

June 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM with President Thomas DePietro presiding.

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

Absent: Aldermen Mizan, Rosenthal and Trombley.

(Aldermen Mizan and Trombley arrived after roll call)

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

Due to the Covid-19 Virus Global Pandemic, Governor Andrew Cuomo ordered to the extent necessary, to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be viewed or listed to such proceeding and such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. Meeting was live streamed on WGXC Radio Station.

On motion of **Alderman Sarowar**, seconded by **Alderman Walker**, the minutes of the May 10th, May 18th and May 24th meetings were ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

Committee Reports.

On motion of **Alderman Sarowar**, seconded by **Alderman Halloran**, the following committee reports were ordered received and placed on file:

Informal Meeting

May 10, 2021

In attendance:

Common Council President Tom DePietro

First Ward Alderpersons Jane Trombley and Rebecca Wolff

Second Ward Alderperson Tiffany Garriga

Third Ward Aldermen Calvin Lewis Jr. and Shershah Mizan

Fourth Ward Aldermen John Rosenthal and Malachi Walker

Fifth Ward Alderperson Eileen Halloran and Alderman Dominic Merante

Counsel Jeff Baker, City Treasurer Heather Campbell, Youth Department Director Nick Zachos, Commissioner of Youth Maija Reed, Commissioner of Aging Robyn Waters, Fire Commissioner Tim Hutchings, Second Assistant Fire Chief Nicolas Pierro, Police Chief Ed Moore, Department

of Public Works Superintendent Robert Perry, Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow, Code Enforcement Officer Craig Haigh
Absent: Second Ward Alderman Dewan Sarowar

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing and live-streamed on YouTube at Hudson City Zoom Meetings.

Reports and Communications

The Council received Minutes of its April 12 Informal meeting, the Tourism Board (April 5 and 12), and its ad hoc committees for inclusionary zoning, alternate side parking, sidewalks, solar farm and properties.

Department Reports

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Pierro reported 17 alarms in April, including one large structure fire in Philmont that occurred during the week when manpower was sparse. The department was awarded a grant of more than \$30,000 for 20 portable radios. He said the source of the grant would be revealed once it was received and approved. Work on the new ladder truck was on schedule and pictures of it should be available next month.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Campbell reported that the 2020 annual update document was complete and would be posted on the city website. A kickoff meeting for the 2020 audit was held last week and auditors were scheduled to come in June. She hoped the process would be completed by August.

Borrowing increased to \$4.1 million and was rescheduled. The city will borrow for a new firetruck, Promenade Hill Park, the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) and the state Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA). A bond anticipation note (BAN) with about \$35,000 in interest is due in 2022. The official statement and due diligence questionnaire are complete and will be posted on the city website. The second round of borrowing this year will be for the balance of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and New York Power Association street lights.

In operational matters, Ms. Campbell said final transfer resolutions for 2020 would be presented this month and the state Comptroller's Office corrective action planning would begin once the audit was complete. Ms. Campbell said her office had been working with Azavar and MuniRevs to address out of compliance short term rental owners and notices would be sent to them this week.

Ms. Campbell said the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program and eligible uses of funding. The amount awarded will be based on population, but specific allocation amounts for non-entitlement municipalities are not yet available.

Once the amount is finalized, the city will receive the funds from the state, which will be allocated \$774.2 million for non-entitlement cities, villages and towns. Funds can be used for many projects, but can't be used against taxes.

She next addressed 2021 budget actuals through April. Parking revenues were \$225,495 for the year to date, or 32 percent of budget. The amount was 11 percent higher than the same period in 2020. Ms. Campbell also reported on revenues from violations provided by the Hudson Parking Bureau--\$77,244 total for the first quarter of 2020 versus \$99,092 in the same period this year. The largest amounts were from meter violations (\$54,925) and wrong side parking (\$34,125).

Revenues from building permits and fees were at 41 percent of budget at \$55,762.

Ms. Campbell said the city had total assets of \$8.2 million and liabilities of \$2.5 million, with an unassigned fund balance of \$2,394,240. "Everything came in where we expected it to. Most of the departments were really good about curbing their expenditures." Mr. DePietro said it was a great relief to know that the city was not in such bad fiscal condition as previously noted.

Ms. Garriga asked if there was any funding that could be used by the Youth Department for its summer outdoors program. Ms. Campbell said that was a question for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but in her opinion, any budget amendment should go toward the senior center, which doesn't have an employee. Mr. DePietro said there was money in the budget for a part-time employee, but the position was vacant. Ms. Campbell said a full-time employee would make all the difference.

Aging Department

Ms. Waters said there was money in her budget for a part-time employee, but there was not enough for cleaning staff, so the Department of Public Works (DPW) was helping out as much as possible. The senior center could not open safely without that. The county's meal site is scheduled to open May 24 at the central firehouse and she hoped the senior center would open the same day, but she didn't have staff. Additional funding would be needed for programs at the center.

Ms. Waters said she was aiming to make the senior center a working department. That would require a full-time employee and a charter revision because there was no senior center when the charter was written. She asked for a resolution to make a department only for senior citizens. Mr. DePietro said there was support for such, but it would have to be reviewed by Mr. Baker.

Ms. Garriga asked if there was any staff at present. Ms. Waters said there was one. There used to be two part-timers who worked 11 hours each and a part-time cleaner. Ms. Garriga also asked if there was anyone at the center who spoke Spanish. She noted the importance of having people who could speak different languages. Ms. Waters said funding was needed to do such. She hoped to hire someone from the local community who would serve as the anchor and oversee all activities at the center. Mr. DePietro suggested upgrading the position to full-time or adding another employee. Ms. Waters agreed that another position was needed. Ms. Trombley fully supported making aging its own department and said the move was overdue. She also noted the importance of encouraging different cultural groups to participate.

Ms. Waters reported that an Aging with Dignity grant had been received and would be used to create memory kits that could be borrowed from the library and returned.

Mr. Walker said he would proud of Ms. Waters' diligence in getting things done for seniors. Fourth Ward Supervisor Linda Mussmann asked if there was any impact on seniors having to go the firehouse for meals instead of the senior center. Ms. Waters said it was more of an expansion; parties were working to enhance what already existed so there was no overlap. The

county pays rent to use the firehouse. Ms. Mussmann asked why the county left the senior center. Ms. Waters said the firehouse had been looked at before and had better parking. The change is permanent.

Youth Department

Mr. Zachos announced the selection of Liz York as the new Youth Department director. She was to begin work Friday and he was to leave the same day. "It's going to be a great new phase for the Youth Department," he said.

Staff was putting together the foundation for the summer camp program, scheduled July 5 to August 12. It will be broken into groups of 15 to start due to COVID-19. There will be a cap on the number of youth who can register for summer camp until the department knows how many the Health Department will allow. At present, the goal is to have four groups of 15. The first 60 to sign up will get in and the rest will be put on a waiting list. The number of pods and children in each will increase, hopefully to 100, he said. "We're very aware that many families were hit hard by COVID," he said, so the department was making an effort to "provide a safe and fun program this summer and give parents a little break."

The department will be able to offer swimming at Oakdale and possibly swim lessons, though Mr. Zachos said there would be many restrictions. Lifeguard training would be offered, with 12 scholarships for training awarded.

He said the Health Department gave approval for field trips and food. He used that to segue into the department's budget, which was cut by roughly \$12,000 due to the city's revenue shortfalls. The change mostly impacted the summer camp and Oakdale. "I would love to see the Common Council replenish some of those funds taken out," he said. He also challenged the Council to approve a resolution for a pay hike for the new director. Mr. DePietro told him to send the information so it could be prepared for presentation at the next full Council meeting.

Mr. Zachos said virtual programming was ongoing. Repairs and improvements to the Youth Center were completed. The big project left was the audio-visual room. There is green screen inside, which has added to the amount of video programming.

A lifeguard chair that was in bad shape was taken down. Donations were being sought for a new one. There was no drop-in program in the spring, but Mr. Zachos hoped that the bicycle co-op and basketball program would resume. The summer program was scheduled to open May 15.

Mr. Zachos was given kudos by Mr. DePietro for what he had done at the Youth Center. Mr. Walker agreed and said "you've had a very large impact on this community and the kids. You've left huge shoes to fill." Ms. Garriga said Mr. Zachos's "dedication to kids has been tremendous." She looked forward to meeting Ms. York. Mr. Zachos said there were not a huge number of applications for the position, but when Ms. York's application arrived "our jaws dropped." Her last job was at a residential treatment facility, which gave her experience with large groups and budgets. "She really comes with everything." Mr. Zachos said the staff and families of youths who participated in the department's programs were involved in the hiring process.

Mr. Lewis asked how youths responded to news of Mr. Zachos's departure. "It's been a hard thing," Mr. Zachos said. The news was posted on social media, but there still may be some who don't know there will be someone new in charge. He said he probably would have to go to

summer camp to let some of the youths know. He added that he lived just two blocks away and probably would remain very involved. “The kids will miss you deeply,” Mr. Walker said.

Assistant Chief Pierro took note of the request to have funding returned. He said the Fire Department gave back 10 percent of its budget, which amounted to \$24,000. He asked if all departments would be able to ask for funds. Mr. DePietro said they could, but couldn’t guarantee fulfillment.

Department of Public Works

DPW Superintendent Perry began his Sewer Department report with the announcement that septage revenue totaled \$29,143 for March.

More than 20 tons of grit was removed at a cost of \$15,000. He said dirt collected in the sweeper cost the city about \$20,000 a year to collect. Once it hits the collection system and mixes with feces, etc., it becomes grit.

In another matter, upgrades to the Power Avenue and Mill Street pump stations were nearly complete and entering the punch list, warranty and release of retainage phase. Project close-out was anticipated within 60 days.

He said the city had been experiencing a fluctuation in water pressure. Staff increased flow to the plant by getting rid of air in the main. But that caused hysteresis. One valve opens to increase flow then another opens in the opposite direction to equalize. However staff saw broad spikes in back pressure on the transmission main. With a second pressure reducing valve back pressure was reduced by 10 pounds per square inch, so staff will install a permanent one in a meter pit outside of the plant. The goal is to reduce pressure to 50 pounds per square inch so there are no concussion waves.

Transmission main cleaning and hydrant flushing was to start in the next month.

Mr. Perry said Promenade Hill Park was a live project. The site was fenced off and closed for demolition. National Grid cut power to the lights in the park because all the poles will be taken down and new lights placed in different areas. He said A. Colarusso and Son Inc. was anxious to do work in the park.

In the meantime, staff had done striping prior to the Warren Street Seasonal Use Program. A barricade at the Park Theater served as a beta test for the program. It was not a difficult process, but the barriers weigh about 2,400 pounds each. He requested help from the Police Department because people parked there even though it was posted. Planters also were put in place. The Claverack and Greenport highway departments would be called in to help with the remainder of Warren Street. Ms. Trombley said it was a large logistical job and coordination with neighbors also was an accomplishment.

Mr. Perry said he took an inventory of vehicles and four were removed that had more than 20 years of service. The target vehicle life is 10 years, according to Albany General Services, and the state Comptroller’s Office lists a recommended life of four to eight years. Mr. Perry said when the department sends its old vehicles to auction it gets little money “because they’re basically scrap.” Mr. DePietro asked if grants were available for vehicles. Mr. Perry said perhaps, but for something specialized.

An advanced detail plan for the Ferry Street bridge was to be submitted to the state Department of Transportation in the next week. He said there was concern over the weight of the fill on the side of the existing abutment. The engineer proposed a lightweight foamed glass aggregate so there would be no stress on the wall.

Resident Bill Huston asked for the number of DPW employees. Mr. Perry said it was seasonal, but there were around 25 full time employees. When asked, he thought one of them was a person of color.

Mr. Huston also complained that the crosswalk at Third and Columbia streets was faded. Every crosswalk on Warren Street gets annual maintenance, but the one on Third and Columbia “ignored by you and your crew.”

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Haigh reported that his office’s workload had increased tremendously since 2013. The current workload was due to an addition to code regarding fire inspections. The office has a part-time employee who’s certified to do only that. There are now two part-time employees. On average there are 20 violations, but his office has had as many as 60 to 70. In the past few months 60 violation letters were sent because fire inspections had not been conducted. Property owners are given a chance to get into compliance because they often simply forget, he said.

Vacant properties had become a concern of residents and Mr. Haigh said he had a list of them, 44 in all, reduced from 50. The section of code regarding vacant buildings, adopted in 2018, was somewhat complicated in terms of collecting data. He said the office was late getting notices out to property owners, as required in Chapter 91 of the City Code. He said staff had been learning the new section of the code plus dealing with the additional workload. “We’re finally at a spot where we feel we can deal with it,” he said.

There has been some misunderstanding of the difference between an unoccupied building and a vacant one. A vacant building is uninhabitable. An unoccupied building is defined in the code as one not being used for an occupancy authorized by the owner, City Code and all applicable building codes. The code requires that vacant buildings be registered and an annual fee is levied. He said the code carried a hefty fine for violations—no more than \$1,000 per day of the violation, imprisonment for no more than a year or both. Mr. Haigh said property owners were given the opportunity to correct the violation before entering the penalty phase.

Police Department

Police Chief Moore reported 24 arrests in April, all misdemeanors and none requiring use of force. There were four cases where officers had to deal with emotionally disturbed persons and four overdoses. Two persons died from overdoses related to fentanyl. The cases are under investigation.

Chief Moore addressed staffing. The department has 22 on staff and had interviewed four candidates, two from Hudson. The issue at hand was that they had not gone through the Police Academy, which would keep them away for 10 months. He said that also correlated to the budget. The department was holding its own percentagewise, but the summer months were unpredictable. “That’s why we’re rushing to get an officer position filled. We don’t want to let our guard down.”

Chief Moore said details had to be worked out regarding civilian interpreters, which were suggested by Ms. Garriga last month. “We don’t want it to swerve into criminal cases,” he said, so interpreters would be used when they were not be involved in the legal process. A flyer would be drafted for distribution in the city’s wards.

Chief Moore reported that a bear visited Hudson today. He also said the department was working with the Hudson City School District to paint over graffiti. Work also was being done on a memorial garden at the police station.

The chief was asked if there were funds to send the individuals to the academy and he there was, the problem was immediacy and worry about overtime, losing an officer to illness or injury and vacations. Plus, there might not be a Police Academy offered until fall. Aldermen discussed the details of the no-hiring policy and asked for clarification.

Supervisor Mussmann thanked the chief and Police Commissioner Shane Bower for adding a “no turn on right” sign at Columbia and North Fourth streets.

Ms. Garriga raised a speeding issue on Front Street heading to the train station and asked about a stop sign in the area. Ms. Trombley said she spoke with the chief about signs on Union Street and had a date to walk around the area with DPW Commissioner Bujanow. She said there were traffic lights on Union Street at Fifth and Third streets, but none on Fourth Street, which created a thoroughfare.

Chief Moore said a car seat program was set for May 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the central fire station. He said more than half of people who need car seats for their vehicles did not know how to install them.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were introduced for consideration at the Council’s regular meeting on May 18

- Appointment of Pamela Hoiland, Stephanie Hoffman, Jonathan Yager, David C. Miller Jr., Linda Mussmann, Dewan A. Sarowar and Kathy Bensen as Commissioners of Deeds from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Authorizing Mayor Kamal Johnson to sign a contract with LBS Ecological of Ithaca for \$19,375 to conduct an inventory of park and street trees in the city and to help prepare a forest management plan. The Conservation Advisory Council received a \$20,000 grant to retain the forester. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Authorizing Mayor Johnson to accept a \$100,000 donation from the Colarusso Family to support the Promenade Hill Park project. Bids for the project came in higher than expected so more funding was needed. The H. van Ameringen Foundation also made a donation of \$650,000. Introduced by Ms. Halloran and seconded by Ms. Garriga.

- Authorizing use of \$17,500 of Tourism Board funds as the local match of a grant for a parking improvement feasibility study. Introduced by Ms. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Lewis.

- Designation of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month. Introduced by Ms. Garriga and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Approving the hiring of Gary Purnhagen of Hudson as manager of the Warren Street Seasonal Use Program for 2021 at a salary of \$15,000 to be paid from Tourism Board funds. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Trombley.

- Authorizing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) renovations at City Hall and issuance of no more than \$475,000 in serial bonds to finance the work. A second resolution would authorize Mayor Johnson to sign a donation agreement with the Galvan Initiatives Foundation. Mr. Lewis was put in the waiting room so he couldn’t hear or participate in discussion of the second resolution because he is employed by Galvan. Ms. Garriga protested

Mr. Lewis being asked to leave. Mr. Baker said there were clear rulings regarding such to avoid inadvertent influence. Ms. Garriga asked for copies of the rulings.

Mr. Baker said both resolutions were put forward to show the U.S. Department of Justice that it was taking steps toward a settlement agreement regarding ADA accessibility of city offices.

The Foundation offered the city \$100,000 to study the feasibility of adapting the former library at 400 State Street for use as City Hall. If the city decided it was feasible, the Foundation agreed to donate the building to the city, along with an additional \$1,400,000 for renovations. The city won't have any obligation if it should decide not to move ahead with renovations. Further, no decision would be made by the Council until public comments were considered.

To move quickly with ADA compliance, proceeding with bonds seemed to be a no-brainer, Mr. Rosenthal said. "That has to be cleared up before we do anything with Galvan." He understood that there were tax credits for the library. He also said the city could find itself with "an albatross of a building." Money would be better used for affordable housing, he said.

Ms. Garriga said the proposal wasn't intended to create something lavish for the Common Council, but something better for the people.

Mr. DePietro said the downside to renovations of the current city hall wouldn't make it fully ADA compliant. Mr. Merante countered that the city would have a year to conduct a study of the library building and anything further could take five to eight years. "We can address the ADA problem more quickly," he said.

The Galvan resolution was introduced by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Garriga. Mr. Lewis was allowed to return to the meeting. Ms. Trombley introduced the measure for renovations to city hall and bonds to pay for them. Ms. Garriga offered a second.

Local Law

Members received a copy of a proposed Sidewalk ADA Law, which would amend the city code to require all sidewalks to be set to the slope, grade width, pitch and location established by the commissioner of public works. The specifications will, at a minimum, comply with ADA standards for accessible design.

Dock Space Agreement

Ms. Wolff said she didn't feel members had enough time to consider options and what was being determined by a vote on a license agreement for use of the city dock. The vote approving the agreement with Hudson Cruises Inc. for \$5,500 was approved during a special meeting conducted prior to the Informal meeting. She said aldermen should have been given both proposals—from Hudson Cruises and the Hudson Sloop Club—and asked to vote on one or the other. She asked whether another motion could be presented to introduce the second option for leasing the dock. Mr. DePietro said it could, but he didn't see what it would accomplish. Ms. Wolff said some have cast their votes based on what was stated. Mayor's Aide Michael Chameides said the mayor had not yet signed the contract so the council could rescind its vote. He noted the sense of urgency tied to the proposal, which would delay getting boats into the water.

Mr. Merante said there should not have been a time crunch and that he was uncomfortable with the vote. He noted that Hudson Cruises received Tourism Board funds last year.

Ms. Garriga made a motion asking Mayor Kamal Johnson to table executing a contract until the council reviewed both applications. Mr. Rosenthal offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Ms. Garriga shared information regarding a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic May 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. outside of Bliss Towers. The clinic would be moved inside to the community room in the event of rain. Information on the vaccine and side effects was available in English, Spanish and Bengali.

\ Mr. Chameides said a truck study meeting was conducted last week and that phase of the project was coming to a close. More outreach had to be done with Greenport and Claverack. All of the grant money was not used, so it would go toward outreach to the neighboring towns so long as the council approved a change order.

Mr. Chameides said the city was nearing the next phase of the Hudson Connects project. The first phase estimated the scope and outreach. The next phase would involve a significant amount of outreach, like a request for proposals for an engineering plan. The city was 90 percent of the way there with Arterial.

Public Comment

Resident Ronald Kopnicki asked if the combining the Kaz and Dunn properties as a package was absolutely out of the question. Mr. Chameides said it was a great idea to package the two. The city reached out to the Hudson Development Corporation (HDC), which owns the Kaz site, but received “mixed messages.” In the last conversation, the HDC said it was not interested in working with the city at this time.

Mr. Kopnicki noted that the Dunn property was in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) area and was owned by the city. Mr. DePietro said the Dunn building was not on the list of properties being considered for sale or other uses by the council’s ad hoc property committee. Mr. Chameides said the Dunn property would be a prominent project whether leased or sold, and any decision regarding it would involve public information and comment. “Nothing is going on behind the scenes,” he said.

Mr. Kopnicki asked if the ad hoc property committee would be the conduit for information regarding the Dunn site. Mr. DePietro said for now it would not. Ms. Wolff said it was a legitimate question about how information on the DRI was being funneled to the public. Mr. DePietro said DRI projects were prioritized and the public had been engaged in each of them. There had been no news to report except for the Promenade Hill project. Mr. Chameides welcomed the council’s help in getting the word out and added that documents regarding the DRI were posted on the city website. “So the website is the source?” Ms. Wolff asked. “The website is the most comprehensive way to get out information,” Mr. Chameides replied. Anyone who wanted information on other DRI projects should contact him.

Ms. Garriga made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sidewalks

May 18, 2021

In attendance: Common Council President Tom DiPietro, Aldermen Dewan Sarowar, Malachi Walker, Dominic Merante and Calvin Lewis Jr., Alderperson Tiffany Garriga, Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Britt Zuckerman, a landscape architect who is a nominee for membership on the Conservation Advisory Council, spoke about how to deal with stormwater runoff from sidewalks to prevent sewer system overflows through use of a bioswale system. Bioswales are vegetated, shallow landscape depressions designed to capture, treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff as it moves downstream. They are an aesthetically-pleasing alternative to concrete gutters because they use plant materials and specialized soil mixes to treat, absorb and convey stormwater runoff. Bioswales are typically linear and work best when installed in parking lots and along roadways and sidewalks. They may be constructed in any location provided there is a mild slope. Bioswales are not appropriate in areas with steep or unstable slopes due to the risk of erosion. They also do not require excessive maintenance.

She also spoke about the effect of tree roots on sidewalks, in addition to lack of expansion joints that results in cracking and popping, and no continuity in design. Mr. DiPietro asked if that was the reason the trees on Union Street were not ideal. Ms. Zuckerman, without criticizing another professional's work, said it was probably designed by a civil engineer, whose main goal is moving water off site. A landscape architect would take a different approach. She said bioswales are like a rain garden. Plantings would encourage pollinators.

Mr. DiPietro asked how the city would deal with trees that had already broken through the pavement. Ms. Garriga asked if any pictures or diagrams could be provided so she could see what bioswales looked like. She was not as concerned with appearances but rather the way they might affect senior citizens and people with disabilities. Ms. Zuckerman said everyone should be able to move through in their own way. The bioswales would include curb cuts and protective tree grating for aesthetics and provide a sense of comfort for a person in a wheelchair. The bioswales also could provide an opportunity for an educational component.

CAC member Hilary Hillman said State Street could be narrower for cars with wider sidewalks to accommodate trees and pedestrians. That would slow traffic and make the area "feel more neighborly." There also could be bump-outs on the street corners. Mr. DiPietro said the downtown revitalization initiative committee would probably experiment with bump-outs, see how they work and whether they could be transferred to other areas of the city.

Ms. Zuckerman said there were green deserts in the city that had to be addressed. Ms. Garriga asked what would happen if property owners didn't want a tree. Mr. DiPietro said that was not part of the sidewalk law being proposed.

Mr. Baker said two things were being considered--a law to include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and a sidewalk district to pay for improvements to standards contained therein. He said Ms. Zuckerman talked about a wholesale change in sidewalk standards. This kind of planning is more ambitious and could be a good idea. It could also affect

how the city approaches the assessment law. “It won't be a one-size-fits-all approach.” He suggested she work with Mr. Bujanow and DPW Superintendent Rob Perry on how to roll out the ideas and laws to residents.

Mr. Baker did not have a mock-up of the law. He said Ms. Zuckerman brought up new issues that could affect the draft. Also, no decision had been made yet on what to do regarding streets with no sidewalks. Ms. Garriga suggested that Ms. Zuckerman meet with the Common Council to talk about areas to be included in the sidewalk district. Ms. Zuckerman pointed out that another benefit of the bioswale design was that it was cheaper than concrete. The city could employ a standard that installers were comfortable with.

Resident Matt McGhee said many homes on Warren Street were antiques and water should be made to run away from them to avoid rotting of foundations, wet basements and more. Though most of Hudson was paved over, there were still plenty of places to absorb rain. Past standard was to plant trees with roots that grew downward and didn't damage sidewalks, but now trees with roots that grew outward were used. He said there were not a lot of reasons most of the time “to do these runoff things.”

Ms. Zuckerman said the idea was to hold water on site and that there should be a two percent pitch away from buildings, in addition to providing ADA compliance. Mr. McGhee still felt that runoff would go toward houses instead of into the sewer system. Ms. Zuckerman replied that he was not 100 percent accurate and added that a perforated pipe could be used to drain water faster.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on City-owned Properties

May 26, 2021

In attendance: Common Council President Tom DePietro, Alderpersons Rebecca Wolff and Jane Trombley

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Code Enforcement

Mr. DePietro said it appeared the city would find a new home for the Code Enforcement Office, probably in the form of a rental. Renting a pod could be pricey. Despite an uptick in real estate prices, the cost of rental office space is not as expensive. Code Enforcement Officer Craig Haigh would have to approve a new site, which would have to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, before the city moved forward. Any rental agreement would have to go to the full Council for approval.

The committee would then have to decide the future of the current Code Enforcement Office. Mr. DiPietro said it was worth getting a new appraisal, given what's going on in real estate. Besides the first floor office the building has two apartments, which are currently vacant. Ms. Trombley asked if they were dated. Mr. DePietro said they were and even the code enforcement space would need renovations. The last appraisal of the building was fairly high and

the building's fundamentals, such as the foundation, "things that cost you a fortune," are okay, he said.

Cemetery Office

The house in the cemetery also could be considered for sale. it houses the cemetery office and used to be rented to a former city employee. Ms. Wolff asked if the Code Enforcement Office could be moved there. Mr. DePietro said the building was not ADA compliant.

Reservoir House

The building near the reservoir is empty and was damaged by water. At one point the city talked to the Columbia County Department of Social Services about using it as a warming center for the homeless. The reservoir/treatment plant sits to the right and is surrounded by a fence. Ms. Wolff asked if there was any land attached. Resident Michael Hofmann, who provided photos of the sites, said that house and the cemetery office were part of larger parcels. Ms. Wolff asked if there were any ways the city could use the reservoir house. Mr. DePietro said there was. Ms. Trombley said the committee shouldn't presume that no one's interested. "It's quiet up there," she said. Mr. DePietro said the problem is the front of the property is just pavement and slopes downward. There are many trees behind it.

Ms. Wolff asked if the committee had a mission. Mr. DePietro answered in the affirmative: "to think about city-owned properties."

Montgomery Street

There also has been interest in the Montgomery Street property. Ben Fain, who owns two properties that border the street, asked to purchase that portion. The city is waiting for an appraisal, which is required before the property can be sold. In the meantime, Mr. DePietro said the next property owner along the street now wants to buy the portion of Montgomery Street that runs behind their property.

The Hudson Development Corporation (HDC) quizzed him about the Montgomery Street property. He said HDC had set a special meeting for June 1 to consider sale of the nearby Kaz site. Ms. Wolff said it was curious that the full HDC board did not have full information regarding disposition of the property. "They taught their transparency often," Mr. DePietro said. There was no vote on a request for proposals, but there are two potential buyers, he added.

Land Trust

Mr. DePietro said there were other parcels owned by the city and people were interested in buying them. He said he was aware of those that are developable. Ms. Wolff suggested the committee talk about creation of a Community Land Trust next month. Ms. Trombley asked how it would be funded, such as a small tax on projects. She was referring to a land bank, in which property would be held in trust. Ms. Wolff said with a trust, the land is to be used in particular ways. There are various ways to fund a housing trust fund and the city's housing justice manager, to be paid from a grant, would work on that.

Former Landfill

Mr. DePietro said the former city landfill site might be used for a solar array after all. "Some would say it's a bad idea because the city would have to assume liability for the landfill,"

he said. “The past two mayors were afraid to touch it and both rejected the idea for fear of liability.” Ms. Wolff asked if there were any potential hazards. Mr. DePietro said leakage was a concern. At present, the property is “only used by illegal off-road vehicles.” The Conservation Advisory Council and Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow are working on potential use of the site. Land on either side of the landfill could be used for solar as well, Mr. DePietro added.

Mr. Hofmann suggested that the city try to improve its relationship with the native Munsee by exploring an easement with the tribe. The Open Space Institute and Rensselaer County recently deeded property to the tribe. Mr. Hofmann said North Bay might be an option.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on Solar Farm Placement

May 26, 2021

In attendance: Common Council President Tom DePietro, Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr., Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow

The meeting began at 6:18 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Mr. Bujanow met with Mr. DePietro to identify two properties that could be potential sites for a solar array—the former Atlas Brickyard and a nearby vacant parcel on North Second Street. Mr. Bujanow also spoke with county Board of Supervisors Deputy Chairman Ron Knott and learned that the properties had been surveyed. An Environmental Protection Agency study of Columbia County’s closed landfills was conducted, but the Hudson site was not included. All were found suitable for use specifically as solar farms.

Mr. Bujanow said solar power had become a popular idea in the last few years and solar arrays could be found from Long Island to Buffalo and everywhere in between. A couple of developers have become experts in solar arrays. The city would like to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to provide solar power on the two parcels identified. The RFP would allow a developer to lease the land for 25 to 30 years. It would be a fixed lease agreement. The developer would be responsible for meeting any requirements of the EPA, state Department of Environmental Conservation and any other agencies. Mr. Bujanow said the developer would get the interconnect permits and sell electricity to the city. The city would put conditions in the agreement and ask the developer to provide different arrangements so the city could choose the best one.

Mr. Bujanow said there was a solar array in Guilderland that was built by a Wappinger Falls company. The project took a few years to put together, “but it was well worth it,” he said. The only thing left to study was liability.

Mr. DePietro said survey maps were done by Starr Whitehouse on behalf of the ColumbiaLand Conservancy (CLC). The CLC was trying to create a trail over the landfill, Mr.

Bujanow said, and with development of the Empire State Trail, that could still happen. “They obviously understood the condition of the landfill,” Mr. DePietro said.

Mr. Bujanow said both properties should be looked at to see what responses the city would get. It was noted that the land off of the Charles Williams property was owned by the Hudson Industrial Development Agency. Mr. DePietro asked why the two former mayors were reluctant to develop the site. Mr. Bujanow said the reluctance was due to the landfill cap’s sensitivity to placement of solar panels. Current technology prevents the panels from moving and potentially damaging the cap. “The county was not keen about people traipsing over the cap and damaging it so it leaked,” he said.

The Conservation Advisory Council asked that pollinators be considered in any solar installation. Mr. Bujanow said that path had been gathering interest. He was not fully informed on the process, but agreed to explore it for possible inclusion in the RFP.

Mr. DePietro asked if a draft RFP could be available by the next meeting. Mr. Bujanow answered in the affirmative and said it would be comprehensive, using guidance from a number of sources, including the New York State Energy, Research and Development Agency and New York Power Authority. The language, he said, would be familiar to developers, some of whom had been doing such work since 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Tourism Board

Special Meeting
April 19, 2021

In attendance: Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr., chairman; Tamar Adler; Kate Treacy; Chris McManus; Hannah Black; Selha Graham; Kristan Keck; Ivy Dane

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. It was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Black Entrepreneur Market

Tiffany Garriga and Elise McMahon gave a presentation on a Black Entrepreneur Market proposal. Ms. Garriga organized a first-ever entrepreneurs market at the waterfront last August. She started by collecting names of young entrepreneurs of color in the city with a goal of introducing businesses owned by people of color so they were known in the community. Opportunities hadn’t been finding people of color, so there was a need to create a space for them to thrive. Though limited by COVID-19 to more than 10 black-owned vendors and a deejay, she deemed the event a success as each vendor sold out. Among the offerings were a variety of foods, jewelry, and health and beauty products, as well as free entertainment and snacks for children. Building bonds between diverse groups was at the core of the market experience.

The goal this year is to offer a monthly market from May through October. With COVID-19 under control, she hoped for more vendors and public participation.

What happens behind the scenes is just as important. Last year a decorator created an archway of balloons in African American colors at the entryway to the waterfront park. Volunteers helped with cleanup, provided masks, handed out snacks to children and checked bathrooms for supplies. Ms. McMahon said this year's proposal asked for \$15,000 to pay six to seven people, all black, for the market each month, as well as Ms. Garriga. Funding also would go toward performers and deejays. Ms. McMahon added that the market also would provide a weekend economic structure that would allow networking with black entrepreneurs. Connections were made because of last year's market. For example, after introduction, Wunderbar restaurant now carries vendor Shakespeare's barbecue sauce.

Mr. McManus asked how the event would be promoted. Ms. Garriga said a website (blackentrepreneurmarket.org) would be launched that would include pictures from last year's events, links to vendors and a link to give donations. "Old-fashioned flyers" also would be used for promotions, she added. "Word is spreading and interest is growing." Ms. McMahon added that a portion of the budget was dedicated to signage and advertising.

"Tiffany has great promotional energy," Ms. McMahon said. "To have her paid to do this had ripple effects."

Ms. Black asked if there was a plan to make the event self-funded in the future. Ms. McMahon said there would be a \$25 vendor fee for each of the six markets. With 10 vendors each month, \$3,000 would be generated to go toward future markets.

Ms. Garriga said her main goal was to help black-owned businesses expand and grow, "to continue getting them on that business path." She has communicated with the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), Hudson Community Incubator and Basilica Farm and Flea. Ms. Garriga said she also had been working with the Galvan Foundation to place businesses of people of color in its storefronts.

The board decided to vote on the application at its next meeting April 26 at 5 p.m.

Regenerative Tourism

Alderman Rebecca Wolff introduced the board to regenerative tourism, which she recently read about in the *New York Times*. Regenerative tourism is the idea that tourism leaves a place better than it was before, as opposed to sustainability, which leaves something as it is so it exists in a constant state.

Ms. Wolff said it was basically a step toward equality, "how to create more positive effects on the climate and planet." She hoped that the board would work with the Conservation Advisory Council and the city as a whole "on ways we can basically create an economy of meaning."

She offered to facilitate a talk with Bill Reed, an architect and principal of Regenesi Group, a design firm based in Massachusetts and New Mexico, about what regenerative tourism would look like for Hudson and some of the ways it would play out. Ms. Treacy said a presentation would be helpful and that she would collaborate with her. "Tourists want to discover what's really in a place," Ms. Wolff said.

Pocket Park Forum

Mr. McManus reported that the first brainstorming session about activating pocket parks was enthusiastic and generated many ideas such as music, group exercises, film screenings, visual art programs and food vendors. Operation Unite had several representatives on hand, as did the Hudson Business Coalition. He said there was concern about striking a balance between

renters on Warren Street and those who don't. He asked members to think about how its role in activating parks as part of the summer program. "We're already seeing that the sparks are flying. The ideas are still flowing."

Mr. Lewis asked if there was any discussion about events that required Wifi. Mr. McManus said there was none, but electricity was a topic. Wifi and lighting will be added to the list.

Warren Street Seasonal Use Project

Ms. Treacy said 50-plus businesses were interested in participating in the Warren Street Seasonal Use Project. She was working with Department of Public Works Superintendent Rob Perry about the barriers needed and arrangements. Some businesses might want to share spaces on the streets, she said. Mr. Perry is coordinating purchase and placement of the barriers.

Probably 50 planters will be needed. She hoped for donations. Michael Conti of Grace Gardens gave a proposal to provide plants and design for the planters. "As long as businesses take care of them, they will be an asset," she said. Mr. McManus liked the approach and choice of plants. "Beautification is often overlooked as part of tourism," he said. Ms. Graham asked if bids should be sought, especially since there were many up and coming landscapers. Ms. Treacy asked if the proposal qualified in the same ways since Mr. Conte was donating his time and resources. Common Council President Tom DePietro said it did not. The board unanimously approved spending up to \$12,500 for Grace Gardens to design, purchase and oversee planting the planters and up to \$2,500 to repair and stain them.

Ms. Treacy also addressed funding for lost parking space revenues during the program. The donors from last year were not interested. She was to check with City Treasurer Heather Campbell about how much revenue would be lost.

Mr. DePietro said he spoke with Ms. Campbell regarding the Tourism Board's budget. About \$60,000 would remain after payment of outstanding grants and \$50,000 of that had been committed to Project Hudson 2.0. He suggested that a fee might have to be imposed for parking spaces if an underwriter was not found. Mr. McManus was reluctant to ask for a fee from those businesses that struggled during the pandemic. On the other hand, some did well, so perhaps the fee could be presented on a need basis. Ms. Black said \$200, the same as last year, seemed reasonable. Ms. Keck suggested some kind of hybrid to offset the cost. Ms. Black suggested a system similar to that used by Rolling Grocer, which is income-based. Ms. McManus said there could be an honor system in which businesses could pay what they could. Ms. Graham suggested a lottery in which 10 winners would have their parking fees paid. Ms. Treacy agreed to speak to businesses regarding a fee of \$200 or \$300 to gauge their interest.

Project Hudson 2.0

Ms. Black reported that the English and Spanish versions of the Project 2.0 applications had been input into Survey Monkey and the Bangla version would be proofread and done by the end of the week. Deadlines for all of the final applications had been pushed back, as had the date of an information session.

FOIA Requests

Mr. Lewis told members that the city clerk's office was taxed by a number of Freedom of Information Act requests and wondered if some funds could be diverted for such. Ms. Treacy

wanted to be conservative with funds, but also didn't want to see the clerk's office burdened. She also said it wasn't a good use of board members' time. Ms. Graham said that's why she was interested in a branding aspect—swag—to regenerate funds. “Without Airbnb money, it's kind of sparse,” she said. “It (swag) could be another source of cash flow. There are a number of things Hudson is known for.”

Mr. McManus said it was a tough situation to conserve money and not overtax the clerk's office. “It's not us taxing, it's the person FOIAing,” Ms. Black said. Ms. Keck asked if the board was allowed to give funds for such. Mr. Lewis said board members should do the legwork by providing information to the clerk.

Ms. Treacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. McManus and approved unanimously.

Tourism Board

Special Meeting
April 26, 2021

In attendance: Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr., chairman; Tamar Adler; Kate Treacy; Chris McManus; Hannah Black; Selha Graham; Kristan Keck; Ivy Dane

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m. It was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Second Saturdays

Ellen Simpson, Jeremy Bullis and Susan Eley gave a presentation on a proposed Second Saturday Gallery Crawl. They got together to come up with ideas on how to help businesses come back as the pandemic began to wind down. International tourism won't recover quickly, but there will be a trend toward rural, small towns as destinations for staycations and road trips. They wanted to be sure that Hudson got its fair share of “revenge spending.”

Ms. Simpson made the case for support of arts and culture. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, arts and cultural economic activity, adjusted for inflation, increased 3.7 percent in 2019 and accounted for \$919.7 billion of current-dollar gross domestic product in 2019. The amount in Columbia County was \$177.4 million. Plus, 74 percent of visitors to the county came for arts and culture.

According to Ms. Simpson, arts and culture creates jobs, skill building and quality of life. “It sets our region apart.” Hudson has the most concentrated amount of arts and galleries so a monthly crawl would create regular traffic, attract a target audience that spends and stays, meets a tourists' expectation of an “arty town,” revitalize quiet retail Saturday evenings all year round and create an opportunity for public relations. The crawls would target collectors and buyers, a demographic that focuses on art, design and luxury. The crawls would benefit the county as well, because those who attend would go elsewhere, too. There are similar events in Beacon and Rhinebeck.

Hudson had a community driven Arts Walk in the past. It was a focused event, mostly in the 500 and 500 blocks of Warren Street because that's where most of the galleries were located. The city has changed since then, with a proliferation of high-end lifestyle stores and galleries

below Fifth and Warren. There has been a shift toward the Hudson River and businesses, galleries and such are now evenly distributed on Warren Street.

In addition, not much money was spent on marketing Arts Walk, but Ms. Simpson that would not be the case for the Gallery Crawl. Robust marketing will be directed to New York City, the Hudson Valley and national travel bloggers to support hotels, retailers, restaurants, bars, clubs, galleries and more. A dedicated website is up and running, and will be updated so it is timely and exciting. Social media also will be used.

Ms. Simpson said success would be measured by the increase in revenue and engagement. “We really want to cultivate a ‘Team Hudson’ mentality. Make Hudson this vital, exciting place...” she said.

Besides visiting galleries, the event could make use of pocket parks by local artists and empty storefronts could be transformed into exhibit spaces. The Crawl could provide a platform for events at the riverfront and in Seventh Street Park, and support events for Time and Space Limited, Basilica and Hudson Hall.

Organizers submitted a budget of \$16,500. They plan to partner with the Tourism Board and Hudson Business Coalition on all public relations initiatives. A June 12 launch date was planned to take advantage of summer. Second Saturdays would run through December.

Ms. Treacy asked if anything was being asked of galleries or businesses to be on the map. “It’s been such a devastating year for all of us. It’s really important for us not to ask for money from businesses. We hope to help build back their business,” Ms. Simpson said.

Ms. Dane asked the reach outside of the immediate area. Ms. Simpson said besides those who already come to Hudson, the event would target specific audiences who are arts and culture driven. Organizers plan to use *Chronogram* and *The Brooklyn Rail*, local media, targeted digital formats, the Hudson Walking Guide, posters and such.

Ms. Treacy wondered if *Chronogram* would be enough to attract overnight visitors. Ms. Simpson said late night events might occur and people would rather stay here than drive home. It would be an easy sell if events and activities extended over the weekend. “It’s all about messaging. *Chronogram* has a reach that ripples out. We want the Hudson Valley audience.”

Ms. Keck asked if there were other options if the Tourism Board couldn’t provide funding. Ms. Simpson said the Tourism Board was the first stop and if funding was unavailable, she hoped that the board could direct her to other sources. Organizers would consider and plan on getting sponsors. They have talked to the Columbia County Tourism Department about funding, but hoped that the Tourism Board could come up with the bulk of the funding.

Former resident John Kane asked if there had been any effort to reach out to the Boston or Berkshires markets. Hudson Business Coalition board member Alexandre Petraglia said Boston and Philadelphia had been targeted in the past. Boston was successful, but the Capital Region was not as receptive. “*Chronogram* had a large uptick in subscriptions so it is an effective means to reach a larger geographic net,” he said.

Black Entrepreneur Market

Ms. Black asked if it made sense to have funds for the Black Entrepreneur Market come from the Project Hudson 2.0 account even though that round of funding was not open yet. Mr. Lewis said the market spoke to the initiative. Ms. Treacy said once the board decided to fund Project Hudson 2.0, based on an analysis of remaining Tourism Board funds, members would

need “true clarity before we can fund anything outside of the Warren Street Seasonal Use Program.”

Ms. Treacy asked if members had any thoughts about funding six of the markets up front. Organizer Tiffany Garriga said the idea was to showcase everyone. The market was expanded this year to provide more opportunities. She asked if the board wanted her to downgrade from six to three markets because of her budget. Ms. Treacy said that was not the case; she just wondered about the pricing and wanted to make sure the market was well-attended. Ms. Garriga said the goal was to help entrepreneurs find, apply for and receive grants. “It’s a great opportunity for them to introduce their businesses.”

Ms. Adler said the board could vote sooner if it could determine whether the application fell under Project Hudson 2.0. “It fits exactly inside the parameters of that funding.” She also said the market was “very well thought out and well-structured event.”

Ms. Black asked how many vendors would be at the market at one time. Ms. Garriga said that would depend on any COVID-19 restrictions. There were seven vendors last year, but she hoped to expand to 10 and keep rotating them. Ms. Keck said it could be a base to dovetail with other people’s presentations, but Project Hudson 2.0 had to be opened first. Mr. Lewis said applications should be out by the end of the week. Ms. Treacy said Ms. Garriga shouldn’t have to wait. The process was delayed because translations weren’t done, but it could be opened now and a vote taken.

Mr. Lewis said the board should know that some of the funds would be going to an elected official. Ms. Garriga is a Second Ward alderperson and as such, cannot have a contract with the city. Ms. Garriga said she could work with a third party—last year she worked with Columbia Opportunities and the plan was to work with the Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition this year—for budgetary reasons. Mr. Lewis said the Common Council would have to talk to counsel before it voted on the funding proposal. Members voted unanimously in favor of supporting the Black Entrepreneur Market.

Project Hudson 2.0

Ms. Black said there was still an issue with the Bangli translation of the application, but it should be done by Tuesday. An information session on Project Hudson 2.0 funding was scheduled that date. Ms. Treacy said it should go on even if no one comes. Another session could be organized later to make sure there was an opportunity to ask questions and get feedback.

Pocket Park Forum

Mr. McManus said two brainstorming sessions about activating pocket parks. The first focused on ideation and the second was more tactical. There was “tremendous enthusiasm” for events during the Warren Street Summer Usage Program. Ideas for use included exercise equipment, music, lectures, film screenings, visual arts and food vendors. The programs would have to be very focused and tie into what’s happening, he said, using Second Saturday Crawls and the Black Entrepreneur Market as examples.

Mr. McManus suggested a subcommittee be formed to come up with a concrete plan. Members would come up with one or two options, such as tying events to Second Saturday Crawls. Ms. Treacy said it could be merged into the merchandising subcommittee.

Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program

About 60 businesses wished to participate in the Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program. Ms. Treacy said she was still calculating funding needed for barriers and planters. City Treasurer Heather Campbell calculated that the city lost about \$8,500 in lost parking revenues so Ms. Treacy reached out to businesses regarding fees. Some had no problem with them, some were lukewarm and others said it would be very difficult to deal with fees at this time. She recommended that \$8,500, divided by the number of participating businesses, be earmarked. She said she would have the true cost next week. Ms. Adler said the board was essentially creating a suggested fee and those who couldn't pay would be covered. The board voted unanimously to allocate \$8,500 for parking spaces for the program.

Ms. Treacy hoped to have an update on hiring a project manager next month.

Lastly, she said decisions about planters and barriers were being finalized. Some businesses were willing to share planters. The estimated planting date was Mother's Day weekend.

Mr. McManus made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., which was seconded by Ms. Heck and approved unanimously.

Tourism Board

May 3, 2021

In attendance: Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr., chairman; Tamar Adler; Chris McManus; Hannah Black; Selha Graham; Kristan Keck; Ivy Dane
Excused: Kate Treacy

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. It was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Project Hudson 2.0 Proposal

Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival: Sankofa

Elena Mosley, Juliette Tomlinson and Jennifer Ban of Operation Unite gave a presentation on the Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival and Sankofa, scheduled for August 7-8 at Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. The event started in 1961 and was taken over by Operation Unite in the early 1990s. The event was transformed from a block party to a festival and was moved from Warren Street to the waterfront.

Ms. Ban said a parade would start at Seventh Street Park and proceed down Warren Street to the waterfront. Local organizations, elected officials and families are invited to participate in the parade, which usually features floats, banners, Bindlestiff stilt walkers and more. Grand marshals will be honored again this year. She said Operation Unite will work closely with city and local law enforcement, who participate as well. The first five families to sign up will get free T-shirts.

"It's a big community event for us," Ms. Mosley said.

Last year vendors were limited to 50. When Operation Unite started there were 44 vendors, but that number dwindled over the years because it was not financially advantageous for them. She said marketing to vendors is done earlier now.

Among the activities are environmental-themed performances by Arm of the Sea Theater, which will also conduct a workshop, activities for children, a performance by Mangué Syl representing Guinea, a West African jazz group and talent show.

“It’s not a black event. ...It’s part of the fabric of Hudson,” Ms. Mosley said.

Ms. Tomlinson said as Saturday events wound down, a back-to-school giveaway for grades kindergarten through 12 would be conducted. Support is typically provided to 500 to 1,700. Spark of Hudson is this year’s sponsor and each child will receive a backpack with age-related school supplies.

A sunset service is planned for Sunday that showcases the impact of black churches in the community. Choirs were invited in the past, as well as a mass choir from Albany churches also were invited to send their liturgical dance teams.

The Sankofa portion was included last year as a virtual event that ended up running several months. She anticipated running the virtual portion again. “The virtual life is here to stay,” she said.

To summarize, Ms. Mosley said the festival included more than Operation Unite, including Bindlestiff Family Cirkus, Hudson Hall and Americorps volunteers. “This is not just a little block party,” she said of the city’s longest-running festival. “It is considered part of the fabric of Hudson... so you know it has to go on each year.”

Ms. Graham said she was recuse herself from any decisions on the festival because she planned to be involved in it.

Project Hudson 2.0 Update

Ms. Black and Ms. Graham said great questions were asked regarding the application process for Project Hudson 2.0 funding during the first public information session. There was not a large turnout for the second session. Another will be offered if necessary. Ms. Graham said there was discussion about co-collaboration with Second Saturdays and the Black Arts Festival. Columbia Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Mike Tucker said two attempts were made to test the online application system. No applications had been received yet. He reminded members that the city website had to be updated in regards to the application. Ms. Black said social media and flyers also would be used to generate interest in applications.

Second Saturday Sessions

Shanan Magee, owner of the Park Theater building at 723 Warren Street, gave a presentation on Second Saturday Sessions. He received approval for an event to commemorate the building’s centennial. It opened as a silent movie theater on May 9, 1921. He proposed a series of free concerts kicking off with the centennial, then out in front each Saturday evening. The performers would be inside, but the speakers and listeners would be outside to meet COVID-19 social distancing protocols. “We have the opportunity to put Hudson on center stage. It’s important for us to integrate with the community and visitors through the universal language of music,” Mr. Magee said.

The concerts would cost \$13,900--\$5,000 for five performers—to put on, with \$500 from the Columbia County Tourism Department and the support of the Hudson Business Coalition. He sought \$7,500 from the Tourism Board. Mr. Lewis said any equipment purchased would become city property.

Mr. Magee said listeners would gather in the parking spaces on Warren and any overflow in Seventh Street Park. Ms. Dane asked if any consideration was given to people who live in the area. Mr. Magee said he spoke with businesses, residents and city officials, and “so far, the response has been great.”

Mr. McManus said it was a good model to seek funds from other sources in addition to the Tourism Board. “It’s important to put a little skin in the game,” he said. Mr. Magee replied: “I wouldn’t ask anyone to support anything I wouldn’t do myself.”

Ms. Black asked what his plans were after the events. Mr. Magee said he had none. He signed a lease with a Red Hook furniture maker who’s involved with music and has a “huge project” in the rear of the building as well. “The canvas is fairly wide open. It’s an interesting juxtaposition between silent moves and the sound of music. Having a theater conducive to arts is a tremendous opportunity, especially when the back space is finished.”

Regenerative Tourism

First Ward Alderperson Rebecca Wolff reported that arrangements had been made for a talk on regenerative tourism by Bill Reed. He is an architect and principal of Regenes Group, a design firm based in Massachusetts and New Mexico that has been practicing regenerative design, including tourism projects, since 1995. An outside sponsor was located so no funding was required. The board just needed to come up with a date.

Ms. Wolff said the practice of regenerative tourism was swiftly becoming something that tourism entities want to embrace. Ms. Adler said it could impact the board’s perspective on tourism to one of making the area a better place and cited walkability as an example. “To what degree do we approach it on a citywide level?” she asked. Ms. Wolff said the concept would be “the cherry on top.” There is a lot going on in the city regarding the climate, environment and Hudson as a tourism destination. The city, she said, was “synergistically moving in that direction.” Attracting the kind of tourist who wants to find out what’s happening in the city already—what’s grounded in the city—is the goal.

Pocket Park Forums

Mr. McManus said the board should follow up with Second Saturday Gallery Crawl organizers regarding use of the pocket parks to create a bridge to keep people in the city from the morning, at the farmer’s market for example, to the evening for the Crawl. He would like to reach out to the Hudson Business Coalition and other organizations. Ms. Graham said it was important to devise a calendar to “play off each other’s synergies.”

Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program

Mr. Lewis said that Ms. Treacy, who was excused due to illness, had been keeping in touch with all city department heads and businesses regarding permitting and other matters. Plants would be put in planters May 14 and 15. Volunteers are needed.

Public Comment

Shaina Marron said she and her husband organized a Halloween parade in the city. It was canceled last year because of the pandemic, but they would like to resurrect it. She said the event was never blessed by weather, but always blessed with good and attendance and support of businesses.

Ms. Adler said the board was not making decisions on funding for any projects other than Project Hudson 2.0 until it had a full accounting of funding. Mr. McManus said the city was entering a new phase post-COVID-19 and that there was enthusiasm for new events. He said the board would discuss how to shift its focus as well. Ms. Dane hoped to have an audit of funds done by the next meeting on May 10.

A resident named Sarah liked the Gallery Crawl idea, but said there was a need for public bathrooms if people were going to be in the area all day. She said City Hall of the Hudson Police Department could be asked to open their doors, or larger organizations contacted to sponsor Port-O-Lets in Seventh Street Park.

Ms. Black made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. McManus and approved unanimously.

Communications.

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

- 1) John Kane regarding Tourism Board scheduling.
- 2) Suzanne Snider of Hudson opposing the development of a Municipal Parking Lot located at 602 Washington Street.

Carried.

President DePietro read the following statement:

“The public water supply for the City of Hudson requires that untreated water is captured and collected into the Churchtown Reservoir and it’s delivered to the city via a 16” cast iron water main that was installed in the early 1900’s.

“As part of the annual maintenance, the Water Department sends what’s called a poly-pig with bristles through the main to clean the inside of the tuberculation part and they’ve done this for decades without a problem.

“This year, it got stuck in the water main. Several attempts to dislodge it have proved unsuccessful therefore we are, we are excavating a site near one of our valves to gain access to service. This process is expected to go on well into the night and quite possibly continue into Wednesday.

“The tank is down 20% and will continue to drop as we are unable to produce water at this time. Accordingly, we ask all residents and businesses to conserve water wherever possible. Please refrain from any unnecessary uses like watering lawns or flowers or filling swimming pools or washing cars.

”At the point that our supply continues to drop we will prepare to initiate our back-up water supply, as well as investigate other short-term measures to ensure the quality and availability of our public water supply.

“Thank you for your cooperation – Rob Perry”

On motion of **Alderman Sarowar**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the council members went into executive session to discuss union negotiations/personnel matters. Carried.

Following executive session, the following council members were present: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.

President DePietro said “that was executive session discussing a union personnel issue” and he said “no decisions were made”.

President DePietro stated there would be a “first-look” presentation by Adirondack Community Development to develop the property of the John L. Edwards School located at 360 State Street. He said “they’re not asking for anything tonight; they just want to give a very broad outline” and he said “eventually they will be asking us to write some support of their application to the state for various tax abatements”. President DePietro said “this presentation is based on the fact that they will not be asking for a City PILOT which is partly to explain the density of the project”.

Victor Salerno of CEO of Adirondack Community Development provided the council members an introduction of the company and an overview of the proposed re-use project including the community-requested day care center.

Alderman Garriga questioned if there were any renderings of back-side of the building and she asked “is there a playground for the children of that building or is there like a basketball court for the teenagers of that building”?

Mr. Salerno said “partly this is based on some initial community feedback” and he said “this development is intended to be kind of a senior development now, a senior development in this context is 55 years and older so it’s not really, I think more of us than we care to admit would qualify for this so there is no playground”. He said “outdoor area with a kind of like a sitting area and things like that”.

Alderman Garriga questioned if there would be a tennis court or something similar and she said “we have a lot of active 50-year-olds that go to the gym”.

Mr. Salerno said “there will be a fitness center in the property as well as kind of an office center” and he said “based on the lot and the topography, we weren’t able to put in anything like a tennis court or anything like that”.

President DePietro said “Victor’s told me the baseline affordability is 60% of AMI so that means you can deviate in one direction and make up for it in the other direction”.

Mr. Salerno said “with the range, we envisioned that’s falling into a probably a 40-80 percent AMI band which is pretty, a pretty wide band”.

Alderman Garriga stated New York State requires day care centers to have playgrounds and outdoor space.

Mr. Salerno said “I guess we will have that actually” and he stated the play area had not been displayed in the renderings as that had been an added request.

Alderman Wolff asked “is there any buildable land on the other end of the existing structure because to me it looks a little bit awkward the height of the new building relative to the existing building and I’m just curious if you can take some of that height and create a different additional building on the other end”?

Mr. Salerno said “no, there was really no way to do that and to go above it would have essentially, the costs to build over it would have been prohibitive” and he said “this was the only way to get you know, any additional bulk out of this site”. He said “part of the competing feature’s and I know a portion of the proceeds of this are going to be used to pay off the debt, the bonds that were issued in connection with the school program and so we’re paying a very high price for it and we’re using tax credits to do this, don’t get any basis for the land, so really this unless we can find a way to efficiently get more bulk, it would render this whole development economically unfeasible”. Mr. Salerno said “we were balancing a bunch of competing challenges you know, the desire to get a good price so that the school debt can get paid off with what’s feasible and it was really a challenge but we were able to do it by effectively getting an efficient mid-rise structure that we can put some units in and get some additional density back but without that cost that would be associated with either building above or even demoing the building, if we looked at doing that and just the density of the concrete and the amount of concrete in that structure, it would cost millions and millions of dollars to demo it and then cart it away which really didn’t seem efficient when you do have you know, a pretty solid based structure, it’s just that we, so we’re bound in all these competing, competing you know, items”.

Alderman Wolff said “I was wondering if you could talk about green-building practices and what you’re track record is with that I guess and what your plans are or how that’s incorporated into this design”.

Mr. Salerno said “as part of developing you know, with tax credits, we have to build to a fairly, green standards so it’s not like a lead designation” and he said “it will be effectively a green building, it will be efficiently high-energy appliances and everything that we can”.

President DePietro stated the presentation had been scheduled as an introduction to the project and he said “we don’t need to get into too many details tonight, they’ll be back and they’re asking us for something that’s really just a willingness to consider at some point, to change some of the zoning that it will allow a building like this to be built”.

Mr. Salerno said “we’re very excited about this, we think this will be a great addition to the Hudson community and like I said, when we move into a community, we operate so we’re not going anywhere” and he said “the same leadership team that on the development company is the same management company, same general ownership so we’re in it for the long haul and we’d really like partnering with you”.

Resolutions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 June 15, 2021

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:

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

Michelle Altomer 133 Fish & Game Rd, Hudson, NY 12534	<u>Work</u> 25 Railroad Ave
Debora Simons 265 Fairview Ave., Hudson, NY 12534	25 Railroad Ave
Charles R. Bujan Jr. 239 Warren St, P.O. Box 1238, Hudson, NY	437 E. Allen St
Rodney Waithe 43 Millbrook Rd, Hudson, NY 12534	701 Union Street
Terry Aughenbaugh 566 County Rte 9, Ghent, NY 12075	15 N. 6 th Street
Emily Briggs 2844 Atlantic Ave, PO Box 493, Stottville, NY	520 Warren Street

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 2 would create the position of Assistant Youth Director.

(Alderman Lewis had been placed in the “waiting room” as he had been a potential candidate for the position)

Alderman Merante questioned if there could be an amendment to the language in the proposed resolution and he said “civil service does not recognize the Rec Attendant 5 position, it’s not a civil service position”. He said “if we can word it where it says Rec Attendant identified internally as number 5”.

President DePietro said “it’s not calling it a civil service position”.

Alderman Merante said “the implication is that we’re taking Rec Attendant 5 position which is the civil service and converting it to the Assistant Director which is another civil service” and he said “I think for clarification it should just be Rec Attendant internally identified as number 5”.

Jeffrey Baker, Legal Advisor said “I don’t think it has any relevance” and he said “you’re just creating the job the description so we can create the civil service position”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 June 15, 2021

RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Youth has recommended that the Common Council create the position of Assistant Youth Director within the Department of Youth with the job description attached, and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the current position of “Rec Attendant 5” be eliminated and that the salary budgeted for that position be reallocated to the position of Assistant Youth Director for the balance of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the position of Assistant Youth Director be created within the Department of Youth with the attached job description and that the current position of Rec Attendant 5 be eliminated and the budget line for that position be reallocated to fund the salary for Assistant Youth Director for the balance of 2021.

Assistant Youth Director Job Description

Job Duty

Under supervision and working closely with the Youth Director, The Assistant Youth Director will be a high-level supervisory position aiding in the daily administration and operation of all youth services and programs. The position will assist in the planning, initiating, coordinating, reviewing, and promoting a variety of citywide recreational, educational, social guidance and counseling projects and activities. Assisting in administration of the Youth Center. The work is checked through daily and weekly meetings and reports and by direct consultation with the Youth Director. Supervision is exercised over all clerical, custodial, program, recreational and lifeguard staff.

Responsibilities

- Supervise direct care staff through observation, feedback, and continued staff training
- Work with the director to coordinate and supervise daily operations
- Assist in hiring and firing of full time, part time, and seasonal employees
- Assist in creating, implementing and enforcing staff schedules
- Assume all duties and responsibilities of the director in the absence of the director
- Assist in the onboarding training of new staff
- Role model expected behaviors, participation, and task completion
- Assist in budgeting and accounting responsibilities
- Assist in planning and running programming as needed
- Assist director in management and departmental budgeting as needed
- Fulfill all other duties as assigned by the director

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Lewis. (1)

(Alderman Lewis re-joined the meeting)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 June 15, 2021

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SELECT
MARSHALL & STERLING UPSTATE, INC TO PROVIDE
INSURANCE BROKERAGE AND RISK MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office circulated a Request for Proposals for the provision of insurance brokerage and risk management services; and

WHEREAS, five proposals from qualified companies were received and reviewed by the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, based upon that review, Mayor Johnson recommends that Marshall & Sterling Upstate, Inc., be chosen to provide insurance brokerage and risk management services as they provide the greatest range of services at the best price for the City.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hudson approves and authorizes the selection of Marshall & Sterling Upstate Inc., of Leeds, NY to provide insurance brokerage and risk management services to the City of Hudson and authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements necessary to implement the same.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT GREEN STREET AND FAIRVIEW AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has been contemplating improvements to the intersection of Green Street and Fairview Avenue consisting of traffic signal improvements and improvements for pedestrian navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared a package of bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are a Type II action under SEQRA.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to circulate bid specification project for the improvements to the intersection of Green Street and Fairview Avenue. The award of the bid will be subject to future approval by the Common Council.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF GARAGE DOORS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021 the garage door on Bay 1 of the Central Fire House broke beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the door will be covered by the City's insurance policy but will require \$5,000 deductible; and

WHEREAS, the quote for a replacement door is \$8,166.00 including installation, which door will be tempered glass from top to bottom which will increase natural light into the fire station and allow the public to view the fire apparatus, for a net cost to the City of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has requested that the second and third doors adjacent to Bay 1 also be replaced to improve lighting and provide a uniform appearance for the building, for a combined additional cost of \$16,332.00; and

WHEREAS, replacing all three doors will constitute a significant savings over replacing the doors individually over a longer time, and

WHEREAS, the combined cost, including the insurance deductible would be \$21,332.00 which was not included in the 2021 budget, but the Fire Department returned approximately \$24,000 to the City budget to cover anticipated budget shortfalls due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and did not receive an increase in the 2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2021 budget amendment to permit the purchase and installation of two garage doors for the Central Fire House in an amount not to exceed \$21,332.00:

\$21,332.00	INCREASE:	A.0000.1001.0200	Use of Fund Balance
	INCREASE:	A.3410.0430	Fire Dept- Building Expense

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 8 would authorize the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Public Square Hudson, Inc.

Alderman Garriga questioned the reason for the name change of the park.

President DePietro said “they’re using the historic name”.

Alderman Walker questioned if the plans for the park had been established.

President DePietro said “absolutely not”.

Dorothy Heyl of Friends of the Public Square Hudson, Inc. said “in the 19th Century the park was called the Public Square and that name showed how important the square was in the dynamics of the City”. She said “as far as what we’re planning to do for the park, we don’t have a plan right now” and she said “our only plan is to work with the Department of Public Works and come up with ideas for projects that have a lot of community input and community buy-in and move gradually year by year so that in the first year all we’ll be doing is some modest improvement projects which don’t change anything at all and then as the years go on we will talk about things like replacing the pavement or replacing the benches or putting in new trash receptacles but for now nothing has been planned”.

Alderman Garriga requested Ms. Heyl to forward to the council members the history of the naming of the park.

Ms. Heyl said “sure, that was a slide in the presentation that I presented last time and I’m happy to do that”.

Alderman Wolff said “I was just curious about re-naming the park the Public Square, it implies that it’s going to be used in a pretty specific way”.

Ms. Heyl said “I don’t really see that at all” and she said “it’s public because the public uses it, it’s a park for the residents of Hudson and the visitors to Hudson, it’s not because there’s going to be public business conducted there”.

Legal Advisor Baker said “there’s nothing in this resolution, you’re not re-naming the park” and he said “the Friends of the Public Square is the name chosen by this organization to do that”. He said “should you ever want to rename the park or designate it one way, I’m not sure if it is formally named the 7th Street Park, that’s for a future discussion, that’s not part of what this is about”.

Alderman Garriga asked “what is it about”?

Ms. Heyl said “I came before this Council some months ago and I made a presentation on how, it was with Dale Schaefer and Walter Chatham, and the thought was that the park is not as welcoming and attractive as it might be” and she said “the idea was to get the Council to support an effort that I was organizing to improve the appearance and usefulness of the park”. She said “since that time, I was approached by Katherine Kanaga who said she would like to help me and she and I formed a corporation called the Friends of the Public Square Hudson, we applied with New York State Charities Bureau and the Federal IRS in order to become a non-profit organization, we held a small fundraiser, we raised over seven thousand dollars and we’re going to be buying insurance with that and we’re going to be buying some supplies to help with some volunteer efforts to improve the park this summer”. **Ms. Heyl** said “we’re looking to have a launch party in July for the organization and we would like to move forward” and she said “before we move forward, we would need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City so that we could work in a public-private partnership”. She said “the purpose of this resolution is to enable the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Public Square”.

Alderman Garriga said “I think that’s great because the park does need some enhancement” and she said “do people that live in Hudson or people that have been born and raised in Hudson that would like to get involved, can they just get involved with this new organization or do they have to go through a process”.

Ms. Heyl said “we would love to have as many people involved as possible” and she said “we welcome input from all residents of the City”.

Alderman Walker said “I’m in support of it and I definitely feel that this incorporating the industrial outdoor work-out equipment could you know, definitely be implemented in there, also, I think chess tables being injected you know.....

Ms. Heyl said “that’s a great idea” and she said “just a couple days ago I mentioned to Katherine Kanaga, the co-Chair, you know, maybe we could put athletic equipment in that triangle that’s formed by the bi-section of the park by the railroad tracks”.

Ron Kopnicki of Hudson read the following statement:

“Any plan by the Friends of the Public Square Hudson, Incorporated to restore 7th Street Park should begin from the perspective of Historic Preservation and based on evidence of the park’s history. It would then be a true restoration, evidence based and not a re-imaging which could mean anything. The evidence that we’ve been afforded serves that the site was intended by stoner to be a park though it was initially paved over with cobblestones. In the latter part of the 19th Century the intention was finally fulfilled and it became a park. Historic postcards revealed the site referred to variously as the Public Square, Park Square and Public Square Park to have been a predominately green space. If we imagine a range for maximum pavement or hardscape on one hand and maximum landscape or green space on the other, the park is well to the green side of the spectrum so it should remain going forward. The Park is located in the Warren Street Historic District, this is an important feature of the district. The Hudson Historic Preservation Commission should play a crucial role in evaluating any plans for the park. As recently in the case of Promenade Hill this would involve a public hearing on any proposals followed by the scheduling of a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness by the applicant and a public discussion and vote by the Commission on the application. This procedure would provide an excellent opportunity for the public input desired by the Friends of the Public Square.”

Claire Cousin of Hudson said “if the City were to enter into a partnership with this organization who’s interested in this one park, that like, that opens the door to like separate in different parks in the City and then you can have so many different ideas floating around”.

President DePietro stated the City did not have a Parks Department and he said “that’s definitely a problem”. He said “anything that happens in the parks has to go through a process and certainly this one, as Ron pointed out, what he said is clear, I mean, it’s in the historic district, it has to go through that process”.

Ms. Cousin asked “is it worthwhile looking into getting a Parks Department since we’re having a brand-new park built down at the bottom of the street, this is now an interest”?

Ms. Heyl said “there is a Hudson Parks Conservancy”.

President DePietro stated the public-private partnerships provide funds and he said “that’s really crucial to why they get started”.

Alderman Garriga stated the council member should consider establishing a Parks Department. Referring her question to Ms. Heyl, she asked “once you all have executed what you wanted to with Public Square, will that be the end of Public Square or are you trying to continue it to move on to other parks”?

Ms. Heyl said “we came up with an incorporated entity that is specifically dedicated to that park” and she said “this organization is devoted only to that park and frankly, this organization will not end when that park gets renovated or whatever happens to it because there will be a need for volunteers and for updating and that sort of thing”.

President DePietro stated the parks were currently covered by the Department of Public Works and he said “I agree, we should have a separate park line in the budget”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8 June 15, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE HUDSON, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson (the “City”) is responsible for the management, maintenance, and operation of the parks in the City, including a property known as the Seventh Street Park, bounded by Warren Street, Park Place, Columbia Street and 7th Street (the “Park”), and has the authority to plan, develop, conduct and enter into arrangements with public or private organizations to ensure the beneficial use of parks by the Hudson residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the Friends Of the Public Square HUDSON, Inc. (“FOPS”) was formed for the purpose of entering into a public/private partnership with the City to enhance and maintain the Park as a vibrant and welcoming public square for the enjoyment of the City’s residents and visitors to the business district surrounding the Park;

WHEREAS, FOPS has offered to provide advice from professional landscape architects on ways to improve the Park and plans to pay for improvements to the Park with public and private grants, as well as private donations;

WHEREAS, FOPS plans to seek broad public engagement prior to recommending significant changes to the Park and will seek to organize volunteers to help maintain the Park; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of thereof, FOPS has provided a Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is an exhibit attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends Of the Public Square HUDSON, Inc.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE CITY OF HUDSON, NEW YORK

And

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE HUDSON, Inc.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the “**Memorandum**”) is entered in to between by and between the City of Hudson, New York (“**City**”) and the Friends Of the Public Square HUDSON, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the law of the State of New York (“**FOPS**”) (together the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS the City holds all right, title and interest in the property known as the Seventh Street Park, bounded by Warren Street, Park Place, Columbia Street and 7th Street (the “**Park**”);

WHEREAS the City has the authority to plan, develop, conduct and enter into arrangements with public or private organizations to ensure the beneficial use of the Park and, through its Department of Public Works (“**DPW**”), maintains and operates the Park;

WHEREAS FOPS, a not-for-profit corporation formed under the laws of the State of New York, was organized to assist the City through a public/private partnership to help ensure that the Park is enhanced and maintained as a public square for the enjoyment of the City's residents and visitors to the business district surrounding the Park, and is seeking to attain authorization to raise funds from the New York State Charities Bureau and tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

WHEREAS the City's Common Council expressed its support and enthusiasm for FOPS' efforts to work with the City to improve the Park;

WHEREAS the City, the DPW and FOPS, without usurping the rights and responsibilities of the City and DPW in maintaining and operating the Park, intend to work together to create an effective public/private partnership in furtherance of the joint and consistent objectives of the City and FOPS, bringing to the City, among other things, engagement from the Community, various stakeholders in the Park and expertise from professional landscape architects and other institutions regarding the restoration, enhancement, development and operation of the Park, coordinating their efforts to best serve the City and its visitors;

WHEREAS projects to be undertaken by FOPS will include the replacement, update, and refreshing of the Park's paths, benches, water feature/fountain, landscaping, lighting, trash receptacle and plant care, and may include removal of extraneous structures or signs as mutually agreed;

WHEREAS programs to be undertaken by FOPS may include volunteer activities, such as clean-up, bench painting, planting flowers, mulching, and other improvement projects that may be mutually agreed in the future;

WHEREAS FOPS intends to augment funding for the Park through solicitation of private and public funds and/or available grants not otherwise available to or pursued by the City, together with resources generated by and/or available to FOPS in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein, including but not limited to labor through volunteers and otherwise, to assist in bringing about the common objective of the Parties; and

WHEREAS this Memorandum is intended to establish and outline the public/private partnership between the City and FOPS in furtherance of these joint objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and FOPS, to the extent authorized by law, agree as follows:

1. FOPS shall become and remain a not-for-profit corporation with all revenues used to cover FOPS' costs and to fund capital projects and/or operational expenses for the benefit of the Park.

2. The City and DPW retain responsibility for the maintenance of the Park, including the trees, lawns, and hardscape, including the fountain, pathways, fencing and structures. FOPS will consult with the City on such maintenance.
3. The City and the DPW Commissioner (“**Commissioner**”), as reasonably practical, shall solicit and take due consideration of input from FOPS in preparing the operating budget for the Park.
4. The City and Commissioner shall have final authority over all capital projects, programs and policies undertaken in the Park.
5. FOPS shall be responsible for deciding the projects and programs for which it will raise monies from donors, after engaging the Community to determine shared priorities.
6. FOPS shall share with the City information, as requested, regarding all plans and proposals for capital projects proposed for the Park, including research, designs and funding sources. The City shall provide FOPS with comments, review and approval on the design and construction work on projects in a timely manner.
7. The Parties will support each other’s efforts regarding major fundraising projects. The City shall reasonably provide FOPS with requested information related to funding requirements, including letters of support.
8. The Commissioner shall permit access to the Park and its structures (including the fountain) at all reasonable times.
9. FOPS may provide services in the Park upon reasonable notice to and under the general supervision of the Commissioner, including horticultural, maintenance, design and construction (where approved by the City and in accordance with applicable laws, including the City Charter and Code).
10. FOPS may use the Park, if approved by the City, for events that raise funds or bring positive attention to the Park.
11. FOPS shall advise the Commissioner on proper horticultural practices in the Park and receive an explanation if this advice is rejected.
12. The Commissioner shall give FOPS reasonable notice of the days on which DPW employees plan to prune bushes or undertake other horticultural projects in the Park and not object to the presence of FOPS volunteers when such projects are undertaken. FOPS volunteers shall not interfere in any manner with the activities of DPW employees in the Park.

13. FOPS and the Commissioner shall work together to organize and coordinate joint work done by FOPS and DPW employees. The City shall maintain the projects undertaken by FOPS upon completion and final acceptance by the City.
14. FOPS shall faithfully perform and carry out the provisions of the Memorandum and cause its agents and volunteers to conform with all laws applicable to FOPS' use and occupation of the Park.
15. FOPS assumes all risk in its operation pursuant to the Memorandum.
16. Prior to conducting any capital improvements in the Park, FOPS shall procure and maintain public liability insurance in commercially reasonable coverages of at least \$1 million, with the City named as an additional insured. Upon request certificates of insurance shall be provided to the City.
17. FOPS is responsible for the work, compensation and conduct of any agents performing work in the Park pursuant to this Memorandum. No acts by any of FOPS' agents shall make the City liable or responsible in any way.
18. If any provision of this Memorandum is held unenforceable for any reason, each and other provisions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
19. FOPS shall maintain financial records of all projects undertaken with respect to this Memorandum, including agreements with third parties, and provide copies thereof to the City upon request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum effective as of the date that it is signed by all Parties.

CITY OF HUDSON

By: _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor

CITY OF HUDSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS

By: _____
Peter Bujanow, Commissioner

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE INC.

By _____

Name:

Title:

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Sarowar, Trombley, Walker, and Wolff. (9)

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: President DePietro. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING YOUTH CENTER DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Department of Youth has received a donation from Paula Hatch.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized and directed to receive those funds;

\$15.00	Increase Revenue:	A.0000.2089.0000	Donations non budgeted
\$15.00	Increase Expenditure:	A.7310.0520.0000	Donations

Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Lewis. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONTRACT WITH AN ARCHITECTURE FIRM TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITY HALL ADA PROJECT

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021 the Common Council authorized the issuance of bonds to finance improvements to City Hall to make it ADA compliant; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Lacey Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation, LLP (LTRW), who did the original assessment of improvements to City Hall, to prepare the final design and bid specifications for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works have reviewed the proposal and recommend that LTRW be hired for the final design and specification work.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hudson approves the selection of Lacey Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation, LLP of Albany, NY to prepare a complete set of biddable documents, construction phase services and prepare an asbestos abatement program and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract consistent with the attached scope of work for an amount not to exceed \$49,700.00, and further,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make funds available through Use of Fund Balance, with the understanding that if the Capital Project based on this plan is approved to proceed, this expenditure will be moved to a Capital Fund, and charged against the related bond proceeds, and further

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following amendment to the 2021 Budget:

\$49,700.00	INCREASE:	A.0000.1001.0200	Use of Fund Balance
	INCREASE:	A.8670.0400	ADA Compliance Planning

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Fire Department has received a check from County of Columbia in the amount of \$500 for the use of the Central Station Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Fire Department has also received a check from the Galvan Foundation Charitable Trust in the amount of \$34,000 to purchase portable radios.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to accept those funds.

\$34,500	Increase Revenue:	A.2089	Grants, non-budgeted
	Increase Expenditure:	A.3410.52	Misc. Firehouse Donations

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Lewis. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE TO HOUSE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson's Code Enforcement Department is currently located in a city-owned building at 429 Warren Street that is not ADA accessible or compliant; and

WHEREAS, the City inquired with local real estate agents seeking comparable space located on Warren Street of approximately 700 square feet and determined the average price was approximately \$25 per square foot. However, none of the spaces at that price had sufficient ADA access or facilities or included full utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a lease with Rapkow Ltd, for space at 751 Warren Street for a one-year lease commencing on July 1, 2021 for \$2,000 per month including utilities for a space that is ADA accessible and compliant; and

WHEREAS, the lease will allow the City to sell the existing building, return that building to the property tax roll and avoid the annual utility cost of \$8,000.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the lease with Rapkow Ltd., for 751 Warren Street for a one-year period at \$2,000 per month including utilities, and further

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following amendment to the 2021 budget:

\$24,000.00	INCREASE:	A.0000.1001.0200	Use of Fund Balance
	INCREASE:	A.3620.0430	CEO Building Expense

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION of the CITY OF HUDSON COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING the RESTORATION of the HUDSON-ATHENS LIGHTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse (HAL) has been an important, unique, and beloved site since 1874, interwoven in Hudson's history, and prominently featured on the City of Hudson website; and

WHEREAS, HAL is an iconic, scenic feature viewed from our waterfront, especially Promenade Hill and Henry Hudson Park, and for miles from both directions on the Hudson River;

WHEREAS, HAL has long charmed Hudson residents and visitors who treasure rich and entertaining visits to and presentations about the Lighthouse to learn about its history, the experiences of lightkeepers and their families living in it, and the ecology of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson community continues to affirm and celebrate the diverse values that HAL continues to provide to our quality of life and identity as particularly recognized in our 2002 *Comprehensive Plan* and our 2011 *City of Hudson Local Waterfront Revitalization Program*; and

WHEREAS, HAL continues to provide critical navigational guidance to Hudson River vessels small and large; a destination for recreation, culture, and the arts; year-round beauty; and other opportunities to experience our area's grand River heritage connected to our signature Lighthouse; and

WHEREAS, 147 years of Hudson River currents, ice, and dredging have severely damaged the HAL's underwater wooden piles foundation and the above water primary lighthouse building, threatening the Lighthouse's continued existence; and

WHEREAS, restoration of HAL's foundation and its primary building is a massive undertaking logistically and financially but critically necessary to preserve it; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society engaged P & O Engineering in 2020 to conduct a total assessment of HAL's underwater foundation and its primary Lighthouse building that has resulted in a comprehensive work plan to restore and secure the structural integrity of HAL;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson supports and endorses the restoration of the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson supports and endorses the application by the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society to secure a 2021 Historic Preservation Grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 12 would approve a Tourism Board Grant to Operation Unite for a Sankofa Day Festival.

Alderman Halloran questioned if the organizations would be required to provide a report following the event.

Alderman Lewis said “all applications have it built in to where any recipient of grant funding has to summarize the event, all that were in attendance, the date, services or performances offered, etcetera”.

Alderman Merante questioned where the reports would be reviewed.

Alderman Lewis stated the reports would be available to all council members as well as posted on the city website and he said “here and now, it’s sent to the committee, to the Tourism Board”.

Alderman Merante asked “is there a way we can get an update on what was already expended for this report, moving forward”?

Alderman Lewis said “outside from attending the meetings, again we can make it you know, public, send it to each alderman”.

On motion of **Alderman Halloran**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote;

RESOLUTION NO. 12 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM BOARD GRANT TO OPERATION UNITE FOR A SANKOFA DAY FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses and organization seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$14,400.00 to fund the Sankofa Day Festival, formerly known as the Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival, organized by Operation Unite; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$14,400.00 to fund the Sankofa Day Festival and authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract with Operation Unite to facilitate the grant.

Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 13 would approve a Tourism Board Grant for Melodius Thunk.

Alderman Trombley questioned if there could be additional details provided to the council members.

Hannah Black, member of the Tourism Board said “this is just for one festival, one day” and she stated the budget would only allow for one festival to be held as part of the Juneteenth Celebration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM BOARD GRANT FOR MELODIUS THUNK

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses and organization seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$7,550.00 to fund a music series by Melodius Thunk, including a Juneteenth event; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$7,550.00 to fund Melodius Thunk and authorizes the Mayor to sign the contract to facilitate the grant.

Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

Following the vote on Resolution No. 13, **Heather Campbell, City Treasurer** questioned if the language of the proposed resolution that read “music series” should be amended.

Legal Advisor said “we can modify it but I think if the proposal has been clarified that it’s just for a single event, I think that’s ok” and he said “it’s in the contract which makes it clear and we’ve got the budget amount”.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 14 would approve a Tourism Board Grant for the Black Entrepreneur Market.

Alderman Trombley questioned the dates of the Black Entrepreneur Market and requested additional detail of the event.

Elise McMahon said “they’re happening July, August and September” and she said “one Saturday each month”.

Alderman Garriga said “a total of three days” and she said “last year when I did this event, it was one day at, for five thousand dollars”. She said “we’re dividing it for three days; we’re introducing more entrepreneurs because it was limited because of COVID of last year and everything from the decorations to the rented tents to the supplies to the entertainment for children; everything is supporting black entrepreneurs”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14 June 15, 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM BOARD GRANT FOR THE BLACK
ENTREPRENEUR MARKET**

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses and organization seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WEHREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$5,795.00 to fund The Black Entrepreneur Market; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$5,795.00 to fund The Black Entrepreneur Market and authorizes the Mayor to sign the contract to facilitate the grant.

Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Garriga. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15 June 15, 2021

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2021 budget accounts within the Public Works Department to cover unbudgeted obligation to replace the failed A/C units on the 1st floor of the former Washington Hose:

DPW

\$14,000 From: Fund Balance

\$14,000 To: 1620.54 A – Buildings – Washington Hose

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16 June 15, 2021

**Authorization for the Mayor to Execute Planning Grant Agreement No. 105590 with the
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation**

and

Authorization and Appropriation of Local Match for Engineering Planning Grant

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant (“EPG”) by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (“EFC”), in the amount of \$100,000 to help pay for the initial planning of an eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (“CWSRF”) water quality project (“the Project”), and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Hudson is authorized to undertake the Project, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has hired Delaware Engineering, DPC to perform the work associated with the EPG and has signed an Engineering Agreement stating such, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hudson is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the EFC and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the City of Hudson’s obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson authorizes and appropriates a minimum twenty-percent (20%) local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Long Term CSO Mitigation – EPG No. 105590. Under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$100,000. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be from a combination of Sewer Funds and local force accounts. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$20,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$120,000. The Mayor of the City of Hudson may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Common Council of the City of Hudson, and

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17, June 15, 2021

Resolution Determining that the Action to Conduct the Long Term CSO Mitigation Study Associated with NYS EFC Engineering Planning Grant No. 105590 is a Type II Action and No Further Action is Required Under SEQR

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant (“EPG”) by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (“EFC”), in the amount of \$100,000 to help pay for the initial planning of an eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (“CWSRF”) water quality project, and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.5 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson hereby determines that the proposed Long Term CSO Mitigation – Environmental Planning Grant No. 105590 is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (27) conducting concurrent environmental engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such actions and is therefore not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY RATE FOR THE PART-TIME CLERKS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city and its citizens to have accurate and well-recorded minutes of public city meetings; and

WHEREAS, this has been addressed by the provision of part-time Clerks assigned to the Common Council, Historic Preservation Committee, Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Tourism Board; and

WHEREAS, the city wishes to ensure a fair wage, and reflect the city's minimum wage policy for permanent part-time employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the part-time Clerks shall be paid \$15 per hour, which shall be retroactive to January 1, 2021 where possible, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment for FY2021:

\$1,730.00	Increase:	A.8020.0460	PLANNING COMMISSION
	Increase:	A.0000.1001.0200	USE OF FUND BALANCE

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19 June 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Senior Center is in receipt of unbudgeted donation,

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget adjustment.

\$449.00	Increase A.7620.47	Senior Center Donations
\$449.00	Increase A.2089	Grants Unbudgeted

Alfred Bartolotta \$24.00

Doris Funk \$25.00

Mark & Karen Orton \$100.00

John & Janis Wallace \$100.00

Sherill & David Bolevice \$100.00

Karen Davis \$100.00

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TOURISM BOARD GRANT FOR A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses, and organization seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$5,000.00 to Tanya Jackson to undertake a Juneteenth Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$5,000.00 to Tanya Jackson to undertake a Juneteenth Celebration and authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract to facilitate the grant.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Garriga. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21 June 15, 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TOURISM BOARD GRANT FOR
A HALLOWEEN WALK**

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses and organizations seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$2,000.00 to Shaina Marron to undertake a Halloween Walk; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$2,000.00 to Shaina Marron to undertake a Halloween Walk and authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract to facilitate the grant.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Walker. (1)

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 22 would approve a Tourism Board Grant to the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement for a Latinx Celebration.

Bryan MacCormack of Columbia County Sanctuary Movement stated the funding would be used to host the first Latinx Parade and Festival in the City of Hudson's History and he stated the festival would include a parade, Latinx food vendors, musicians, educational materials, and other performing arts and entertainment. He stated the target date for the festival would be September 19th which would be the first weekend in Hispanic Heritage Month as well as the first Sunday following Central-American and Mexican Independence Day.

Alderman Merante questioned if there would be a rain date.

Mr. MacCormack said "we don't currently have a rain date" and he said "I should also emphasize that we are planning to host it at the waterfront, we are open to rain dates and have specified on the application that we would like to try to have it within Hispanic Heritage Month but the nineteenth is our ideal day".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TOURISM BOARD GRANT TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY SANCTUARY MOVEMENT FOR A LATINX CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Common Council has previously approved of the action by the City of Hudson Tourism Board to solicit applications from individuals, businesses and organization seeking short and long-term grants to fund activities that will promote Hudson as an attractive destination; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has recommended the Common Council approve a grant of \$15,000.00 to the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement for a Latinx Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the application and the recommended grant amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the grant of \$15,000.00 to the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement for a Latinx Celebration and authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract to facilitate the grant.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 23 would authorize the Mayor to sign a Sub-License Agreement with Hudson Cruises, Inc. for dock space. He said “after all the hub-bub about the dock service and the dock, the Hudson waterfront dock, the Hudson Sloop to who we gave licensing permission, did manage to create an agreement with Hudson Cruises”.

On motion of **Alderman Walker**, seconded by **Alderman Halloran**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 23 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO SIGN A SUB-LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR DOCK SPACE

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan calls for increased access and enhanced recreational uses of the waterfront.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has entered into a License Agreement with Hudson Sloop Club, Inc., to manage the city docks for the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, that License Agreement requires City approval for any sub-license agreement; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Sloop Club has proposed the attached Sub-License Agreement with Hudson Cruises, Inc., for the long-term use of a portion of the dock space in exchange for various in-kind services including the provision of electrical service to the dock and free boat sightseeing tours over nine days of Waterfront Wednesdays during 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council approves the proposed Sub-License Agreement with Hudson Cruises, Inc., and authorizes the Mayor to sign the same.

2021 SUB-LICENSE AGREEMENT

THE CITY OF HUDSON, 520 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534 (the “Licensor”) and HUDSON SLOOP CLUB INC., 101 Union St, Hudson, NY 12534, (the “Licensee”) and HUDSON CRUISES INC., P.O. Box 72, Hudson, NY 12534 (Sub-Licensee), agree to a sub-license for a fee and for the term stated below. The purpose of this Sub-License Agreement is to provide river recreation for residents and visitors to the Licensor, including use of a portion of the Henry Hudson Riverfront Park.

Premises: 1. Approximately 57 feet of the northernmost portion of the City of Hudson dock for the dockage of the vessel *Spirit of Hudson*.
2. Approximately 30 feet of dock space on the southernmost, shore side of the City of Hudson dock, also known as the “Night Dock” for the vessel *Little Spirit*.

Sub-License Date: June 19, 2021

Term: Approximately 3 1/3 months

Beginning: June 19, 2021

Ending: October 15, 2021 or until docks are removed for river dredging, whichever occurs first.

Broker: None

Conditions of Sub-License:

1. Fee. The fee of the afore-described sub-license shall be \$3,480.00. \$1.00 shall be payable upon execution of this license. The balance shall be paid by the provision of the following in-kind services:

- a. Electrical Service: Hudson Cruises shall install and make available 15 amp and 50 amp electrical service to the dock. The Hudson Sloop Club and Visiting vessels using the 15 amp service will not be charged for electricity use. Visiting vessels using the 50 amp service will pay a \$25/night fee to Hudson Cruises.
- b. Solid Waste Management: Hudson Cruises will contract for a dumpster to be located in the parking lot and arrange for its regular emptying and replacement. The dumpster will be available to all visitors to the dock at no charge.
- c. Waterfront Wednesdays: Hudson Cruises shall operate the *Spirit of Hudson* on all Waterfront Wednesdays (9 days in total) to provide free sightseeing trips for up to 30 passengers. Said trips shall operate between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm on each day.

2. Sub-Licensee's Duty to Obey Laws and Regulations. The Sub-Licensee shall, at Sub-Licensee's expense, promptly comply with all laws, orders, rules, requests and directions, of all governmental authorities with jurisdiction hereover, including the Licensor's insurers, Board of Fire Underwriters, or similar groups. Notices received by Sub-Licensee from any authority or group (or notices from Sub-Licensee permitted or required hereunder) must be promptly delivered to the Licensor and Licensee at the addresses set forth below. Sub-Licensee may not do anything nor suffer anything to be done on or at the Dock or on the vessels which may increase the City's insurance premiums; if Sub-Licensee does, Sub-Licensee shall pay the increase in the City's premium as an added fee within five days of receipt of the City's invoice therefor. Any notice to the Sub-Licensee permitted or required hereunder shall be delivered to an agent of Sub-Licensee at the dock. For all vessels associated with Waterfront Wednesdays, Sub-Licensee shall assure that the vessels carrying passengers comply with all U.S. Coast Guard regulations and licensing requirements.

- A. Public Health Guidelines: the Sub-Licensee shall follow all public health guidelines, including those pertaining to coronavirus, but not limited to:
 - a. The Sub-Licensee will ensure that employees, customers and guests follow physical distancing and mask guidelines as set by the City of Hudson and the State of New York.
 - b. The Sub-Licensee will create a safety plan, which will be available to local code inspection and public health officials.
- B. Parking: the Sub-Licensee will use existing and available parking and does not need any special arrangements.

3. Repairs. The Sub-Licensee must maintain the sublicensed premises in good working order. Sub-Licensee assumes all responsibility for the boat dock as used by Sub-Licensee. Sub-Licensee indemnifies the Licensor and Licensee and holds harmless the Licensor and Licensee from any and all claims arising from the use of the licensed premises as per Paragraph 13 of this Sub-License.

4. Alterations. The Sub-Licensee agrees not to make any alterations or improvements in the licensed premises without the prior written permission of the Licensor, and any alterations and improvements made by the Sub-Licensee after obtaining the written permission of the Licensor shall be the sole expense of the Sub-Licensee and will become the property of the Licensor and be left behind in the licensed premises at the end of the term of this License. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensor has the right by written notice not less than fifteen days prior to the end of the License term to demand that the Sub-Licensee remove the alterations and installations before the end of the term of this Sub-License. Any removals shall be at the sole expense of the Sub-Licensee. The Licensor is not required to do or pay for any of the work involved in the installation or removal of the alterations unless it is so stated in this Sub-License Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event this Sub-License is terminated by the City for cause the City may remove any or all such alternations at its expense, and Sub-Licensee shall pay the City's invoice therefor within five (5) days of its receipt. This paragraph shall survive termination of this Sub-License.

5. Assignment and Sublease. Sub-Licensee may not assign or sublicense this Sub-License. Sub-Licensee further may not sell, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise alienate a controlling interest (or an option therefor) in itself (nor reflect the same on its books and records including, without limitation, in its share transfer ledger).

6. Entry by the Licenser and the Public. The Sub-Licensee agrees to allow the Licenser and Licensee to enter the sub-licensed premises at any reasonable hour to repair, inspect, install or work upon any fixture or equipment in said licensed premises and to perform such other work that the Licenser or Licensee may decide is necessary. In addition, Sub-Licensee agrees to permit the Licenser to show the

premises to persons wishing to license the same, during the reasonable hours of any day during the term of the Sub-License Agreement, and the Sub-Licensee will permit notices to be placed upon conspicuous portions of the walls, doors or windows of said premises and remain thereon without hindrance or molestation in the event the Licenser wishes to advertise for a new Licensee.

Further, the Sub-Licensee agrees and understands that the premises is a municipal dock and must remain open to the public at all times. Accordingly, at no time may the Sub-Licensee bar, lock or otherwise exclude the public from walking on the public dock space leased by the Sub-Licensee. The gate to the dock shall remain unlocked at all times.

7. Fire, Accident, Defects and Damage. Sub-Licensee must give Licenser and Licensee prompt notice of fire, accident, damage or dangerous or defective conditions in, at, on or surrounding the sub-licensed premises. The Licenser shall have the right to decide which part of the premises is usable. The Licenser need only repair the damaged structural parts of the premises. The Licenser is not responsible for delays due to settling insurance claims, obtaining estimates, labor and supply problems or any other cause not under the control of the Licenser.

If the fire or other casualty is caused by an act or neglect of Sub-Licensee or guest of Sub-Licensee, or at the time of the fire or casualty Sub-Licensee is in default in any term of this Sub-License Agreement, then all repairs will be made at Sub-Licensee's expense and Sub-Licensee must pay the full fee reserved herein with no adjustment. The cost of the repairs will be an added fee. This paragraph shall survive termination of this Sub-License.

The Licensor has the right to demolish, modify or rebuild the dock if there is substantial damage by fire or other casualty. Even if the premises is not damaged, the Licensor may cancel this Sub-License Agreement within thirty (30) days after fire or casualty by giving Sub-Licensee notice of Licensor's intention to demolish or rebuild. The Sub-License Agreement will end thirty (30) days after Licensor's cancellation notice to Sub-Licensee. Sub-Licensee must deliver the premises to Licensor on or before the cancellation date in the notice and pay all fees due, if any, to the date of the fire or casualty. If the Sub-License Agreement is cancelled,

the Licensor is not required to repair the premises or to enter into a new License Agreement with Sub-Licensee.

8. Waivers. If the Licensor accepts the fee due under this License Agreement or fails to enforce any terms of this Sub-License Agreement, said action by the Licensor shall not be a waiver of any of the rights of the Licensor. If a term in this Sub-License Agreement is determined to be illegal, then the rest of this Sub-License Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be binding upon both the Licensor and the Sub-Licensee. Waiver of any obligation hereunder shall only be effective if in writing and signed by the party such obligation would have benefited.

9. Sub-Licensee's Default.

A. The Licensor and Licensee may give five (5) days written notice to the Sub-Licensee to correct any of the following defaults:

1. Failure to pay a fee or added fee on time.
2. Improper assignment of the License Agreement, improper sublicense of all or part of the premises.
3. Illegal or dangerous conduct by Sub-Licensee or other occupant of the premises related to the Premises.
4. Failure to fully perform any other term in the Sub-License Agreement.

Any notice permitted or required herein shall be deemed received: a) when personally served upon an agent of the addressee; or b) the second business day after dispatch if sent any other method.

B. If Sub-Licensee fails to correct the defaults in Section A. within the five (5) days, Licenser or Licensee may cancel the Sub-License Agreement by giving Sub-Licensee a written three (3) day notice stating the date the term will end. On that date the term and Sub-Licensee's rights in this Sub-License Agreement automatically end and Sub-Licensee must leave the premises and give the Licenser or Licensee the keys. Sub-Licensee continues to be responsible for fees, expenses, damages and losses.

C. If the Sub-License Agreement is cancelled, or fees or added fees are not paid on time, or Sub-Licensee vacates the premises, the Licenser or Licensee may in addition to other remedies take any of the following steps:

1. Enter the premises and remove Sub-Licensee and any person or property;
2. Use dispossess, eviction or other lawful method to take back the premises.

D. If the Sub-License is ended or the Licenser takes back the premises, fees and added fees for the unexpired term become due and payable. The City shall have no obligation to mitigate its damages in the event of a breach by Sub-Licensee. The Licenser or Licensee may re-license the premises and anything in it for any term. The Licenser may re-license for a lower fee and give allowances to the new licensee.

10. Sub-License Agreement, Parties Upon Whom Binding. This Sub-License is binding upon the Licenser, the Licensee and the Sub-Licensee and their respective heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, successors and lawful assigns. Hudson Cruises, Inc. acknowledges that this agreement is a sublicense of the License Agreement dated May ___, 2021 between the City of Hudson and Hudson Sloop Club Inc. and that the terms and conditions of that agreement are binding upon Hudson Cruises and may affect Hudson Cruises' rights under this Sub-License Agreement.

11. Space "As Is". Sub-Licensee has inspected the premises, states that they are in good order and repair, and takes them "as is."

12. Sewage and Vehicles. The Sub-Licensee shall be responsible for all sewage generated by the vessels. No sewage or fuel trucks shall be brought on or suffered to be brought on the park property by Sub-Licensee, any of Sub-Licensee's guests or agents. All sewage shall be pumped off the vessels and all fuel pumped into the vessels at a separate location, and not on Licensor's park property, alongside the licensed premises or otherwise within the territorial limits of the

Licensor. Violation of this section is a material breach of this License. Small trucks are permitted in the park for temporary loading and unloading only.

13. Insurance. Sub-Licensee shall maintain a \$1,000,000 general commercial liability insurance policy, and any and all ancillary and additional policies that are customarily maintained by businesses in the Sub-Licensee's industry in the Hudson Valley, and name the Licensor and Licensee as additional insureds on the policy. No such policy shall be amended or terminated on less than 30-days notice to the Licensor and Licensee. All such policies shall be written by underwriters reasonably acceptable to the Licensor. Certificates from each carrier showing the foregoing shall be delivered to the Licensor and Licensee by Sub-Licensee with this executed Sub-License. In the event Sub-Licensee fails to deliver such certificates, or any policy required hereunder is terminated and not replaced by Sub-Licensee within 1 business day of such termination, then, without notice to Sub-Licensee, the Licensor and/or the Licensee may secure such insurance policies as it deems necessary to insure its interests pursuant to this Sub-License, to the licensed premises and the park, and the cost thereof shall be an additional fee payable by Sub-Licensee hereunder within 1 day of Sub-Licensee's receipt of the Licensor or Licensee's invoice therefor. Violation of any obligation in this section shall be a material breach. This section shall survive termination of the Sub-License.

14. Termination. The Licensor or Licensee may terminate the Sub-License Agreement for cause, including but not limited to disruptive activity at the dock and/or park or on the vessels; interfering with other scheduled events at the park; continually leaving garbage or debris at the premises; for discharging pollution or other impermissible environmental contamination or debris, or for any material breach hereof not cured within the period provided therefor.

15. Signatures - Effective Date. The parties have entered into this Sub-License Agreement on the date first above set forth. This Sub-License Agreement is effective when the Licensee delivers a fully signed copy to SubLicensee.

16. Headings. The section and paragraph headings in this License are for convenience only.

THE CITY OF HUDSON

HUDSON SLOOP CLUB , INC.

Licenser

Licensee

By: _____
Kamal Johnson
Mayor

By: _____
Stephen (Sam) Merrett
President

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

HUDSON CRUISES, INC.

Sub-Licensee

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Dated: _____

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

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Walker**, seconded by **Alderman Halloran**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 June 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE SCHEDULE FOR DOCK SPACE

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan calls for increased access and enhanced recreational uses of the waterfront.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has entered into a License Agreement with Hudson Sloop Club, Inc., to manage the city docks for the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, that License Agreement requires City approval for a fee schedule to be charged by Hudson Sloop Club for use of the dock; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Sloop Club has proposed the attached fee schedule for short and long-term use of the dock with the authority to discount the rates if free public programs are offered by vessels using dock space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council approves the proposed fee schedule for the docks for the 2021 season.

2021 Hudson Dock Fee Schedule

Approved fees for the Hudson City Dock managed by Hudson Sloop Club, Inc.

Short-term rates (less than 30 days)

Day use: \$1 per vessel foot.

Overnight: \$1.50 per vessel foot.

2-weeks: \$5 per vessel foot.

Long-term rates (30 or more days)

Seasonal: \$40 per vessel foot.

Public Programming: The above fees may be reduced if a vessel is providing free public programming. Waterfront Wednesday vessels will not be charged a fee for the up to 48 hours of dock use.

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

Nays: None.

Bills.

On motion of **Alderman Halloran**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the following list of bills were audited and ordered paid by the following roll call vote:

Bonadio & Co. LLP	600.00	Amazon Capital Services	9.84
First Light	397.94	Azavar Technologies	1,455.00
Fontana CPA's	5,528.00	Paychex of New York LLC	696.00
Paychex Human Resource Svcs	268.80	Ricoh USA Inc	5.28
MUNIREvs Inc	833.33	Repeat Business Systems	3.30
Michael Chameides	20.00	Mid Hudson Cablevision	41.45
Eastern Managed Print Network	14.45	US Bank Equipment Finance	123.11
Verizon	87.21	Mid Hudson Cablevision	51.45
TGW Consulting Group	2,100.00	Goldberg Segalla	1,194.35
Hinman Straub	6,223.68	Rodenhause,Chale&Polidoro	625.33
Col Greene Humane Society	35.00	AT&T Mobility	72.16
Rackspace US Inc	765.60	Zoe Paolantonio	583.33
Passport Labs Inc	4,132.71	James Delaney Jr.	600.00
Jeffrey S Baker	3,395.83	JV Computers	1514.38
Johnson Newspaper Corp.	62.36	US Bank Equipment Finance	791.85
Michael Chameides	44.97	Selha O. Graham	279.97
Rebecca Borrer	1,395.00	Linda L Fenoff	1,140.00

Ferry Street Bridge

Creighton Manning	10,294.55
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Chazen Engineering & Land Surveying PC	2,609.00
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Tourism Board Grants (Approved)

Chamber Music International (Waterfront Wednesdays)	14,172.00	Gary Purnhagen	7,500.00
Tanya Jackson	2,500.00	Col. County Sanctuary Mvmt	7,500.00
Operation Unite NY Inc.	7,200.00	Melodious Thunk	3,775.00

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

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Garriga. (1)

Carried.

Local Laws.

On motion of **Alderman Sarowar**, seconded by **Alderman Trombley**, the following proposed local law introduced by Alderman Lewis, seconded by Alderman Wolff, was ordered approved by the following vote:

Local Law No. Introductory No. C of 2021

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 266 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HUDSON

Section 1. Title

This local law shall be known as the Sidewalk ADA Law, Local Law No. ____ for the year 2021.

Section 2. Legislative Findings, Intent and Purpose.

The City of Hudson is a party to a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice that requires the City, among other things, to improve the condition of its sidewalks to comply with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. One element of compliance with that agreement is to update the City code to require that repairs to sidewalks be performed in accordance with the ADA. This law includes ADA standards as one of the design elements required for sidewalk construction and repair.

Section 3. Statement of Authority.

This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York) and the General City Law (Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

Section 4. Amendments.

Hudson City Code Section 266-2(A) is hereby *AMENDED* by *REPLACING* the existing Section 266-2(A) with the following:

- A. All sidewalks must be set to the slope, grade, width, pitch and location established by the Commissioner of Public Works which specifications shall at a minimum comply with the applicable Americans with Disability Act Standards for Accessible Design.

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Local Law Introductory No. D would amending Chapter 266 of the City Code to create a Department of Senior Services.

Alderman Halloran asked “do we anticipate these are going to have paid positions whether it’s part-time, full-time, temporary”?

President DePietro said “well it already does”.

Alderman Halloran asked “do we see it getting bigger” and she asked “what’s driving the creation of a department”?

President DePietro said “the fact that up until now, it was part of the, it was all done through the Youth Center” and he said “that just lead too much confusion and between the two departments”.

Robyn Waters, Commissioner of Aging said “the goal isn’t to develop the department you know, the same way as some of the other departments have developed but just to have a full-time employee as a director to oversee senior services and to have a clerk as well to process the paperwork for our contractors”. She said “it would be an increase in the budget for a full-time employee but not necessarily over the long term, it has to do with having access to our accounts and being able to be in closer contact with our contractors over their billing cycles and things like that”.

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

Local Law Introductory No. D of 2021

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. __ for the year 2021.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The Common Council of the City of Hudson finds that the current charter provisions for a Commissioner of Aging are insufficient to address the multiple needs of the city's senior citizens and that the lack of a permanent department dedicated to senior services historically results in reduced budget commitments for senior services. The Common Council finds that creating a Department of Senior Services in the City Charter will embody the Council's belief that senior services should also be a priority of city government.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Common Council to remove the current charter provision for a Commissioner of Aging and replace that provision with a Department of Senior Services.

SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY. This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENTS.

A. Hudson City Charter, Article II, §C2-1 is hereby AMENDED as follows:

The term "Commissioner of Aging" is **DELETED** and **REPLACED** with "Commissioner of Senior Services".

B. Hudson City Charter, Article XXVIA, is hereby AMENDED by DELETING the entire text and REPLACING it with the following:

§ C27-A-1. Establishment of Department.

There shall be in the City of Hudson a department known as the "Department of Senior Services."

§ C27-A-2. Appointment of Commissioner of Senior Services and term.

There shall be appointed by the Mayor a Commissioner of Senior Services, who shall be the head of the Department of Senior Services who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Mayor.

§C27-A-3. Certification of appointment of Commissioner.

The appointment of the Commissioner of Senior Services shall be evidenced by a certificate in writing signed by the Mayor and filed forthwith in the office of the City Clerk.

§C27-A-4. Appointment of subordinates; absence or disability of Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Senior Services shall appoint to hold office a Director of Senior Services and such other subordinates as may be necessary to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred and imposed upon him or her by law. The appointment of the Director and subordinates shall be for a probationary period pending passing of the civil service examination, and thereafter shall be permanent. In case of the absence or inability of the Commissioner or of a vacancy in the office of Commissioner, the Director of Senior Services shall discharge the duties of the office until the Commissioner returns, the disability ceases or the vacancy is filled.

§C27-A-5. Required undertaking by Commissioner and designees.

The Commissioner and such other persons as the Commissioner shall designate, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, shall each execute and file with the City Clerk an official undertaking in such sum as may be specified elsewhere in this Charter.

§C27-A-6. Vacancy in office of the Director of Senior Services.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Director of Senior Services, the Commissioner of Senior Services shall appoint in his or her discretion a person deemed by him or her to be suitable and competent to fill the same, pursuant to law.

§C27-A-7. Powers and duties of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Senior Services is hereby invested with all the powers and duties now or hereafter prescribed and provided by the general statutes of the State of New York relating to senior service agencies and assistance, so far as the same are applicable and not inconsistent with this Charter. The Commissioner shall have power to establish, maintain and operate the Department for the purpose of coordinating and supplementing the activities of public and private agencies devoted in whole or in part to the welfare and protection of senior citizens within the City of Hudson, and to undertake and promote activities and establish, maintain and operate projects devoted in whole or in part to providing education, recreation and support services for senior citizens. The Commissioner shall have the power to expend moneys for the purposes of establishing, maintaining and operating the Department, and may also receive and expend moneys from the state, federal government or private individuals, corporations or associations for such purposes. The Commissioner shall also be invested with all the powers and duties now or hereafter to be prescribed for senior services by the laws of the State of New York, and for those purposes have the power to expend moneys in accordance with law.

§C27-A-8. Power of Commissioner over departmental meetings and reports.

The Commissioner of Senior Services shall have the authority to administer oaths, take evidence, affidavits and acknowledgments in all meetings and proceedings pertaining to the Department. The Commissioner shall have the general supervision over the records of the Department and its officers and employees. The Commissioner shall possess such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law and all ordinances and local laws of the Common Council of the City of Hudson.

§C27-A-9. Required reports of the Commissioner.

It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Senior Services to meet with the Mayor for the purpose of reporting to him or her on the condition of the Department of Senior Services and the conduct of the Department on the second Tuesday of each month; provided, however, that in the event the second Tuesday of any month should fall upon a public holiday, the Commissioner shall meet with the Mayor on the first day thereafter.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

New Business.

Alderman Garriga, in reference to the water advisory statement read earlier in the meeting, said “the people would like an investigation done”.

Alderman Merante thanked Michael Chameides for his services as the city’s ADA Coordinator and he said “he really has done a great job and hopefully we can continue on prioritizing what he has started and what we need fixed”. Also, he requested the applications for the Tourism Board Grants be forwarded to the council members for review.

Alderman Walker thanked Michael Chameides for his hard work and his dedication and he said “he’s definitely been an asset to the City”.

Ms. Cousin said “I wanted to congratulate Calvin on the new position at the Youth Center” and she said “as a member of the public, I think that is awesome that we have somebody homegrown, that grew up in the Youth Center stepping back into that role and taking care of the kids in a real way”. She said “I wanted to follow-up by asking to speak to the council about a

personnel issue that's been ongoing for three months that I would really like to come to a resolution to soon".

Legal Advisor Baker said "I saw your email, I've had a conversation with Cheryl, I'm somewhat up to speed on what the issue is, I don't pretend to know everything and I believe you've had a conversation with our labor lawyer" and he said "this isn't something at this point that has arisen to where the Council can take any action on this or that it's being involved". He said "obviously as City Attorney, I can't give you legal advice" and he said "if you have a statement you want to make about you know, your dilemma and what you understood happened to you, you're certainly free to do that but I don't know if the Council can really do much about it at this stage".

Ms. Cousin said "I'm not trying to make it a bigger issue than it is even though it is a huge issue" and she said "I applied for the same position as Calvin and was informed that there was another position that would be made available to me and I went through the process, a longer process than I've ever had to go through for a job, I partook in three interviews, I was provided an official job offer by the City, I accepted the position, was given the ok by the City to put my two weeks in at my full-time job and then was informed that the position essentially doesn't exist and that they are not sure how to bring me onboard after accepting a position". Ms. Cousin said "now my family is in basically crisis mode, I mean it's not, it's more than an inconvenience" and she said "I was looking for advice, I don't know what else to do at this point".

Legal Advisor Baker said "I think part of the issue is whether the City can establish a position for you under Civil Service and then you would be a probationary employee subject to taking a civil service exam" and he said "I think the problem was that the person who offered you the position was not authorized to do so and did not have the proper position for you to be able to fill so, and obviously this puts you in dire straits, I'm not minimizing that and you know, I just want to be very careful you know, what solutions the City can offer to you".

Ms. Cousin said "I'm also just trying to cross my t's and dot my i's and make sure that I've gone through as many different channels as possible to find a resolution".

Legal Advisor Baker said "my understanding is the City is sympathetic to your plight in trying to work something out".

Ms. Cousin said "I see that the Commissioner is on and other people who were a part of that so many, I don't know, I haven't heard from everybody that was a part of the hiring process".

Legal Advisor Baker said "at this point I'm just going to have to exercise some prerogative as the City Attorney and advise the city officials don't make any statements at this point on something like this that could end up in litigation".

President DePietro said “I’m sorry Claire, I don’t know, you know, what the Council can do” and he said “I hope you get an answer from the City Attorney’s Office and the Mayor”.

Ms. Cousin said “I just hope that it’s in a timely manner because like I said, it’s more than an inconvenience at this point”.

President DePietro said “keep us in the loop and we will press your issue with those who can do something about it which I guess would be really the Mayor and the Department Heads and the Attorneys”.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Halloran**, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk