for the designation of majority and minority leaders.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Rule of Order #16, it is hereby acknowledged and confirmed that Tiffany Garriga is designated the Majority Leader and Rebecca Wolff is designated the Minority Leader.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Lewis, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro. (8)

Nays: Aldermen Halloran, Merante, and Trombley. (3)

Prior to voting on the proposed resolution, **Alderman Merante** said “I’m going to say no because I think there’s more work to be done”.

On motion of **Alderman Mizan**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 January 21, 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers within the Fire Department Accounts to cover shortages for the year 2019:

\$4794.27	From: A3410.48	Fuel & Lights
\$4794.27	To: A3410.2	Purchase of Equipment

\$1461.03	From: A3410.46	Pagers
\$1461.03	To: A3410.43	Maint. & Repairs (Buildings)

\$ 261.76	From: A3410.44	Training
\$261.76	To: A3410.45	Maint. & Repairs (Equipment)

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Trombley**, seconded by **Alderman Rosenthal**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE 2019 TREASURY BUDGET**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2019 budget transfers:

35.00	TO:	A.1325.0200	Equipment
214.00		A.1325.0410	Printing & Advertising
180.00		A.1325.0420	Telephone
<u>1533.00</u>		A.1325.0460	Software & Support
1962.00			
1014.00	FROM:	A.1325.0400	Materials & Supplies
772.00		A.1325.0440	Accounting Fees
<u>176.00</u>		A.1325.0470	Payroll Services
1962.00			

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MEET 2019 OBLIGATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, due to underfunded healthcare buyout requests, the following accounts have insufficient funds to meet the city's obligations for the balance of 2019 accounts, and

**WHEREAS**, there are excess funds available in other accounts,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2019 budget transfers:

\$3,503	TO:	A.1210.0100	Mayor Personal Services
<u>5,859</u>	TO:	A.1325.0100	Treasury Personal Services
9,382			
\$9,382	FROM:	A.9060.0800	Hospitalization

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 January 21, 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following **2019** budget accounts within the Public Works Department:

**DPW**

\$1,900	From: 1490.1 A – DPW Admin – Personal Services
400	From: 1490.44 A – DPW Admin – IT Support
200	From: 1490.46 A – DPW Admin – Telephones
\$2,500	To: 1620.1 A – Buildings – Personal Services
\$50	From: 1490.2 A – DPW Admin – Equipment
\$50	To: 1490.4 A – DPW Admin – Materials & Supplies
\$150	From: 1620.55 A – Buildings – Mt Ray House
\$50	To: 1620.5 A – Buildings – 429 Warren Street
100	To: 1620.562 A – Buildings – 701 Union Materials & Supplies
\$7,500	From: 5110.1 A – Street Maintenance – Personal Services
2,000	From: 5110.4 A – Street Maintenance – Materials & Supplies
1,500	From: 5110.43 A – Street Maintenance – DPW Garage
500	From: 5142.4 A – Snow – Materials & Supplies
\$11,500	To: 5110.45 A – Street Maintenance – Maintenance of Equipment
\$2,500	From: 7110.1 A – Parks – Personal Services
\$2,500	From: 7110.4 A – Parks – Materials & Supplies
\$5,000	To: 5110.2 A – Street Maintenance – Equipment
\$3,500	From: 8160.1 A – Refuse – Personal Services
4,750	From: 8160.11 A – Refuse – Sale of Garbage Bags
1,000	From: 8170.4 A – Street Sweeper – Materials & Supplies
2,000	From: 8170.45 A – Street Sweeper – Maintenance of Equipment
750	From: 7110.46 A – Parks – Power/Energy
\$12,000	To: 5182.46 A – Street Lights – Light Expense
\$2,000	From: 8160.4 A – Refuse – Materials & Supplies
\$2,000	To: 8160.46 A – Refuse – Other/Tipping Fees

**CEMETERY**

\$800 From: 8810.1 C – Cemeteries – Personal Services  
 \$500 To: 8810.46 C – Cemeteries – Telephone  
 300 To: 9050.8 C – Cemeteries – Unemployment

**WATER**

\$550 From: 8310.4 F – Water Administration – Materials & Supplies  
 \$550 To: 8310.2 F – Water Administration – Equipment

\$1,750 From: 8330.48 F – Water Treatment – Utilities  
 \$1,750 To: 8310.1 F – Water Administration – Personal Services

\$500 From: 8320.4 F – Water Supply – Materials & Supplies  
 6,500 From: 8330.4 F – Water Treatment – Materials & Supplies  
 7,000 From: 8330.1 F – Water Treatment – Personal Services

\$1,250 From: 8310.44 F – Water Administration – Printing & Advertising  
 \$1,250 From: 8310.46 F – Water Administration – Electrician  
 \$2,250 From: 8310.461 F – Water Administration – Misc/Other  
 \$4,750 To: 8310.47 F – Water Administration – Professional Services

\$2,700 From: 8330.48 F – Water Treatment – Utilities  
 \$2,000 To: 8340.4 F – Water Distribution – Materials & Supplies  
 700 To: 9030.8 F – Human Resources – Social Security

**SEWER**

\$1,250 From: 8110.44 G – Sewer Administration – Fiscal Year Audit  
 4,250 From: 8120.46 G – Sanitary Sewers – Professional Services  
 5,500 To: 8130.46 G – Sewage Treatment – Professional Services – VRI

\$3,500 From: 8120.46 G – Sanitary Sewers – Professional Services  
 500 To: 8110.2 G – Sewer Administration – Equipment  
 750 To: 8110.46 G – Sewer Administration – Other  
 2,250 To: 9060.8 G – Human Resources – Hospitalization

\$16,500 From: 8130.48 G – Sewage Treatment – Utilities  
 16,500 To: 8130.45 G – Sewage Treatment – Maintenance of Equipment

\$400 From: 8130.48 G – Sewage Treatment – Utilities  
 400 To: 9030.8 G – Human Resources – Social Security

\$250 From: 8120.46 G – Sanitary Sewers – Professional Services  
 1,250 From: 1910.4 G – Sewer Administration – Unallocated Insurance  
 \$1,500 To: 8130.1 G – Sewage Treatment – Personal Services

\$3,000	From: 8110.1 G – Sewer Administration – Personal Services
3,500	From: 8110.41 G – Sewer Administration – Printing & Advertising
2,250	From: 8120.4 G – Sanitary Sewers – Materials & Supplies
35,000	From: Sewer Fund Balance
\$43,750	To: 8130.4 G – Sewage Treatment – Materials & Supplies

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Rosenthal**, seconded by **Alderman Mizan**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 January 21, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the City of Hudson worked closely with the members of Hudson’s Islamic Community to create a dedicated section in the cemetery reserved for the members of the Islamic Community, so that they may follow their religious beliefs and observe their cultural rituals for those who have deceased, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Estimate & Apportionment (BEA) through the 2020 budget process did set aside a contingency for the purchase of needed equipment to serve all members of the greater Hudson community that choose the Cedar Park Cemetery as their final place of repose, and

**WHEREAS**, said Contingency would be offset by the Sale of Bulk burial plots to the Hudson Islamic Community once remuneration was made to the Cedar Park Cemetery, and

**WHEREAS**, the Cedar Park Cemetery is in receipt of funds in excess of \$60,000 from the Hudson Islamic Community;

**NOW IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds between the following 2020 budget accounts within the Cemetery Department:

\$60,000	From: 1910.4 C – Cemeteries – Contingency
\$60,000	To: 8810.2 C – Cemeteries Equipment

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.  
Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN SENIOR ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2019 budget accounts as follows for the Senior Center:

<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>From:</b>	<b>A.7620.0100.0000</b>	<b>Senior Personnel</b>
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>A.7620.0480.0000</b>	<b>Senior Lights and Heat</b>

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Trombley**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, there are insufficient funds in the 2019 Police Retirement account, and

**WHEREAS**, there are available funds in the 2019 Employee Retirement account,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2019 budget transfer:

<b>\$9,774</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>A.9010.0820</b>	<b>PFRS-Police State Retirement</b>
	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>A.9010.0800</b>	<b>ERS-Employee State Retirement</b>

**Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.**

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Mizan**, seconded by **Alderman Lewis**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 January 21, 2020**

**INTRADEPARTMENTAL YOUTH TRANSFERS**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2019 budget accounts as follows for the Youth Department:

\$979.10		From:	A.7310.0200.0000	Equipment
	\$979.10	To:	A.7310.0510.0000	Programs

\$106.29		From:	A.7310.0450.0001	Maint. of Equip. Alarm and Heat
\$113.28		From:	A.7310.0461.0000	Training
	\$219.57	To:	A.7310.0410.0000	Printing and Advertising

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

**President DePietro** stated Proposed Resolution No. 18 would authorize a budget amendment for Youth Department Personnel Costs.

**Kamal Johnson, Mayor** said “for this particular resolution, I know that there was a lot of spirited debate in the last meeting and also the Finance Meeting, after going over the budget and talking to all the parties involved, I thought the best effort from the City would be to cut the resolution in half, into two parts, so that you know, we’ll allocate half the funding now and then I know Alderman Eileen asked for data which Nick has provided some of that data but also this gives us time to get the results that we’re looking for as well”. He said “I also want to empower the Youth Committee to ask for specific goals that they want to see from the Youth Center and help that vision as well so I think this is a good compromise and a good gesture by the City to move things forward”.

On motion of **Alderman Sarowar**, seconded by **Alderman Mizan**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 January 21, 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR YOUTH DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COST**

**WHEREAS**, The 2020 budget for the Youth Department does not contain adequate funds to pay for the projected staffing needs of the Hudson Youth Center and Oakdale Summer Camp,

**RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2020 budget accounts as follows:

\$35,000.00		From:	A.0000.1001.0200	Use of Fund Balance
	\$35,000.00	To:	A.7310.0100.0000	Personnel

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Sarowar, Trombly, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

Nays: None.

### **Local Laws.**

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the following proposed local law introduced by Alderman Wolff, seconded by Alderman Mizan, was ordered laid on the aldermen's desks:

#### **Local Law No. Intro. No. A of 2020**

### **A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE REGISTRATION OR OPERATION OF ANY NEW SHORT-TERM LODGING FACILITY IN THE CITY OF HUDSON**

#### **SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 1 for the year of 2020.

#### **SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the City of Hudson (the "City") to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Common Council hereby declares a temporary six (6) month moratorium on the registration or granting of new permits for the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement and development of any new short term lodging facilities within the City of Hudson.

The Common Council has become aware of the need to fully review and analyze the current state of short-term lodging and also the impact of "airbnb" type lodging within the City of Hudson. It is the concern of the Common Council that although such short-term lodging may provide housing and economic benefits to some individuals and businesses in the area, they may also have a negative impact on the quality of life for the citizens and neighborhoods of the City.

The Common Council of the City of Hudson wishes to address the issues presented by short-term lodging in a careful, prudent and comprehensive manner, rather than on an ad hoc

basis, with the goal of adopting appropriate Zoning or other Land Use Laws or by amending its current Laws to properly regulate the same.

The Common Council is presently in the process of considering various options relating to this issue. The Common Council hereby finds and determines that it needs this period of time to study the entire issue, consider proposed amendments to the Local Zoning Law, make appropriate changes to the draft of any proposed Zoning change, schedule and hold the required public hearings on such changes, perform an appropriate environmental review for such changes and, comply with applicable provisions of law regarding the adoption of any Zoning modification.

### **SECTION 3. ENACTMENT**

The Common Council of the City of Hudson does hereby enact the following Local Law:

A. During the effective period of this Local Law:

1. The City of Hudson shall not approve or issue any new short-term lodging registrations or certificates of authority. No new registration applications for short-term lodging shall be accepted or considered for acceptance by any board, officer, agency or employee of the City of Hudson while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect. No new certificates of authority shall be issued by any officer, agency or employee of the City of Hudson while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

2. This Local Law shall not apply to the renewal of currently issued registrations or certificates of authority for existing short-term lodging facilities, which are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Hudson City Code.

3. No application for the construction, development, registration, or operation of a short-term lodging facility shall be permitted in any zoning district of the City of Hudson while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

4. No new short-term lodging facility shall be operated in any zoning district within the City of Hudson while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

5. For the purposes of this Local Law, "short term lodging" shall be defined as set forth in §275-22 of the Hudson City Code, with the exception that new Hotels, Motels, and Bed and Breakfast establishments receiving approval to develop and operate by the Planning Board shall not be subject to this Local Law.

6. The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of six months from the effective date of this Local Law.

7. Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish, place, construct, enlarge or erect the establishment, placement, development and/or operation of a short-term lodging in violation of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

- A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided by applicable local laws, ordinances, rules, and/or regulations of the City of Hudson for violations; and
- B. Injunctive relief in favor of the City of Hudson to cease any and all such actions that conflict with this Local Law.

## 8. Hardship

- A. Should any owner of property affected by this Local Law suffer an unnecessary hardship as a result of the strict application of this Local Law, said property owner may apply to the Hudson Common Council, in writing, requesting a hardship waiver and submitting credible proof in support of said hardship waiver application. For the purposes of this Local Law, unnecessary hardship shall not be the mere delay in being permitted to submit a registration application for a short-term lodging facility and/or delay in seeking a certificate of authority during the period the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.
- B. Procedure. Upon submission of a written application to the City by the property owner seeking a hardship waiver of this Local Law, the Common Council shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of said written application, schedule a Public Hearing on said application upon five (5) days written notice published in the official newspaper of the City. At said Public Hearing, the property owner, and any other parties wishing to present evidence with regard to the application, shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the Common Council shall, within fifteen (15) days of the close of said Public Hearing, render its decision either granting or denying the application for a hardship waiver from the strict requirements of this Local Law. If the Common Council determines that a property owner will suffer an unnecessary hardship if this Local Law is strictly applied to a particular property, then the Common Council shall vary the application of this Local Law to the minimum extent necessary to provide the property owner relief from strict compliance with this Local Law.

9. The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law. In the event that any Local Law or Ordinance should be enacted and adopted by this Common Council prior to the date that the moratorium imposed by this Local Law expires, which addresses the substantive issues set forth herein, then in that event the moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall expire on the date such Ordinance or Local Law takes effect in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. In like manner, if more than four (4) months have passed since the implementation of this Local Law, and it shall be determined by a finding of the Common Council that an extension of this moratorium is required, then the Common Council, by Resolution, may extend this moratorium for such a period of time as it deems necessary in order to fulfill the findings heretofore made by the Common Council, up to and including six (6) additional months from the date of the original intended expiration of this Local Law.

**SECTION 4. CONFLICTS WITH STATE STATUTES AND AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE**

To the extent any provisions of this Local Law are in conflict with or are construed as inconsistent with the provisions of New York State Law or any provision of the Hudson City Code, the provisions of this Local Law shall govern and control.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY AND VALIDITY**

The provisions of this local law are severable. If any provision of this Local Law is found invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or any part of provision hereof other than the provision so found to be invalid.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

On motion of **Alderman Trombley**, seconded by **Alderman Lewis**, the following proposed local law introduced by Alderman Rosenthal, seconded by Alderman Garriga, was ordered laid on the aldermen's desks:

**Local Law No. Intro. No. B of 2020**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE LODGING TAX OF THE CITY OF HUDSON**

**SECTION 1. TITLE** This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2020.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY** The City of Hudson is authorized to adopt a short-term lodging tax pursuant to New York State Tax Law Sec. 1202-dd.

**SECTION 3. PURPOSE** By Local Law No. 3 of 2019, the City of Hudson extended the short-term lodging tax authorized by Tax Law Sec. 1202-dd. That law provided for the creation of a Tourism Board and provided a dedicated stream of revenue to the Tourism Board from the short-term lodging tax. The City of Hudson finds that the dedicated revenue from the short-term lodging tax unnecessarily constrains the ability of the City to meet the other fiscal needs of the City to protect the health, welfare and safety of City residents. This local law provides for the revenues from the short-term lodging tax to be deposited in the City's general fund and be allocated during the regular budget process to support the efforts of the Tourism Board as the City deems appropriate and necessary.

**SECTION 4. ENACTMENT** The Common Council hereby enacts this local law amending Chapter 275, Article VIII of the City of Hudson Code as follows:

A. Section 275-32 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

§ 275-32 Disposition of Revenues.

Subject to the provision of § 275-38 of this article, all moneys received by the City Treasurer under this article shall be paid into the treasury of the City and shall be credited to and deposited in the general fund thereof for allocation during the annual budget process a portion of which shall be allocated to the Tourism Board for its purposes set forth in § 275-41 herein; provided, however that the City shall be authorized to retain a portion of the such revenue in such amount as it deems reasonably sufficient to defray the necessary expenses of the City in administering this tax, including without limitation the collection thereof, and the enforcement of such collection.

B. Section 275-41 shall be amended by deleting all of paragraph “B” therein.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY** If any section or sections of this local law shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise void and ineffective, the validity of the remainder of the provisions hereof and their application shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE** This local law shall take effect upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

On motion of **Alderman Wolff**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the Common Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed local laws on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

### **New Business.**

**Alderman Rosenthal** stated he had received a complaint by constituent which pertains to the City’s noise ordinance for construction during the morning hours and he said “there’s some disparity between, I think this involves work by the Library, I’d like to have my friend, Theo Anthony attest to this, its’ about certain decibel levels and construction in the morning for things that are necessary for infrastructure”. He stated the issue should be addressed in the City Code to protect the sanity of City residents of having a good sleep in the morning.

**President DePietro** said “I think that should come up definitely start at the DPW Committee”.

**Theo Anthony** of Short Street said “for the last two weeks, every morning, starting right at the dot of seven a.m., we’ve been woken up by construction, not light construction but jackhammers and concrete saws” and he said “I’m here speaking on behalf of not just me but you know, people I live with, my downstair neighbors, the entire block and on Fifth Street, everyone in the neighborhood is talking about it, no one is getting any sleep”. He said “we tried speaking with the construction crews to get them to start a little bit later, they didn’t, they told us to talk to Galvan, we wrote numerous emails to Galvan and his crew, those went unresponded to”. Mr. Anthony said “we finally got to a point where we filed a noise complaint with police who brought a decibel meter out, the decibel level was about the seventy-five decibels ordained

under the City, the Code however because it is filed under utility work, there's no decibel levels as long as it starts after seven a.m.". He said "there was no recourse, we've kind of done all our options, we called the Code Enforcement, those calls weren't returned either". Mr. Anthony said "seven a.m. is really early to get woken up by a jackhammer and concrete saw, there's a lot of elderly people in our neighborhood, there's a lot of young children and we've all been talking about it and I just really hope there's something you can do" and he said "I understand that there's a lot of development and that's really exciting but I hope that doesn't come at the expense of alienating the people who actually live here". He said "the utility work that they're doing doesn't have a decibel limit on it which is the problem so basically, as the police officer, the sergeant said to us, they can basically do whatever they want starting at seven a.m.".

**Alderman Merante** asked "was that part of the permit that they could start that early that was issued by Code Enforcement"?

**Mr. Anthony** said "I don't know, I mean I would assume that since they're allowed, they're working on a storm drain so that falls under utility work so I assume that, since they have a free pass utility work that it would be following the permit".

**President DePietro** said "we'll definitely look into it and talk about it with Craig who enforces it".

**Alderman Lewis** stated as Chairman of the Tourism Board he would be working with the Mayor's Office to develop a vision for the Tourism Board and he said "the Council will select four members and in addition to the Mayor's Office selecting four members and the Board is seeking members that are passionate about Hudson and have a commitment to Hudson and are looking to advance local businesses and you know find the common ground between the community and tourism and not necessarily favor one or the other".

**Rev. Edward Cross** of Robinson Street asked "I'd just like to ask you; do you know how many black landmarks we have in Hudson" and he said "you don't have to answer that because I don't know anymore". He said "a couple of years ago we sold one for taxes and I turned the corner, it's 241 Columbia Street, I turned the corner towards the River a couple months ago and I saw a hole in the roof" and he said "a couple weeks ago there was no roof". Rev. Cross said "I don't know what you can do about that but it kind of hurt me and was painful" and he said "this church was probably one of the first churches not only in the City but in the County". He said "I mentioned it within the last three or four years, three or four times but it just passed on" and he said "I would not like to see anything like that happen again". He stated Alderman Garriga had been one of the individuals that stood up to look into this and he said "a few people said oh there's nothing we can do, you are the Common Council, this is the Mayor, somebody could do something". Rev. Cross said "I'm asking you, I don't know what you could do now, I don't know what you could do now but maybe you can put it in your pocket and save it" and he said "it's history, it's black history, it's Hudson history".

**Ronald Kopniki of Hudson** said “I would just like to speak in support of Reverend Cross and just say, just generally that when we’re thinking about historic preservation, it’s not simply an aesthetic question, it’s a question of history and culture and obviously that includes African-American historic and cultural sites and I think we need to have a broader view of preservation”.

**President DePietro** said “agree” and he said “if this is a case of demolition by neglect then we can stop it somehow”.

**Matt McGhee** of Hudson said “we have spoken with Reverend Cross about this, we have looked at the church and the fact is that it’s architecturally very nice and would qualify as a landmark on that basis but even more it has a history, it’s the Shiloh Baptist Church, it has moved onto, into what was the Synagogue on Warren Street”. He said “we don’t know the history very well but the fact is that it is an important landmark for the City of Hudson and it recognizes the fact that we’ve had a long history here of black settlement and I think that they should be recognized for their contribution from society and raising our level for justice”. Mr. McGhee said “this is very important and I think we’re very conscious of it now but being conscious requires action and I think we need to act soon while the building is still standing”.

**Dan Udell** said “at the very least, I think we need a historic panel you know, a board that would bore tracing the history and a little diagram of the streets where it all began, Shiloh on that little church that we tried to buy by the way, and I got to criticize the City of Hudson, they were not very helpful” and he said “it got away from us because you know, the money people invaded and it’s a crime that that building is now falling apart, I just can’t believe it”. He said “at the very least no matter what we do, we need a count, you know a little marker with the streets marked and a little makers for where the churches are and how they began, I mean that was the beginning of the Shiloh Baptist Church, people ought to know that”.

**Mayor Johnson** said “however I can help you know, let me know”.

**President DePietro** said “I think we should approach HPC, the Hudson Preservation Committee about this as well”.

**Bill Huston** of 558 State Street said “the past three months, every time I walk out of the front door, the place where I live, 558 State Street, look straight across the street, there’s a sign on the lawn put up by the construction company that’s fixing 555 State Street, I measured it the day after it went up, it measures six feet by four feet, it’s twenty-four square feet” and he said “it has no place in the neighborhood, nobody should have to see it, nobody should have to see it daily”. He said “I looked up on the Code and it turns out the Code allows for construction companies to put signs up in yards thirty-two square feet in size” and he said “it’s just absurd”. Mr. Huston said “if you look up in the Code also for real estate signs, it only allows eight square feet, so I’m suggesting that you make them both the same”.

**President DePietro** questioned if Mr. Huston had any other comments.

**Mr. Huston** said “maybe you’re all familiar with the murals, so called mural that went up at the corner of Park Place on Warren Street, on the side of the building there”.

**President DePietro** said “I think it’s a genuine mural”.

**Mr. Huston** said “I object to some of it so I looked up, I called Craig and wondered if they had gotten a permit to put that mural on the wall” and he stated a permit had not been issued. He stated he had questioned the Code Enforcement Officer if a permit had been required and had been advised “apparently they do not”. Mr. Huston said “I said, well I object to it and I’d like you to talk to them and Craig said I was not the only one that called him objecting to it but there’s nothing that he could do, was Craig’s words, because in the Code under signs it does not mention murals, it mentions five or six other types of signs but it doesn’t mention murals”. He said “I don’t necessarily want to see the whole thing removed but if the Codes going to be complete, it’s gotta, it’s gotta include murals under signs”. Mr. Huston stated he reviewed the Code for Ithaca, New York who seemed to be a model for the City and he said “of course, it mentions murals so it’s covered and there’s no reason it shouldn’t be covered in ours, and they should have to get a permit for that or anybody should have to get a permit to put a mural on the wall”. He said “my suggestion is to change the Code and add murals”.

**Alderman Walker** asked “what’s the mural of”?

**President DePietro** stated a group of artists had contributed to at least ten different things and he said “some are abstract, some are not”.

**Mr. Huston** asked “what’s the next step”?

**President DePietro** said “you probably could start by trying to change the First Amendment that allows for certain types of public expression”.

**Mr. Huston** said “I guess my question is who changes it”?

**President DePietro** said “the Council”.

**Mr. Huston** asked “what’s the next step”?

**Alderman Wolff** asked “what happens with public comments”?

**President DePietro** said “someone on the Council would have to take it up and bring it to a committee and move it forward”.

**Alderman Garriga** stated Mr. Huston could discuss the matter with the aldermen that represent his ward.

**President DePietro** said “they’re not obligated to you know, go forth with something that he wants”.

**Alderman Garriga** said “I would suggest since you said other people have made these complaints, this is the first time that I’m hearing about it and if you know who these other people are.....

**Mr. Huston** said “I don’t know who they are” and he stated the Code Enforcement Officer would have that information.

**Alderman Garriga** said “maybe if you talk to your neighbors and see who has the same issues as you and maybe start a petition so that way the complaint isn’t just from you”.

**Mr. Huston** said “it’s just so common sensical, it’s a sign and we can’t do anything about it”.

**Jeffrey Baker, Legal Advisor** said “unless it’s commercial speech, it could not really be regulated, it’s a form of artistic expression that is highly protected” and he said “some towns and cities do regulate it in terms of ownership and who has the right to put it on”.

**Mr. McGhee** said “the mural aside because that is a constitutional question” and he said “I think that signage should be regulated more stringently, this is a beautiful town and it doesn’t need to be obscured by gigantic signs”.

**President DePietro** said “signs are highly regulated within the historic districts”.

**Mr. McGhee** said “the size is rather generous”.

**Mr. Kopniki** said “I just wanted to say something about the next question of Majority and Minority Leader”.

**President DePietro** said “I think we’ve settled it”.

**Mr. Kopniki** said “I’m not satisfied when you put it that way” and he said “with a quick glance of the text, given how closely the text relies on New York State Election Law and ties these positions to party, I really think, I’m glad there will be more occasion for debate about this because I don’t think it should be done hastily”. He said “I think the fact that a lot of time was spent on it last week is an indication that there’s a lot of interest and a need for a lot of discussion and I would like to see the legal rationale for the proposal, I hope that will be posted somewhere”.

**Alderman Garriga** said “I just want to recognize Rebecca Wolff tonight and say congratulations for your role and your position as Minority Leader and I believe that you are the first in New York State as a Working Families Party member to hold this seat so congratulations”.

**Alderman Wolff** said “I do think it is important you know, as an intervention in the two-party system that is so dysfunctional that alternative parties and minority parties be really recognized within even the local structure so I’m happy about it, thank you”.

**President DePietro** said “lastly, I’d like to acknowledge Pierre Jeune, who’s in the audience”. He said “the other night at the Breaking Barriers, Martin Luther King Annual Celebration a Shiloh, he was awarded the Interfaith Council Micah Award” and he said “in honor of all that he has accomplished”.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk