

May 18, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM with President Thomas DePietro presiding.

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

Absent: None.

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

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 April 5th and April 20th meetings were ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

Committee Reports.

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

Tourism Board

April 5, 2021

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

Ms. Adler opened the meeting at 7 p.m. It was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program

Ms. Treacy reported that a recent meeting with city officials resulted in better safety and uniform design standards for the Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program, which will run May through October. The plan is to have four permanent barriers for each parking space used in the program—two on the traffic side and one on each end. Loading signs will be permitted for those who want them, as well as barriers to delineate them so cars don't pull into them. Business owners will be responsible for the loading zones so there will be no ticketing by police. There will be no Port-o-Lets this year.

Ms. Treacy said the Department of Public Works (DPW) will receive delivery of the barriers, install them and remove them at the end of the program. The same will apply to planters, which will be permanently placed between two barriers.

All businesses who want to use the spaces in front of their businesses will be required to read and sign an agreement on safety and design guidelines. The agreement also will outline enforcement protocols for non-adherence. After one warning, the parking space permit will be pulled. The agreement will be reviewed by the fire and police departments, DPW and code enforcement officer, and signed off on by the mayor.

The board will pay for the barriers, Ms. Treacy said. It would have cost about \$27,000 for plastic barriers, but DPW Superintendent Rob Perry recommended that locally sourced concrete barriers be purchased at a fraction of the cost, about \$50 apiece. Ms. Treacy said about 150 would be needed, but only 50 would be purchased at first and build-out would begin May 15. Funds also would be needed to repair the planters built and used last year, and for soil and greens in them. Ms. Adler said restaurants were anxious to get outdoor seating going. She added that not all of the amount earmarked would be spent. Ms. Treacy introduced a motion to appropriate \$20,000 for the barriers and materials for the planters. Ms. Keck offered a second and the motion passed unanimously. The measure will be presented to the Common Council for approval.

Project Manager Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the project manager for the Warren Street Usage Project will be posted on the city website soon so applications can be submitted. The responsibilities were reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Jeff Baker.

Bindlestiff Family Cirkus

Stephanie Monseu of Bindlestiff Family Cirkus appeared before the board to outline plans for use of Project Hudson funds awarded last year. The project did not come together last year, but funds were set aside. This year's program will be outdoors and will require audiences to move through a series of stations. Local and outside artists will be used. In Flatbed Follies, circus acts will be performed on floats pulled by trucks that will stop at various venues. Once completed, the trucks roll on and the acts are repeated. Among the performers are a unicycle troupe, a calliope wagon, clowns and featured ground acts. Ms. Monseu likened it to a flatbed circus.

She hoped to set up in areas where that allowed for safe social distancing for the audience, on Mill Street or in Washington Park by the Columbia County Courthouse, for example.

The second part of the presentation involves an intensive residency with the Kaisokah Moko Jumbies, a stilt dancing group that educates children and adults about the art form of stilt walking. That will allow Bindlestiff to participate in the Black Arts and Cultural Festival. As part of the residency, participants will build their own stilts to keep, so another troupe of stilt walkers could grow from the program.

It will cost \$25,000 to produce Rising Phoenix, plus \$5,000 for the residency. The Tourism Board allotted \$15,000 last year and she hoped those funds could go toward the flatbed circus or be split between both events. Bindlestiff will cover the remaining costs.

Ms. Monseu said there was no common calendar of events in Hudson so she didn't know the best weekend for Flatbed Follies. Bindlestiff had been thinking of September, but another circus was planning to be in the area at the time. June was too early, and July and August could

be too hot. The workshop would be in August to coincide with the Black Arts and Cultural Festival. Ms. Treacy said September was a nice time of year because youths were back in school and it was a great time to embrace the fall. From a tourism perspective, Bindlestiff might even consider October, Mr. McManus said. Ms. Treacy said either month would be an excellent choice. Ms. Monseu said acceptance or rejection of the proposal would be most helpful because Bindlestiff was waiting to line up shows in Greene County, Kingston and other areas, depending on what happened in Hudson. Ms. Monseu said she wanted it to be warm weather and did not want to compete with a similar outfit. “The warmer the weather, the happier the acrobats.”

She said the waterfront was a hot area for events and was told that some events had reserved the space, but not many due to the pandemic. Bindlestiff would only have to get a mass gathering permit to use the site.

Ms. Adler made a motion to reallocate the \$15,000 approved last year for Flatbed Follies, which was seconded by Ms. Treacy and approved unanimously.

Waterfront Wednesdays

Organizers of Waterfront Wednesdays took the board’s feedback into consideration and sent a proposed budget to Mr. McManus and Chairman Lewis. The budget was not forwarded to all members so it was decided to discuss it during a special meeting on April 12 at 5 p.m. prior to the Common Council’s informal meeting so both Waterfront Wednesday and Bindlestiff requests could be considered.

Project Hudson

F. Michael Tucker, president and chief executive officer of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), said the Hudson Business Coalition (HBCi) resubmitted paperwork for both phases of its walking guide application. The Tourism Board approved funding for each phase in separate grants last year. Contractor WPHelp.co submitted three separate invoices for \$6,400 each for the design and development. These, unfortunately, didn't perfectly align with the grant amounts between phase 1 and 2.

Mr. Tucker updated an expenditure report, in which he split the second \$6,400 invoice between phase 1 and phase 2. That is why in phase 1 spreadsheet, it lists one \$6,400 line item and one \$3,450 line item, for a total of \$9,850 (what was allotted by the Tourism Board). The phase 2 spreadsheet includes the third \$6,400 invoice as the first line item, as well as the remaining \$2,950 from the second invoice, thus splitting the second \$6,400 between phase 1 and phase 2. The remaining invoices in phase 2 are for administrative support and maintenance (WPHelp totaling \$3,138) and JD Urban Photography (totaling \$1,200). By resubmitting this, HBCi will realize the entire \$9,850 allocated for phase 1, and \$13,688 of the \$13,750 allotted for phase 2. He recommended approval in advance of the Common Council’s informal meeting.

In a Project Hudson for Marginalized Communities matter, Ms. Treacy reported that the English and Spanish versions of the funding applications were completed and the Bangladeshi version had to be proofread before distribution and posting on the Internet.

Pocket Park Activation

Mr. McManus said two moderated public brainstorming sessions on how to activate the pocket parks along Warren Street were scheduled for April 13 and 22, both at 6 p.m. via Zoom. All feedback is welcome and will be registered. There will be a limit on the time allotted to each speaker.

Newsletter

Mr. McManus said he and Ms. Graham had worked on communication and newsletter ideas last year. He said he would share that information with the full board. If all ducks were in a row, something could be prepared to coincide with the May 15 buildout for the Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program.

Public Comment

Shared Streets Advisory Committee member Allyson Strafella asked if there had been any discussion regarding the noise ordinance when guidelines were drafted for the seasonal street program. Ms. Treacy said there was and the ordinance in place would be used as a barometer moving forward. Common Council President Tom DePietro said rules regarding noise were part of the city code and prohibited outdoor music after 10 p.m. There also are decibel level rules. He said the city could not have specific sound rules for the occasion, but the noise ordinance would be enforced.

Ms. Strafella said she had talked with Hudson police in the past and they didn't know how to enforce the ordinance. "It just seems kind of vague." Mr. DePietro said the policy is when a complaint is made an officer asks the noisy person or business to quiet down, which works most of the time. He acknowledged that it was difficult to get an accurate decibel reading, but enforcement of the curfew was not a problem.

Mr. McManus made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., which was seconded by Ms. Adler and approved unanimously.

Tourism Board

Special Meeting

April 12, 2021

In attendance: Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr., chairman; Tamar Adler; Kate Treacy; Chris McManus; Hannah Black

Absent: Selha Graham, Kristan Keck

Mr. Lewis opened the meeting at 5:06 p.m. It was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Waterfront Wednesdays

A presentation on Waterfront Wednesdays 2021 was given by organizers Sam Merrett of the Hudson Sloop Club, Operation Unite Executive Director Elena Mosley and Hudson Arts Coalition Chairman Adam Weinert. They had already submitted a proposed budget, but not all members had received it for review.

They were trying to take what was created last year—a coming together of many organizations to create a unique community experience—to make Waterfront Wednesdays a more sustainable event. This year's program will include with nine days of land and water initiatives. Tourism Board funding was being sought to expand offerings. Organizers were reaching out to additional funding sources for this year and had already begun doing the same for 2022.

More cultural programming is planned this year, as well as partnerships with new organizations such as Art Omi, The Wick, De Halve Maen and The Maker, plus the business community, specifically the tourism sector.

Some had suggested the events be on a Saturday, but Mr. Merrett said the groups felt the event had more impact on Wednesdays because there was no problem getting visitors to the city and waterfront on weekends.

Ms. Mosley said successful staples of last year's events would return. In the food arena, organizers listened to visitors and decided to expand the selection of food trucks, including vegan fare and the return of Larry Walker's It's Really Good. Zero waste containers will be used this year as well.

Ms. Adler questioned the \$200-per-event fees for a welcome and signup tables. Mr. Merrett said they were two distinct things. The welcome table had a lot to do with COVID-19, like keeping track of the number of visitors allowed to gather, taking temperatures, offering masks and hand sanitizer, and sanitizing the bathrooms. The signup table was for water-based trips, which were all based on scheduling. The welcome table is needed to help with continuity and allow more boats to participate. "We're trying to reach out to the greater Hudson community of boats," he said.

Mr. Weinert said the groups would consider merging the desks because pandemic-related limitations were not yet known for the summer months. He added that the board was offering a reimbursement grant so it couldn't be billed for money not spent.

Discussion followed on how the event would be marketed. Mr. Merrett said a lot of outreach was targeted to special groups and community members. Interest in programs was very popular last year and not one boat trip was empty, which led organizers to offer rides later than originally planned. "The real trick is the signup table." He acknowledged, however, that organizers had to reach out beyond the targeted groups. They were afraid to do too much last year for fear of having to turn people away.

Ms. Treacy asked if any arrangements had been made to shuttle people between the market in Seventh Street Park and the waterfront. Mr. Merrett said The Wick offered use of its "Wickmobile" to connect both ends of town. Also, Hudson Hall donated a fireworks display that hopefully will coincide with the opening day of Waterfront Wednesdays around July 4.

In all, the grant request for Waterfront Wednesdays was \$28,344.02. The board favored allocating funding and agreed to decide on how to fund the program during a special meeting scheduled for April 19 at 5 p.m.

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Pocket Park Activation

Mr. McManus reported that much outreach had been done in preparation for moderated public brainstorming sessions on how to activate the pocket parks along Warren Street. They will be April 13 and 22, both at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Mr. McManus made a motion to adjourn at 5:38 p.m., which was seconded by Ms. Black and approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee on Inclusionary Zoning

April 7, 2021

In attendance: Alderpersons Eileen Halloran and Rebecca Wolff, Alderman John Rosenthal, Common Council President Tom DePietro, Jeff Baker, Counsel

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Ms. Wolff and Mr. Rosenthal had been studying the possibility of an inclusionary zoning ordinance. The law would allow creation of affordable housing by encouraging or requiring developers to set aside a percentage of housing units to be sold or rented at below-market prices. The law would be aimed at providing housing to low-income residents who would otherwise be unable to afford it. They gave members a copy of a proposed local ordinance that was based on a template provided by Tompkins County.

Ms. Wolff said the city has experienced a shortage of housing units available to the population of workers who earn 50 to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI). The purpose of the ordinance would be to ensure enough housing and balance the demand and supply of housing by constructing more units.

The proposal contained a number of definitions, including workforce housing, which is a dwelling unit in which renters or homebuyers pay no more than a certain percentage of their annual gross income on housing.

Mr. Baker said the document seemed to use definitions interchangeably, specifically workforce and affordable housing. For example, in Hastings, developers could build affordable or workforce housing, but two-thirds of it must be dedicated to workforce housing. He did not see that kind of mandate in the proposed law for Hudson. Ms. Wolff said the intent was to define the type of housing as workforce housing specifically. Mr. Baker asked why there was no distinction between workforce and affordable housing. Ms. Wolff said affordable housing could refer to any level of income. Mr. Baker said Hastings created definitions for both workforce and affordable housing. Ms. Wolff said the intent was not to shut out low-income people. Mr. Baker said the committee could refer to just workforce housing with one AMI range. "You have to look at what's doable. What's the AMI for the average household of four in Hudson?" he asked. Ms. Wolff said there were experts that the city could look to for guidance.

Other definitions included in the ordinance were AMI, a developer, dwelling unit, for-sale and rental units, low-income and moderate-income households, market rate units and residential development.

The ordinance also contained a proviso that all new residential developments of 10 or more units would be required to provide a certain percentage of units as workforce housing to low- and moderate-income households. The percentage would increase five years after adoption and a greater percentage 10 years after adoption. Mr. Baker said the Common Council could always amend the law over time. Mr. Baker suggested that the last part of the percentage be removed. Mr. Rosenthal argued for both percentages to maintain the mix of affordability.

Mr. Baker also said more information was needed from housing experts on what's legitimately affordable.

The proposed ordinance also addressed income targeting, specifically, all affordable units would be rented or sold to households with incomes between certain percentages of the AMI.

Alternatives to construction of required affordable units were included in the proposed law—in lieu fees to be allocated to a city housing trust fund or construction of affordable units in another site within the city.

The location of affordable units was included as well. All affordable units, unless off-site construction, must be integrated with the market rate units, according to the draft.

The law contained standards for exterior and interior appearances in regard to design and materials. Mr. Rosenthal said the draft law was trying to indicate that when a developer chose a lesser quantity, there would be no decline in quality. Mr. DePietro said that could be accomplished through the Industrial Development Agency or Planning Board. Mr. Baker agreed that demands on materials could be made. Ms. Wolff asked if the language regarding interior materials could be clearer. Workforce housing wouldn't require luxury materials, but shouldn't be substantially different from those used in market rate units, she said. Mr. Baker said he had seen other codes that required workforce units to have the same amenities as the rest of the building, such as a pool or common area.

Mr. Baker recommended that the interior appearance provision be struck for now.

He also recommended that the period of affordability—in perpetuity—be taken out as it could limit future owners.

There was brief discussion on being sure not to back into rent control, but to aim more toward rent stabilization. Mr. Rosenthal brought up the possibility of offering tax abatements to developers, but worried that if the law was too specific, there might not be any renovations and the housing stock would decline. Mr. Baker said the concern was that people were buying buildings and renting them at market rates, which added to gentrification. He and Mr. Rosenthal agreed that a municipal tax abatement on the city portion of taxes would be a helpful tool; officials just had to figure out how to implement it.

Enforcement was addressed in the draft ordinance and Mr. Baker suggested some changes in that portion as well.

Mr. Baker said he would make the revisions discussed while the committee reached out to affordable developers about what's doable, particularly in Hudson. Other than the Kaz site and John L. Edwards Elementary School, there isn't much land for development, he said.

Ms. Wolff hoped to have something in time for the Council's informal meeting on April 12, but Mr. Baker said that didn't leave enough time to see if abatements could be tied to the ordinance. Mr. Rosenthal was to gather more information regarding tax abatements and what was doable by developers. "We need to ask developers what can be done without a subsidy and

what they need in terms of a subsidy for rentals only.” Mr. Baker said he would investigate whether the law could carry a condition that a developer couldn’t combine incentives. “They’re grabbing money where they can to reduce their costs.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Informal Meeting

April 12, 2021

In attendance:

Common Council President Tom DePietro

First Ward Alderpersons Jane Trombley and Rebecca Wolff

Second Ward Alderperson Tiffany Garriga and Alderman Dewan Sarowar

Third Ward Alderman Calvin Lewis Jr.

Fourth Ward Aldermen John Rosenthal and Malachi Walker

Fifth Ward Alderperson Eileen Halloran and Alderman Dominic Merante

Counsel Jeffrey Baker, City Treasurer Heather Campbell, Youth Department Director Nick Zachos, Commissioner of Youth Maija Reed, Fire Commissioner Tim Hutchings, Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow, Department of Public Works Superintendent Rob Perry, Commissioner of Aging Robyn Waters, Fire Chief Anthony DeMarco, Second Assistant Fire Chief Nicolas Pierro, Police Chief Ed Moore

Absent: Third Ward Alderman Shershah Mizan

The meeting began at 6:03 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 March 8 Informal meeting, the Tourism Board (March 1, 8, 15 and 29), and its ad hoc committees for police data, sidewalks, solar farm and sale of city-owned properties.

Correspondence was received from CSEA officers to all union eligible city employees, Mr. Zachos to CSEA representatives and Youth Department Secretary 1 Karlee Burchfield with an attached letter to Mr. Zachos from CSEA President Ron Van Benschoten. Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the correspondence, which was seconded by Ms. Wolff and approved unanimously.

Mr. DePietro said notice was given regarding the sale of the tail end of Montgomery Street and that written comments would be accepted until April 16. The sale was suggested by Ben Fain. The small piece of road dead ends into his property on Cross and Front streets and would allow him to pick up some space—a 10-foot by 90-foot portion abuts properties he owns at 22 and 25 Cross Street. Mr. Fain planned to plant trees on the site. Mr. DePietro said the city had to get an appraisal of the land. Ms. Wolff walked the property to see the dimensions and lay of the land and found that it would not be useful to anyone but Mr. Fain.

Department Reports

Fire Department

Chief DeMarco reported 46 alarms in March and two structures fires, one at 502 Warren Street and the other on Fairview Avenue. Volunteers also responded to a mutual aid fire in Philmont with its ladder truck, two engines and plenty of manpower.

Assistant Chief Pierro said the new ladder truck was in production in Florida and was still on schedule for delivery after the 2021 FDIC International Conference in Indianapolis, IN, in August. The truck was chosen as a featured apparatus at the prestigious conference, which offers 35,000-plus fire and rescue professionals from more than 65 countries around the world, world-class instructors, and the most innovative products and services available to the industry displayed by more than 800 exhibiting companies. Members of the truck committee will attend the event.

Resident John Kane asked if the busy start to the year signaled any sort of trend. Chief DeMarco said none of the calls were related, nor were they related to a dry season. He referred to the number of calls as “the unluck of the draw.”

Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Campbell reported that the 2020 AUD was under way and due May 1. She anticipated that all adjusted journal entries would be finalized by the end of the week. They include both income statements (the budget and actuals that provide a snapshot of the year’s performance) and balance sheets (which show the total value of the city at the end of the year) for all 16 city funds. Balance sheets are generally referenced by investors.

Total borrowing increased to \$4.1 million and was rescheduled for late April or early May. 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 second round of borrowing to come this year is for the balance of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and New York Power Association street lights. Mr. DePietro asked if the interest on the BAN could be reimbursed with DRI money. Ms. Campbell said she didn’t believe so. Short term debt may be covered by the DRI, but she would check.

Ms. Campbell said two transfer resolutions were required. One was for MuniRevs. A prior resolution authorized the contract, but didn’t include an appropriation to cover the \$9,875 expenditure. The other was for workers compensation. The final apportionment was higher than what was budgeted.

The state Comptroller’s Office improvement plan will begin once the audit is complete.

Azavar completed a short-term rental (STR) audit and identified 31 unregistered facilities. She said an analysis by MuniRevs for comparison was pending. Mr. Merante asked the recourse to the 31 properties not on board. Ms. Campbell said the STR law included significant penalties. Mr. DePietro said it could pretty much include all the money they made while operating without registering. Ms. Campbell said the current vendor has relationships with the biggest outfits, such as Airbnb, which can be asked to delist them.

Ms. Campbell reported parking revenues of \$134,345 through March, which were 19 percent of what was budgeted. There was nothing to report yet for on/off street parking because of timing—meter money had to be collected and deposited. She said she might have been too aggressive in budgeting revenues from the Front Street municipal lot, which had only reached

eight percent of budget through March. Revenues from parking and other permits were low (\$20,545 through March), but parking tickets were up significantly (\$101,852 through March, or 29 percent of what was budgeted). Ms. Trombley asked how much of the parking ticket revenues came from meter violations. Ms. Campbell said that figure would have to come from the Parking Department or vendor, but she would get it and send it to her.

Revenues from building permits and fees looked good, at 57 percent and 40 percent of budget, respectively, for the year to date.

Ms. Campbell said there was good news in the last month—sales tax revenues were higher than anticipated, the state decided to pay out an additional 15 percent and the city was to receive federal funding.

Youth Department

Mr. Zachos reported that the Youth Center remained closed to in-person programming, but virtual programming was ongoing.

Staff had completed three of nine sessions of restorative justice training, which he called “a pretty amazing and transformative process.” Staff will be trained to be trainers and part of the next step is to lead some restorative justice programs in the community this summer. Ms. Wolff said there was statewide support for use of restorative justice practices. She asked if the Hudson City School District used such practices. Mr. Zachos said the school district was very involved.

Many renovations had been made at the Youth Center. The computer room is now a technology space and the “chill vibes” room was completed except for the PS5. An indoor green screen was finished and the kitchen had a complete makeover.

The department received a Columbia Land Conservancy grant in collaboration with Friends of Oakdale Lake and Friends of Hudson Youth to develop interpretive trail signage at Oakdale.

The hiring process was ongoing and was at the second stage for an assistant director.

Spring opening of the center was postponed due to COVID-19, but with a new director coming in, efforts will be focused on the summer program. The summer hiring process is under way earlier than usual. Applications are being accepted for lifeguards and recreation attendants. Oakdale summer camp registrations should be out by April 25 and planning for the camp was under way. Mr. Zachos said he was still waiting for direction from the state on what would be allowed during the pandemic. Mr. Merante asked how many staff had been vaccinated for COVID. Mr. Zachos said half of them would be by this week.

Resident Bill Huston asked if the department still handled bicycle registrations, as indicated on the city website. Mr. Zachos said it had not handled registrations for the past six to eight years because it had no means to process them. “There are no good procedures in place to facilitate it,” he said.

Mr. Huston inquired about a trash can that had been removed from the rear of Oakdale and asked when it would be put back. Mr. Zachos said it would reappear in about a month when more picnics would occur. He said the can was removed because there was a rabid raccoon in the area. Mr. Huston said people were still leaving bags with dog feces in them. Mr. DePietro stopped Mr. Huston from making further comment. Mr. Walker asked if fishing licenses for youth would be provided as in the past. Mr. Zachos said Walmart still provided them, as did River Basin and City Hall, and online as well.

Aging Department

Ms. Waters said virtual programming was ongoing and planning for outdoor programming was under way. The department planned to hire a part-time clerk to be dedicated to the senior center. She would like the position to be full time and was trying to secure funding.

Ms. Waters had been in conversation with the county Office for the Aging regarding reopening the senior center.

She reported that she had been closely monitoring the state movement on caregivers pay. Funding was allocated to nursing homes for resident-facing staff and the Biden administration was looking at addressing the issue as well.

There was a concern about an aerobics class taking up too much of the path used by walkers at the waterfront. Police Chief Edward Moore was to give another program on scams involving seniors.

Department of Public Works

In his Sewer Department report, DPW Superintendent Perry said that septage revenue was \$14,728 in February.

A contractor was required for annual sludge removal of digester. He showed a photograph of the three feet of sludge removed from north digester that totaled almost 22 yards of fine grit that came from the collection system.

The Mill Street pump station was upgraded and expected to be on line at the end of the week.

The Water Department conducted regular maintenance of the pressure reducing valve (PRV) at the water plant. That involved the annual removal, cleaning and inspection of the upper and lower screens and maintenance on the main valve.

Tests from last October detailed the various herbicides and pesticides. They are required by the state Department of Health and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Perry said all values were well below acceptable limits except for a type of weed killer, which was .149 micrograms per liter for state standards, which meant that the sample was 335 times below. It was 470 times below the EPA limit.

Mr. Perry said the department's new pipe locator helped find a portion of the city's raw water transmission main through an apple orchard in Claverack. Further down, the main was visible through a stream crossing. He shared photographs of both.

In another matter, certified letters were sent to Washington Street residents regarding a water line project and five agreements were received. He expected more participation in the next few weeks.

In his DPW report, Mr. Perry said the brick walls at Promenade Hill were not in good shape. Demolition showed that they were set on concrete foundations without any rebar to tie them together. A picnic table was thrown over the fence at the park. Also, excavation under the former splash pad went nearly three feet deep.

Catch basin repair and infrastructure work was being done. Two large basins at Second and Warren streets had to be fully rebuilt.

The department planned to put the docks in and open the bathrooms in Henry Hudson Riverfront Park in May. A tree was removed from the north slip at the park.

He showed a sample of the concrete barriers to be used in the Warren Street seasonal usage program. They are 2x2x4 and weigh about 2,500 pounds apiece. He said the city was working with the county Highway Department and other municipalities to move the 120 blocks,

which he described as a logistical challenge. Ms. Trombley said she appreciated Mr. Perry's cooperation and assistance in finding a solution to ensure safety for the Warren Street program.

Garbage cans were being repaired and street sweeping would resume as a result of one 12-hour spring shift.

Mr. Perry said some good news was that Greenway took over construction of the Dugway as part of the Empire State Trail. It would have cost \$40,000 to do the work.

In another matter, Amtrak and CSX finally allowed engineers access under the Ferry Street bridge to inspect the abutment.

Ms. Garriga reported a hole had formed in front of a sewer on Columbia Street that was gradually getting larger. Mr. Perry said he would look into it.

Mr. Huston asked if any DPW workers had been injured this month, but Mr. DePietro told him the question was not appropriate during the informal meeting. Mr. Huston then noted that the last two blocks of Third Street heading out of the city to Route 9G were in bad shape and seemed to be getting worse every day. Mr. Perry said the sub-base gave out and those portions would have to be excavated and repaved. The department didn't know how bad the sub-base was until it was milled, he said. "That's why the top broke up."

Mr. Huston also asked if National Grid was required to get a permit from DPW before it could dig. Mr. Perry answered yes. Mr. Huston then posed a question regarding a rumored rabid raccoon and whether it would prompt removal of garbage cans. Mr. DePietro interrupted and said the Council was "not going to work on hypotheticals tonight."

Police Department

Chief Moore gave a recap of staffing. The department moved to 12-hour shifts in 2020, which increased the number of patrol officers at a given moment. Overtime was reduced by about \$11,000. He would like to keep it rolling, but said it would only work if the department had enough staff to cover vacations, etc. A recent resignation reduced the department to 22. Police Commissioner Shane Bower canvassed the Civil Service list for candidates.

Ms. Wolff said there was a decision not to let the department fill openings. Chief Moore said he didn't know if the Executive Order covered resignations. There were a lot of factors coming together regarding safety and he didn't want to see a tremendous amount of overtime. Ms. Wolff said the commissioner might have a role in balancing those demands. She also said it seemed that 12-hour shifts might put more stress on officers. Mr. DePietro said the mayor would ultimately decide on 12-hour shifts. Chief Moore added that the officers worked more hours, but fewer days. If the department didn't have overtime, at least minimum staffing would have an effect, he added.

Ms. Garriga asked about recruiting people of color. Chief Moore said there were fewer applicants—"there are probably a lot of reasons for that"—and there had been no Civil Service police officer exams in the past several months. The department has to hire off the Civil Service list, which doesn't expire for quite some time, "so there's not much we can do."

Ms. Garriga pressed the issue of future plans to hire officers of color "who speak their language." Chief Moore recalled an initiative with former State Trooper Greg Mosley that didn't go well. The chief also did not expect recruiting to go well in general. Ms. Garriga asked if he was willing to work with organizations to promote hiring people of color. "Of course," the chief said.

Mr. Merante asked if filling the vacancy would be budget negative. Chief Moore said it would be because he tried to budget for 24 to 25, the maximum, but had 23 this year prior to the resignation.

Mr. Merante also asked how many in the department were vaccinated and was told 18, which included civilian employees and parking enforcement.

Fire Commissioner Hutchings said no one could become an officer without taking and passing the Civil Service test. Ms. Wolff said Civil Service was important, but there was still a real need to balance the exam and the needs of city residents. She didn't feel that information regarding the exam was generally disseminated and was an issue that should be addressed. Chief Moore said that was addressed by Mr. Mosley a few years ago. Ms. Wolff said it needs to become institutionalized and part of the culture.

Ms. Garriga asked if people could be hired provisionally. Chief Moore said they could, but only if there was no accepted, certified Civil Service list. Ms. Garriga asked if part-time officers who hadn't taken the test yet could be hired. Chief Moore said there were no non-competitive positions in the department.

"We've been trying to get local people to work for HPD and minority members. How do we recruit minorities? We're open to help get it done," he said. Ms. Wolff had no suggestion for where such responsibility lay, but thought it was "a more deep-seeded problem that required more attention and definition."

Chief Moore said it would be easier if departments could hand-pick and train officers. The Sheriff's Department just canvassed and got very few responses, Chief Moore said. "We want to get the best, brightest, most motivated people."

Mr. Sarowar asked if the city could sponsor someone to attend the police academy, who would then take the Civil Service test. The chief said that was possible, but risky. The city could pay for attendance at the academy and the person could fail out, for example. Most recently, the city sponsored a candidate and hired them, but they left employment early so there was no return on the investment. Candidates get about half pay during the six-month training period.

Ms. Garriga asked if the department had translators. Chief Moore said city court had translators and police could also use those of the State Police. He also spoke with the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement regarding a translation line. "So if we have an emergency, is there anyone on the force now who can translate?" Ms. Garriga asked. The chief said there was not. Though resources were available, he said such a service was needed in the department. Ms. Garriga asked if he would be willing to put a flyer out because there were many people in the city who speak multiple languages. Chief Moore said that would be helpful. Ms. Garriga said she would put one together and distribute it in the Second Ward.

The chief spoke about a resolution to be considered during the meeting regarding a memorial garden in front of the police station. It would include an engraved marble slab, flagpole, benches, landscaping and stairs from Union Street. It would cost about \$50,000 to design and build and the Hudson Development Corporation (HDC) would hold the funds.

Mr. Huston asked the chief if he was planning to retire this year and was told no. Mr. Huston also asked if there was a speeding problem in the boulevards area near Oakdale and whether speed bumps could be installed. "There are a lot of hot spots in the city," the chief said. Mr. Huston said there were no speed limit signs between Route 9, Glenwood Boulevard and Washington Street, which he said was unacceptable. The chief said if there was a need for signage he would pass it on to the DPW. Mr. Huston also said a parking meter had been missing for six months. "That meter wasn't on my list of priorities," Chief Moore replied.

Conservation Advisory Council

Conservation Advisory Council member Hilary Hillman reported that position papers on a host of environmental issues were being produced by the group. The papers will include links to appropriate materials and be posted on the CAC's page on the city website.

CAC member David Konigsberg worked on a land use and solar energy collection paper to assist the Common Council's ad hoc solar committee and member Marie Balle would be attending meetings of the ad hoc sidewalk committee. Ms. Hillman was working on a position paper on environmental issues surrounding asphalt parking lots.

Community outreach efforts included an Earth Day photo contest on Instagram created by member Tom O'Dowd and a press release on what is biodegradable by Chairman Michael O'Hara. A press release highlighting the importance of a strong, healthy urban tree canopy was to be prepared for Arbor Day.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were introduced for consideration at the Council's regular meeting on April 20:

- Appointment of Jamie Staffiero, Brittany Quinones, Jessica Troy, Elizabeth Kirby, Kevin Keyser and Richard Scalera as Commissioners of Deeds from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2023. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Designation of the *Register-Star* as the city's official newspaper. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Approval of the 2020 service listing of the city's volunteer firefighters for the Service Award Program. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Approval of a \$15,000 grant, recommended by the Tourism Board, to Bindlestiff Family Circus to present and outdoor circus called Flatbed Follies. Introduced by Ms. Wolff and seconded by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Merante asked if another location could be added, such as the Middle School. The track could be used so residents in that area of the city could enjoy the show. The site also offered ample parking. Cirkus Co-Founder Stephanie Monseu said approaching the Hudson City School District for use of its property could require another layer of red tape that she was unwilling to deal with.

Mr. Merante also asked if the funds would only be used for shows in Hudson. Ms. Monseu said funds would only be applied to the cost of Flatbed Follies performances given in Hudson. The total cost is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 so the organization has to fill the gap. Mr. DePietro pointed out that the funding was to be awarded last year as part of the Tourism Board's Project Hudson initiative, but that show, Rising Phoenix, did not come together due to the haste of creating it during the pandemic.

- Approval to transfer \$10,000 from the Tourism Board account to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to purchase concrete barriers for the Warren Street Summer Usage Program and another \$10,000 to the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) to repair planters associated with the Warren Street program. Introduced by Ms. Trombley and seconded by Mr. Sarowar.

- Appointment of Ivy Dane to the Tourism Board. Introduced by Mr. Sarowar and seconded by Ms. Trombley.

- Recognition of the Communications Workers of America as the collective bargaining unit for certain Youth Department employees. Introduced by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Sarowar.

Approval of a \$2,475.72 grant for the Hudson Bond marketing program conducted by the Hudson Business Coalition. The grant was approved as part of last year's Project Hudson program. Introduced by Mr. Sarowar and seconded by Mr. Lewis.

- Approval of grants for \$4,925 and \$6,813 for Phase I and II, respectively of the Hudson Business Coalition's walking tours. The grants were approved as part of last year's Project Hudson program. Introduced by Ms. Trombley and seconded by Ms. Wolff.

- Adoption of an updated anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy. Introduced by Mr. Sarowar and seconded by Ms. Trombley.

- Recommendation to the Hudson Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to place restrictions on housing projects proposed by the Galvan Foundation at 75 North Seventh Street and 708 State Street.

The resolution states that the Council supports affordable and workforce housing, but opposes providing any tax support or tax abatement program, including payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) for real estate developers building market rate rental housing in Hudson. The resolution asks that the IDA stipulate that there will be no involvement from Galvan Partners LLC, or any other for-profit subsidiary associated with any member of the Galvan Foundation, for any building management or construction management of either of the proposed building projects. The Galvan Foundation has used Galvan Partners as its sole construction manager and general contractor for building projects in Hudson since 2004. T. Eric Galloway, co-founder and president of the Foundation, also owns Galvan Partners. Mr. Rosenthal said the latter was a large conflict of interest. "We ask for due diligence. This is what this resolution does," he said.

Mr. DePietro said the resolution contained recommendations, not restrictions. Mr. Rosenthal did not feel that the Galvan entities acted in "a clear and transparent manner." At this point, Mr. Lewis, a Galvan employee, was sent to the waiting room so he could not hear or participate in the discussion.

Ms. Trombley underscored the first statement in the resolution, in which the Council fully supports development of affordable and workforce housing. "I don't want that to get lost in the discussion."

Ms. Halloran was surprised that the IDA was putting out affordable housing PILOTs. "I always understood that the IDA was to bring industry, therefore jobs, into the city." She was not necessarily opposed to the IDA dabbling in housing because it might improve the city's tax base. Ms. Wolff countered that there would be no industry without housing. She pointed out that two PILOTs were being requested and they were totally independent of each other. One or both of them could be approved or declined, she said.

Ms. Wolff also argued that a market rate housing development would not provide the kind of housing the city needs. "It's pretty clear the housing needs of the city are in the workforce area."

Mr. Rosenthal added that the PILOT applications indicated that less than three long-term jobs would be created by the projects.

"There's a deep housing crisis in the city and Galvan has contributed to that displacement," he said. Galvan works slow on its renovation projects because it only uses its own construction company, he alleged.

Mr. Merante asked if the move might open the door to market rate PILOTs. Mr. Rosenthal said it could. Ms. Halloran suggested contacted the developer of Crosswinds, a workforce housing development that did not obtain a PILOT. “Crosswinds is not what it could have been in terms of workforce housing in regard to rental rates,” Ms. Wolff said.

Mr. Rosenthal said the developers of a proposed project for lower Warren Street did not ask for a PILOT, “so there are ways for developers to get projects done, but it appears Galvan wants to increase its profits.”

Ms. Trombley said both PILOTs were for lengthy terms, 25 and 30 years, so the IDA would hamstring the city for a long time for a market rate project. The PILOT considered by the Council for the hotel at Union and Sixth streets was much different and was only for 10 years, she said.

Ms. Garriga countered that the hotel PILOT was different than the Galvan request, which would “give people a place to live for 25 years.” Mr. Rosenthal said the resolution spoke out against a PILOT for market rate rental housing and in favor of a break for affordable housing with conditions. Ms. Wolff added that the resolution also stated that the Council would not support the PILOT if Galvan general contractors were used.

The measure was introduced by Mr. Rosenthal and seconded by Ms. Trombley. Mr. Lewis was brought back into the meeting.

- Support for solicitation of donations to build a memorial garden at the Hudson Police Department. The Hudson Development Corporation (HDC) will be used as a fiscal sponsor so donors can deduct their gifts on their taxes. Introduced by Mr. Sarowar and seconded by Ms. Trombley.

Fair Housing Officer Law

The Council received an updated proposed local law that would amend City Code Chapter 174 to establish a Fair Housing Office and a fair housing policy. A fair housing officer will head the office. That person must be a city resident and must take periodic training to stay up to date on fair housing laws and practices.

Public Comment

Mr. DePietro reported that a number of people had been working on a grant for outdoor exercise equipment. The city’s grant writer, Bill Rohrer, was looking into all funds offered by the state and federal governments available to the city. Any suggested on funding resources should be submitted to Mr. DePietro.

Ms. Garriga brought up the issue of rental properties again. She argued that two-bedroom apartments were taking in \$2,500-a-month rents in Hudson and surmised that the current market rate was \$1,700.

Resident Dave Marston asked if Code Enforcement Officer Craig Haigh was required to report to the Council. Mr. DePietro said he was not, but would like to see that happen. Mr. Marston was concerned about the vacant buildings law and its requirements. There are a number of vacant buildings in the First Ward, such as the Robert Taylor house, which is believed to be the oldest house in Hudson. A section of code addresses demolition by neglect. “The Robert Taylor house meets that in spades,” he said.

“We have dozens of vacant buildings in the First Ward that were affordable housing that are now owned by the same person seeking a lengthy tax abatement,” Mr. Marston said.

Ms. Trombley believed that the law was relevant to housing that was derelict, not vacant. To that end, she said on two occasions she gave the code enforcement office a list of derelict buildings in the First Ward, many of which were owned by Galvan, “so they’re on our radar.”

Ms. Garriga said the conversation was supposed to be about affordability “and all I hear are attacks on Galvan. It sounds like we’re in attack mode. Mr. Marston said she didn’t live in the First Ward so didn’t see the displacement of families. Ms. Garriga said Hudson Terrace Apartments had a lengthy PILOT, 25 or 30 years, and that was about the length of time that people lived there.

Mr. Rosenthal called Galvan’s actions “self-dealing. It’s an allegation that’s out in the open. We have to question why they operate that way. It’s a monopoly.”

Mr. DePietro noted that Mr. Lewis had been brought back into the meeting so discussion should be limited to the next meeting.

Resident Ron Kopnicki asked when a report from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Committee would be given, when it met and when it would meet again. Mr. DePietro didn’t have answers to those questions. Given various DRI-related events, specifically the budget for work at Promenade Hill, meetings that were open to the public would have been useful. Ms. Wolff agreed.

Mr. Kane said Mayor Kamal Johnson should open the DRI meetings to the public. He also said that many cities were reopening and conducting in-person meetings. However virtual meetings have allowed more public participation. He wondered if anyone from the Council had looked into making an investment in city hall that would allow virtual participation. Mr. DePietro responded in the negative.

Mr. Kopnicki asked why an important committee, the DRI panel, with such heavy hitters as members, did not have in-person meetings. He asked if there had been discussion with the HDC about DRI issues. “They have no interest in discussing their project (Kaz) with the city. The DRI committee has no jurisdiction or involvement in their project,” Mr. DePietro said.

Resident Claire Cousin reopened discussion on the Galvan PILOT. She said it was important for all to understand that their concerns were not falling on deaf ears. Housing was an issue that people on the other side of town had been fighting for for years, she said. “It’s not a perfect PILOT, but how are you being proactive to the crisis without losing housing? That’s where our frustration is coming from. At what point do you give your constituents an alternative?”

Ms. Wolff said much was being done on many fronts to combat the housing crisis. She was packaging a proposal for developers that would be a practical guide for the city to stop the displacement timeline. It is being done with an anti-displacement grant awarded to the city. Ms. Wolff also is working on inclusionary zoning for the city.

Ms. Cousin asked if anyone would be there to continue the work after she left office at the end of the year. Ms. Wolff said a housing justice manager would be hired to execute and act on the plans. “It’s very obvious to me that the city is not doing things to prevent displacement. I’m not going away and will stay involved,” she said.

Ms. Garriga said the populous couldn’t wait anymore and was decreasing. Mr. Rosenthal said he and Ms. Wolff were working on inclusionary zoning that would require a portion of housing units to be devoted to affordability. “That’s great for the future, not now,” Ms. Garriga said. Mr. Rosenthal said the resolution supported Galvan’s quest to develop affordable housing, but the organization didn’t work quickly “because of the way they operate. They have to be transparent.”

“The urgency for me is right now,” Ms. Cousin said. People shouldn’t have to lose a job because they can’t find housing, she added. Ms. Wolff said the urgency was real. “It’s unconscionable to put pressure on them regarding affordable housing.” Ms. Cousin said that’s what she wanted to hear.

Mr. Rosenthal heard from three constituents who were being evicted by Galvan. Ms. Cousin said Galvan was not perfect. She said that once elected (she is running unopposed for First Ward Supervisor), that she would reach out to Mr. Marston. “Clair is telling us we don’t know our own neighbors,” Mr. Marston said, and referred to two who were put out after they brought up the issue of lead abatement. “So you want us to rely on a developer who’s caused people to leave,” he said.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Trombley made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee on Alternate Side Parking

April 15, 2021

In attendance: Alderperson Jane Trombley, Alderman Dewan Sarowar, Common Council President Tom DePietro, Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow
Absent: Alderperson Rebecca Wolff

The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. And was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Ms. Trombley raised some issues with DPW Superintendent Rob Perry and DPW Commissioner Bujanow regarding alternate side parking signage on streets in the lower part of the city, in particular Union and Allen streets west of Third Street. There are no signs indicating alternate night parking on those east/west streets from Front Street to Third Street.

Alternate side parking runs April to October to allow sweeping, in this case, lower Allen and Union streets. She proposed that along with signage, DPW maintain a fixed alternate sweeping schedule so the information was succinct and adherence not such a challenge.

For example, the north (even) side of the streets could be swept on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from midnight to 8 a.m. and the south sides on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from midnight to 8 a.m. She said it was hard to imagine that such a schedule would make a difference in the build-up of grit. If so, the signage could be placed at either end of the blocks, roughly two additional signs on each side of the street, to prevent creation of a “sign forest.”

The only signage in the area are Empire State Trail markers on Allen Street (both directions), no parking Sunday 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Ukrainian church at Second and Allen streets, and no parking/standing concurrent with the yellow curbs in the neighborhood.

Ms. Trombley said there was greater clarity on the west side of Front Street, south of Allen Street, but it was less clear to the north of Allen and asked if that could be addressed as well. She also asked if the sweeping rules applied to Front Street, north of Allen Street.

Weight limit signs were addressed as well. Ms. Trombley said there was a sign on Union Street at Third Street that limited vehicles to under five tons, but no such sign at Allen and Third. She asked if one could be added. There also is a weight limit sign at Front and Allen streets that

she said was helpful, but it would be good to advise trucks on the Route 9G/Third Street truck route to be aware of the weight limit on Allen Street.

Mr. Perry sent her a written reply. First, he said an “overweight” sign for Allen Street could be purchased and installed, and second, the same sweeping rules applied to all of Front Street.

Regarding signage for alternate side parking, regardless of it stating odd/even or specific days, it is custom made and takes a few months to obtain. The cost is \$50 to \$100 each depending on the size. There also would be a cost related to installation. Signs mounted on existing posts would be straightforward, but those that needed new posts would require Z-bar, breakaway, concrete, mounting hardware, etc., and could cost more than \$200 apiece, plus additional delays to account for installation logistics, according to Mr. Perry. The roughly \$4,000 needed was “not an amount the city can readily put its hands on,” Ms. Trombley said.

He was confused about how Ms. Trombley's proposed street sweeping schedule could be easier than simply on odd/even days. “It's still alternating,” he wrote. Most people believe Warren Street runs North/South, not East/West, so denoting odd/even simply required a glance at the address of any building on the street. Furthermore, if Ms. Trombley's proposed schedule was adopted for the summer, the blocks mentioned would still have to revert to traditional alternate side parking in the winter to allow for snow removal. The change, he wrote, would add “seasonal confusion.”

“I'll address the elephant in the room: recidivism. Almost everyone is familiar with alternate side parking, they simply don't move their car,” Mr. Perry wrote.

He suggested that the city consider a residential long-term parking permit for the “underutilized” Amtrak lot. For example, a person could pay \$200 a year for unlimited annual parking, “and they never have to move their car.” If they were unwittingly ticketed, their first one could be vacated.

“There should definitely be thorough research of the 4,000 annual parking tickets to identify and isolate patterns. We own the data and it doesn't lie,” Mr. Perry wrote.

He reminded the committee that “alternate side parking” does not appear anywhere in the city code; it was and has been enforced for 50 years under order of the police commissioner.

Ms. Trombley was disappointed that there was no reasonable way to change the sweeping schedule, but it seemed like a compromise to get some signage versus none.

She agreed that parking data should be studied. She referred to Treasurer Heather Campbell's report to the Common Council that \$105,000 was collected in parking fees in the first quarter of the year. Ms. Trombley said she would ask how much of that came from alternate side parking violations.

Ms. Trombley said she would readdress the issue of a weight limit on Allen Street.

Mr. DePietro credited Ms. Trombley for her diligence. There were frequent complaints of an oversized vehicle on Union Street. The vehicle's pattern was changed because it was well over the weight limit. Ms. Trombley said it couldn't have been done without collaboration with Police Chief L. Edward Moore, who called the bus company and renegotiated the re-routing.

Mr. Bujanow said there was a protocol during the term of former Mayor Tiffany Martin in which he and the police commissioner identified problem areas. That practice should be redeployed, he said, and should be parallel to a longer-term solution, such as one-way streets.

As for costs of signage, Mr. Bujanow said a quick bid could be let. Ms. Trombley took a walking tour and found that there were no parking signs at all and not one mention of alternate side parking in the six-block neighborhood between Front and Third streets. At an estimated cost

of \$200 apiece, the 20 signs needed would carry a \$4,000 price tag. Mr. Bujanow said infrastructure money would be coming from the federal government “so there may be something there to earmark” for signage. Ms. Trombley said the needs of the entire city should be included in any grant application as needs differed from ward to ward.

Ms. Trombley agreed to take the signage issue forward to other parts of the city and data on where alternate side parking tickets were generated. Mr. Bujanow said he would contact Police Commissioner Shane Bower. Mr. DePietro agreed to ask other aldermen if they wanted to walk their wards. Ms. Trombley said they could share their concerns with her if they wished.

Resident Maija Reed asked how the signage inventory was done. Ms. Trombley said she walked with a notebook and wrote down the signs on each block. She found that there were no markings around the county courthouse, but when arriving at East Allen Street a short distance away there were signs aplenty. “There's great inconsistency.”

Ms. Reed volunteered to help out in the Fourth Ward.

Ms. Reed also said there had been conversations about street sweeping frequency. Columbia Street has only one-side parking near her home and Thursday night there is no parking on the north side. “Could we reduce sweeping on other streets to one night as well?” she asked.

Ms. Reed also noted that she had trouble finding parking on her street.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Ad Hoc Sidewalk Committee

April 20, 2021

In attendance: Aldermen Dominic Merante, John Rosenthal and Dewan Sarowar; Common Council President Tom DePietro; Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow; Jeffrey Baker, Counsel

Absent: Alderman Calvin Lewis and Alderpersons Tiffany Garriga and Eileen Halloran

Mr. DePietro opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m. It was conducted electronically via Zoom teleconferencing.

Mr. Baker reported that he had not done a redraft of the proposed sidewalk legislation and had yet to have a conversation with DPW Commissioner Bujanow.

Mr. Baker said the committee had looked for guidance from the Common Council regarding areas to cover in the law and the rates to charge. Mr. Baker said the law had been changed to focus on areas of the city that had sidewalks. Doing so would result in far less problems in charging equitable rates. Mr. Rosenthal said the counterargument to that could be an effort to increase walkability throughout the city. Mr. Baker said that in terms of rollout, it would be easier to add to the district later.

Mr. Baker also said that he had talked with DPW Superintendent Rob Perry and Mayor's Aide Michael Chameides regarding performance standards for repairs of sidewalks so they met Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Mr. Rosenthal asked if the law contained credit for those who already made repairs and was told it did.

The law would be subject to a permissive referendum. If enough signatures were gathered for a vote, the measure could be on the ballot in November. Mr. Baker said he would have something more tangible, with maps, prepared for the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sale of City-Owned Properties

April 28, 2021

In attendance: Alderpersons Jane Trombley and Rebecca Wolff, Aldermen Dominic Merante and Dewan Sarowar, Common Council President Tom DePietro

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. and was conducted electronically via Zoom.

Mr. DePietro said three people were interested in buying small pieces of property contiguous to theirs on Spring Street. The land would be of no good use for other owners, he said. The next step would be an appraisal of the lots.

Ms. Wolff reported on a meeting she had with the Regenes Group Inc. The company works in the field of regenerative development, which is an approach to land use, community development and the built environment. Regenerative development is centered around the idea that the earth can be healed and regenerated through human development. Ms. Wolff said Regenes said unlike real estate developers, Regenes works to find out what the city wants and needs. Its members get to know the under-layer—ecology, economic development and social justice, for example. Its work could even be an insertion of planning. Mr. DePietro said the group could help with rewriting the zoning code.

Ms. Trombley asked how Regenes was contacted and its history. Mr. DePietro said Regenes and the MPACT Collective, an impact-based development company focused on addressing the unmet demand for development with a commitment to social economic and environmental sustainability, had a track record. New Rochelle retained MPAC as a master developer to redevelop city-owned sites in its downtown and transit-oriented development clusters.

Ms. Wolff said Regenes was concerned with issues like climate concerns and “the ecological crisis we’re in. It is comprised of architects, planning and design experts that work with regenerative versus extractive practices. They leave places better than they found them, she said.

Like any development group, if the city made arrangements with them, they would benefit because they are a for-profit business. If the committee decided to go further along, a presentation would be made to the Common Council. Ms. Wolff said the group has not yet talked to the Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency (HCDPA) as a whole.

Mr. DePietro said resident Michael Hofmann provided photos of some of the city-owned properties to provide committee members a land’s eye view. Mr. DePietro wondered why the city didn’t catalog its properties. The first photos shown were of 31-31 ½ Spring Street. The site has a trench about 30 feet deep and is heavily wooded, thus would be hard to develop. The property does not border any homes, which are on the opposite side of the street.

Property on the west side of North Sixth Street near Oakdale is similarly slope. The land borders Underhill Pond, is heavily wooded and has a path that leads to the walking trails along

Oakdale. There is a small area of land at 127 North Sixth Street located between two properties. There also is an empty lot between houses at 514 and 516 Columbia Street with a large tree in the center. Ms. Trombley said the lot was probably buildable for infill housing.

Next shown was the lot at the corner of State and North Fourth streets, which Mr. DePietro described as “the great mystery.” The county uses the lot for parking, but doesn’t pay any fees to the city. Ms. Trombley surmised that occurred because no one asked. She wondered if the city supervisors were aware of such and if not, should raise the issue. Ms. Wolff asked if the Common Council had adopted a resolution that would recommend that lot be used for affordable housing. Mr. DePietro said it was rumored that all the mechanicals from the former school that was located there were buried in the ground. Grant funds were to be used to see what was underground. Ms. Trombley asked what had to be done to sell or rent the property. Mr. DePietro agreed to take the matter to Counsel Jeff Baker.

The committee was still trying to figure out what to do with the Code Enforcement Office if its current office at 429 Warren Street was sold. The office has one full time and two part time employees. Officials had been trying to get costs of temporary offices, but now that the city’s financial issues were less severe than thought, that could be pursued again. Mr. DePietro said the office might fit in the Chamber of Commerce building, but the organization hadn’t been approached of such. Mr. Merante believed that the downstairs bathroom was compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Also there are steps to get to the bathroom and other areas. It would not be appropriate for someone to have to go outside and come back in to use the bathroom. Mr. DePietro said use of the Chamber building would be taken of the list.

He moved on to the two houses located in the cemetery. One near the water storage site is vacant. That house has internal problems. A pipe burst a year or so ago and still was not fixed because the city had not yet heard from its insurance company. He said the city had talked with the county Department of Social Services about its being used as a warming station in the winter. Those talks could be resumed.

The other building has a long-term tenant and the cemetery office. Cemetery maintenance equipment is next door.

Ms. Trombley asked if there was anything keeping the city from getting an appraisal of the Code Enforcement Office and the other two sites. Mr. DePietro said there was a 2020 appraisal of the code office as well as the Chamber of Commerce building, Hudson Day Care Center and City Hall. Mr. DePietro said the code office could be sold at auction with a minimum bid set. Ms. Trombley suggested a goal of having the code office moved by July 1 and the bidding process start by August 1, but Ms. Wolff said there were other concerns to think about, specifically, what was the committee’s goal for this property. “It pushes against concerns we have in the city like displacement and permanently altering the Warren Street landscape.”

The idea of a land bank had been raised, now it was time to plan what to do with the property, she said. Ms. Trombley suggested that the committee reconsider its name. Ms. Wolff said it was referred to as a committee to sell city-owned properties “because Tom was worried about the fund balance. That’s not where we are right now.” Ms. Trombley asked Mr. DePietro to consider the name change and what the committee’s charge was. “I’m not comfortable seguing from one construct to another. We stay the course or reconsider. It doesn’t have to be solved now. Just think about defining what we really want to do,” she said.

Mr. DePietro said even if the property was sold, a number of contingencies could be put in place. “That’s just one way to look at it,” he said. The city’s financial situation was not as

urgent, but “it still doesn’t hurt to have money to do things we want to do.” Ms. Wolff was not opposed to sale of the property, but felt that a plan was needed.

Resident Daniel Hason, a Realtor with Latitude Regenerative Real Estate, described Regenesi as “an awesome group.” As for sale of the code office at auction, Mr. Hason leaned toward Ms. Wolff about what was the best potential for the property versus the biggest dollar. He also agreed with contingencies.

Ms. Wolff asked if the code office might be located to a room in the county office building at 401 State Street in exchange for use of the parking lot next door. Mr. Merante said only the first floor of that building was ADA accessible. Ms. Wolff said a pod could be placed in the lot behind 401 State or even in the lot now used for parking. The pod would have to be ADA compliant.

Mr. Merante said the Hudson City School District used pods for classrooms at one time and the Hudson Correctional Facility had them at one time as well. He said the city should check to see if there was a market for used ones. The school district sold theirs for thousands, he said.

Mr. DePietro said a housing trust fund, to be drafted at the next HCDPA meeting, would need financial backing, which could come from sale of that office.

Mr. Hason said he was working with Pattern for Progress, which was interested in what could happen with some of the lots mentioned. Ms. Wolff said Joe Czajka of Pattern for Progress had a list of properties owned by the city and HCDPA.

Mr. Hason asked how those properties could be sold. Mr. DePietro said the Common Council would have to approve the sale, which would be conducted at a public auction. Ms. Wolff said the only way out would be to put the property in trust. Mr. DePietro said there were other ways to sell city-owned properties, but he would have to check with Mr. Baker. Ms. Wolff reminded the committee that not all of the properties on the list were to be sold, like the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. DePietro said some properties had leases, but still could be sold, however nothing was in play.

Mr. Merante inquired about the status of 98 Paddock Place. Mr. DePietro said the only holdup was the eviction process. The former owner lives in the home and can’t be evicted under COVID rules. Ms. Trombley said that property could be sold and the proceeds put in a trust fund.

Mr. DePietro urged members to think about a name change for the committee and what might be done regarding the code office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on Solar Farm Placement

April 28, 2021

In attendance: Aldermen Calvin Lewis, John Rosenthal and Dewan Sarowar, Common Council President Tom DePietro

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom teleconferencing.

Conservation Advisory Council member David Konigsberg urged the committee to consider using the land below a proposed solar array for pollinator gardens and that it be included in the request for proposals (RFP).

A real problem with ground-mounted solar arrays was destruction of ecosystems. Mr. Konigsberg told members that there was little regard for pollinators in the food chain. There has been a loss of habitat, but the trend for solar farms had been to create pollinator habitats. One of the problems early on was that panels had to be 40 inches to prevent shade. That is not the case now.

He gave two reasons why that requirement should be in any city proposal: first, “it’s the right thing to do for the city’s environment,” and second, there was not a lot of cost involved.

Another big advantage to a pollinator garden was that it would keep heat down, as opposed to a traditional gravel surface. An added value was the possibility of a secondary business locating there, such as a beekeeper. It would create an educational experience and be great public relations for the city, he said.

The state Departments of Agriculture and Markets and Environmental Conservation are actively encouraging development of pollinator habitats on commercial properties, with a particular focus on solar farms. The state Department of Environmental Conservation In addition, DEC recently installed a new solar array at its Region 4 Stamford sub-office that includes a pollinator garden planted beneath the panels and installed two large bee colonies at its Long Island office as part of ongoing efforts to maintain a more sustainable workplace.

In addition to the energy benefits and to take full advantage of the space underneath the solar panels, DEC partnered with the Seneca Park Zoo Society’s Butterfly Beltway project to plant a pollinator garden. The Rochester-based organization developed a variety of seed mixes to be planted beneath the panels, including a “low-grow” seed mix for plants that, when in bloom, will not impede the collection of solar energy.

Mr. Konigsberg provided links for RFP language that specified pollinator-friendly landscaping and to a model pollinator-friendly solar ordinance developed by the University of Indiana. He also provided a link to solar developer Cypress Creek Renewables, which created Bogart Solar in Catskill. The community solar project has 2.5 acres of pollinator-friendly habitat. It provided \$10,000 in funding to the Greene Land Trust to restore floodplain forest and enhance public access at the Mawignack Preserve, a nature preserve owned by Scenic Hudson in Catskill.

Mr. DePietro said the information would be passed on to Department of Public Works Commissioner Peter Bujanow for inclusion in the RFP. The idea would be included in a sale or lease agreement of the land, he added.

“This is the type of synergy we’re looking for in the city,” Mr. DePietro said. He applauded the CAC for a recent victory with its recommendation regarding a parking lot proposed by Columbia Memorial Hospital that resulted in some changes. He called the CAC “one of the best boards in the city.”

He said the CAC would be kept in the loop as the RFP was developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Communications.

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

- 1) Dog Report submitted for April 2021.

2) Sam Merrett, Hudson Sloop Club regarding the recently submitted RFP for city dock usage.

Carried.

Bills.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following list of bills were audited and ordered paid by the following vote:

Mayor Johnson (petty cash)	44.97	First Light	397.93
Repeat Business Systems	9.58	MUNirevs Inc	1,666.66
Language Line Services Inc	8.25	Daniel Shaughnasey	140.00
Michael Chameides	20.00	James Delaney Jr.	600.00
Chatham Printing & Copy Center	460.00	Jeffrey S Baker	6,791.66
Verizon	118.25	Rackspace US Inc	765.60
Mid Hudson Cablevision	51.45	Passport Labs Inc	6,011.60
TGW Consulting Group	2,100.00	Matthew Parker	133.60
US Bank Equipment Finance	226.36	Revize LLC	1,200.00
Mid Hudson Cablevision	41.45	WB Mason Co Inc	67.56
Staples Contract & Commercial	50.93	Amano McGann Inc	6,964.00
Zoe Paolantonio	1,166.66	JV Computers	2,545.19
Rodenhausen Chale & Polidoro	583.33	Paychex Human Resources Svcs	268.80
Hinman Straub	3,590.00	Amazon Capital Services	38.41
Paychex of New York LLC	628.07	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	521.85

Ferry Street Bridge

Creighton Manning	9,696.59
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Truck Route Traffic Study

MJ Engineering & Land Surveying P.C.	21,400.00
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Arterial LLC	17,177.33
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Tourism Board Grants (Approved)

Hudson Business Coalition	4,925.00	Hudson Business Coalition	6,875.00
Hudson Business Coalition	2,475.72	Columbia Economic Dev Corp	12,500.00

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Mayor Kamal Johnson would provide a presentation on the Transitions to Treatment Task Force Report.

Mayor Johnson read the following prepared statement:

“Good evening everybody. I wanted to talk to you guys tonight about some of the work that we’ve been doing as the second part of you know, our long look at policing and relationships in our community. This stems from the original work that came from the Police Reform package. Two committees were created from that particular, that initial resolution and the first being PARC which meant, many of you know of which is the Police Advisory Reconciliation Committee; the second is the Transitions to Treatment Task Force which is in direct partnership with Greenburger Center. This task force met over the course of the year, last year and all of this year and was attended by many mental health professionals as well as re-entry services, Greener Pathways, elected officials, judges and many of our community organizations that are working on the ground with our most vulnerable population. Some of the major service and infrastructure gaps that were identified with the committee looking at substance use and as well as serious mental illness with the need for supportive and homeless housing; a lot of this is evident, if you look at 7th Street Park at night time as well as including permanent support housing for those living with mental illness, temporary support housing including a homeless shelter for the homeless population. Research is showing us as well as living the experience from all of us as elected officials and working in a community organization that hotels just, just isn’t working. It’s an expensive system and lacks the wrap around services and it’s too far from city resources. Substance use is no longer a problem that we can ignore in our city or in our County, we can no longer say it’s not happening here, it’s not only in our backyard but it’s in our front yard. This year in Hudson we’ve already seen six overdoses and three deaths compared to only two last year. I read in our local paper the Mayor of Philmont stated that one overdose is entirely too many and our entire County should be thinking the same that one overdose is too many. Our County is off in the lead in the recent deaths so now, on New York State, we’ve already seen over thirty-five suspected overdoses in our County this year alone. The need for short-term crisis stabilization beds and crisis step down services is evident in every situation where someone falls through the cracks and all of our research is offered in our County. Mental health counseling services for students as well as after graduation transitional services for students graduating from high school with serious forms of mental illness are also gaps that we deem a high priority to fill. The old way is not working anymore and if the pandemic showed us anything it’s that out of the box thinking and handling all of these issues is the new way of the future. We have to invest and create criminal court aversion options that could bolster our re-entry services for people who leave from incarceration and those who are on probation or otherwise diverted from criminal justice pre-trial. Now, where do we go from here, many of you who have been a part of this work kind of know the major issues that we’re facing in our County. We are proposing the creation of a Wellness Hub on a donated land in Greenport to enable co-located services for the target population. This Hub will include the relocation of the proposed People USA 20-bed detox center, the development of short-term and stepdown crisis services either associated with the Wellness Hub or Columbia Memorial Hospital. They’re looking to include the development of the 30 to 40-bed homeless shelter and elimination of hotels for emergency housing. We need to restore the support counseling services that, back to pre-pandemic levels in schools, jails and

county mental health clinics as well as actively recruiting a diverse staff of professionals. Other recommendations include the creation of county mental health court to hear felony cases and a hub court to allow the transfer misdemeanor cases. We have to begin to de-criminalize such mis-use disorders and serious mental health disorders. These issues are serious and we can only tackle them together. Today we don't have all the answers but this is you know, a step in the right direction. For me as an elected official, I think and what other constituents have looked for in their elected officials is you know someone who's not just going to create policy and legislation but someone who's going to look for ways to change people's lives and better the lives of people in our community as a whole. So, thank you for listening tonight, I'm going to turn it over, if there's anything I missed to our partners on the Greenburger Center, Cheryl Roberts".

Cheryl Roberts, Director of the Greenburger Center and the City's Corporation Counsel, stated she had been honored to work with the Mayor on behalf of the Greenburger Center as well as all members of the task force and she said "I want to thank them all, the people who worked with me for the last ten months and just want to point out one thing, I read already something in the paper, the caption was something like Mental Health, you know, Failing and I want to be really clear, the specialists I worked with from the County and who are non-profit providers, are doing an extraordinary job in dealing with what they have to deal with and there are certainly gaps but my experience is when there are gaps in services because there's gaps in funding". She said "the ironic thing here is that there is funding out, it's just used in the wrong way because regulations, mostly state and federal, put so many other cases on how you can use the money that it's difficult for these providers to get the funding that they need to do the job they know needs to be done". Director Roberts said "we're looking forward to working with these, specifically as we go forward, these providers to try and shift some of this funding and the regulations around them and the good news is the Governor in his State of the State talked about something that may have reforms like money for crisis stabilization centers and also merging some of the functions of the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Substance Abuse Services which really would help us become what I hoped to be a model for other upstate suburban and rural communities". She said "we have all the ingredients here, we have some really terrific people at the county level, we have a Mayor who is willing to be initiative and push the envelope and then we have summation of land that will go to the Greenburger Center and we are very excited and anxious to put that land, it's about five acres or so, to use for the County and the people of Columbia County" and she said "I'm looking forward to accepting and I'm hoping that the County partners with us because that's really I think where we need to go, we need to partner with the County and the City to you know, move this to the next level".

Mayor Johnson stated there had been a reporter for the local newspaper in attendance at this meeting and he said "I'm going like request, if possible, they could change the headlines because it is extremely disrespectful to the work, you know I've worked in prevention and recovery for a number of years in our City and in mental health for almost twenty years so I know all of the work that our professionals do every day and I'm grateful for them being a part of this process but this isn't to fault anyone, this is a partnership to bolster the needs in our community". He said "we need an All-Hands-on Deck approach".

President DePietro stated the council members had received the report late in the day and he stated he felt it would make sense to hold off on questions until the council members had time to absorb the document. He asked “is there any questions from council members, in any case”?

Alderman Trombley questioned the Mayor or Director Roberts to identify the next steps and she said “I think this is a very exciting initiative, I’m a thousand percent behind it, I think it’s absolutely right to have it at the county level”.

Director Roberts said “wisely I think during the course of the ten months, some of the providers said there is so much here, there is so much we kind of have to get out that the next step has to be a separate task force to look at the recommendations, figure out which ones make sense and then develop an implementation plan to figure out how do we implement and how do we actually partner with the State, it’s very important I think to partner with the State and I think they are, we’ve had, Greenburger Center has had some initial conversations with them and I think there’s interest there so the next immediate step is to go to the County, they have received the report now and we will be briefing their committee and the hope we provided, we hope for a vote in July that they will agree to form a joint task force with the City and I’m sure a lot of the players that were in our task force so that we can together sort through all the recommendations and figure out you know, which should come first” and she said “the good news is while that’s happening, the Greenburger Center’s going to continue to go forward with the property transfer and we will work with People USA to get that detox center relocated, it’s very important to have that 20-bed facility as the Mayor has said many times now you know, substance disorder disease is really effecting every level of our community and we need to get that detox center up and running so we’ll be doing that and we hope to you know, as the Mayor said, work around that location, the wellness hub and also the Columbia Memorial Hospital to get the co-located services we need to support people who are stepping down from mental health or substance abuse disorder crisis”.

Alderman Trombley said “I’m hopeful that the other communities within the County who are affected, which are affected by substance abuse issues as well and all the things that you’ve articulated are fully onboard with this”.

Alderman Merante said “great work you guys are doing on this I’m very happy to see this move forward as I was supportive of People USA”. He questioned the status of the People USA Project and also if the location would be in close proximity for the city residents to utilize.

Director Roberts said “People USA and Steve Miccio, the Executive Director is completely onboard with this, they are looking forward to working with us, they needed to move their facility from that location, the location was I think on the corner of Merle and 66” and she stated the last appendix of the report had a map of the property that would be transferred to the Greenburger Center. She stated the property would be adjacent to the Columbia County Jail and she said “it’s close enough to the City that people could get there you know back and forth fairly easily but also I think provides a location that is not necessarily around a lot of other development where you know, people will like be concerned about it but having said that, I think it’s so important that we take down our barriers, these are our neighbors, our friends, our peers,

our children, our grandparents and parents, it's not the other, this is our community so we want to find a way to help and incorporate and bring people into the community who are in crisis and then try to find ways to set them down".

Alderman Merante said "I hope to get this to work because I don't think anyone could reach out and not be affected you know, by the situation and realize the benefit of this moving forward".

Mayor Johnson requested the many county residents in attendance at the meeting to reach out to their County Supervisor to show your support of the project and he said "that helps out a lot to keeping the ball moving on this project".

President DePietro stated Hilary Hillman would provide an update on the Conservation Advisory Council.

Ms. Hillman said "I wanted to let you know about two topics that are going on with the CAC and they're actually going to come up in resolutions tonight" and she said "we have, are proposing a new CAC member, her name is Britt Zuckerman, she's a landscape architect living right here in town on North Fifth and she brings a lot of good new energy to the CAC". She stated she had attended the Sidewalk Ad Hoc Committee earlier in the evening where she had discussed stormwater containment ideas that would be ADA compliant and would better serve the health of the city trees and she said "I think she would be a great addition to the CAC". Ms. Hillman stated a selection committee of the CAC had reviewed the proposals for the Urban Forestry Grant and she said "we are really excited about one in particular that we would really, there's also a resolution that's coming up this evening, and his name is Miguel Barrios, he is from Ithaca New York, he and his company, the company is called Land Beyond the Sea and this is to execute a no-match grant that we received from the DEC". Ms. Hillman said "this summer, the forest street team would come in and you know, inventory all of the trees in the parks and the streets and then summarize a maintenance plan report, management plan report" and she said "I just want to tell you that the reasons that we found to be best because he's really well suited for the City of Hudson, they have a good history of producing street tree inventories and the DEC is very pleased with their past work in other small cities, they're very qualified to do the work, they checked every box on the RFP, they're practice includes environmental conservation and the reclamation of nature areas that have been damaged and they bring a very holistic approach to what they're doing wherever they are meaning they'll go out and get the exact data on every single tree here but they're thinking beyond the tree, they're thinking about stormwater, natural tributaries, pollinator pathways and they always keep all of these things in their field of vision". Ms. Hillman said "we would like your support on this and we thank you very much".

President DePietro said "before we go to resolutions, since we have a sort of resolution at bay at this time which is concerning the docks, we should probably get right into it and try to solve this issue at the top of this meeting" and he said "all of you on the council have now received and looked at both applications and you know which, what they both offer and they're both represented here tonight, we'll eventually want to address you but before we do that, do we

think it's necessary, are we willing to, do we still want to reconsider it or do we want to go with the vote as it occurred last week".

Alderman Walker stated he would like to hear a brief summary from both sides.

Alderman Wolff stated she would like to hear additional information.

Alderman Rosenthal stated that the council members should reconsider and he said "let's keep in mind some important things about this current operator who's trying to get the lease or license we should say".

President DePietro stated Abdula Rahaman representing Hudson Cruises, Inc. would address the council members.

Mr. Rahaman stated he had written the response to the city's RFP to include all of the information he thought had been requested and he said "I thought our records spoke for itself over the last seventeen years; it said eighteen but that would be this year included and of course we haven't entered an agreement for this year". He said "what came to my attention after it was being disputed was the fact that over the past few years we had various license agreements in place that we thought should have been extend because this scramble at the beginning of our six month season, to try to garner some revenue during what is the understood boating season in the Hudson Valley and for which is made for us through October 31st, it is the only revenue generated season for the boats in the river" and he said "we have twelve month bills like everyone else but we only have a six month revenue stream but this year it's even shorter because there wasn't even an RFP put out until the end of March with a May response time which cuts the deal as you can see from our discussion now into our revenue generating season". Mr. Rahaman said "it turns out the reason that we're having this dispute is something that was kind of made up in the past is about, we have no and had no and still have no contention with the Sloop Club, we work harmoniously with them, we both work harmoniously with the other not-for-profits on the river, our partner is the steward in the river, teaches sea school, we teach the river to the students of the various schools, we of course support the only source of revenue for the lighthouse and we've been doing public service for the ferry service for years, mostly at a loss". Mr. Rahaman said "what we found out during this RFP was that we couldn't discuss our response with anybody, it was written in the RFP and there was no collusion, no dialogue with anyone in the city or with anyone who would be in competition with us" and he said "following the letter of the law, we put forward our best foot so that anyone that didn't know us, would know us from the proposed response, the proposal response". He said "I found when you voted, you were not giving the opportunity to read either the RFP or the proposal response so therefore I understand why you felt that you were making a decision in the dark" and he said "it wasn't our fault, we put in a seventeen page, a twenty page actually RFP and a fifteen-page response". Mr. Rahaman stated following the tabling of the decision, a few council members had reached out for additional information and he said "I was so happy that someone reached out because we were still under this quote gag order". He stated he had been on board since 2008 handling the administration while his partner, Guy had been the operation manager and he said "I've been very involved with various communities up and down the river for many, many years and we've taking a leadership position in many areas". Mr. Rahaman stated Hudson Cruises employs

substance abuser to assist in their recovery and he said “we train them, we give them something to do and they get some money and we ensure that they meet the standards of their relationship with the state”. He said “the most aggravating thing is, the only reason this year is in contention is because one of our employees, Sam Merrett, our ex-employee, we got him his captains license, we supported him, my wife and I subsidized him, we were getting the Apollonia in better, trying to make his dream a reality and we feel that he has the right to do that, he really does, the man has a dream and who are we to not help him to support that dream but one of the contentions was that somehow the dock came in that in order to fulfill his requirement, he needed our commercial docks” and he said “I understand the commerciality of it but last Sunday he loaded up on the public dock, he loaded hundreds of pounds of freight of cargo on his boat and he can’t be here tonight because he’s doing his main mission which is to sail freight on the Hudson River from Albany to the Battery”.

President DePietro stated Mr. Merrett had been in attendance.

Mr. Rahaman stated he would invite Mr. Merrett to engage in a dialogue and he stated he should not speak to a document that may have not yet been presented.

President DePietro asked “what are you referring to”?

Mr. Rahaman said “the document that they’re willing to retract their bid if we were willing to be more sharing of the docks”.

Mr. Merrett said “Noor, you are correct” and he said “first of all I’d just like to mirror a lot of things that Noor said but with this process being strange and bizarre and divided, that’s really sad”. He said “I consider Noor a friend, Guy has been a mentor to me and Hudson Cruises brings a lot of value to our community”. Mr. Merrett said “I think there’s so much confusion here, the heart of my proposal and the reason I submitted it, is because we’re trying to expand community public programming on the commercial dock” and he said “we are trying to do that in a way that does not displace Hudson Cruises and I have reached out and I have not talked to Nor specifically about this but I had reached out before the RFP and talked to his partner Guy in an attempt to have one you know, sound agenda that works for both of us and I was not able to come up with something there”. He said “we were not able to come up with one proposal so I felt like my only option was to submit a proposal” and he said “I did everything within my ability to create a proposal that would mobile Hudson Cruises as I understand their business and Noor, of course jump in and correct me if I’m misrepresenting anything it’s your business, but that would allow them to run their business and would also allow us to create public programming”. He said “we started a program last year called Waterfront Wednesdays” and he said “Waterfront Wednesdays is about public programming at the dock, it’s about bringing connection to other vessels on the river and bringing them to our community through a partnership with the Tourism Board, Operation Unite and a number of other partners we were able to do this last season, we wrote another proposal to continue this”. Mr. Merrett said “the reason I submitted the proposal is that I’m worried about our ability to continue that programming” and he said “I would be very happy to rescind the proposal, like I said in the document I submitted, if we can simply have some assurance that there’s a mechanism to bring other boats to town”. He said “Noor, you are correct, I did load Apollonia in the basin slip and I

can” and he said “what we can’t do in the basin slip is bring in the Sloop Clearwater to run public programming, what we can’t do in the basin slip is bring in the Impossible Dream to run public programming and what we can’t do is the same kind of free public programming that we did with Apollonia last year”.

Mr. Rahaman said “as Sam pointed out he was able to load on the public dock, he’s begun his maritime runs already, we have not because we need a commercial dock” and he said “in the past, all of those other boats have come and gone during various times in the season for these public opportunities and they can still do so, we’ve never stopped them, we’ve been in charge of the docks for seventeen years and they were never not been able to come and do their programs or their boats as well”. He said “no they cannot always go to the public dock but on the boat dock there’s a hundred feet of dock available for them to open right there” and he said “if we’re not in town, they’re certainly welcome to our dock but if we have a commercial rent on the dock then it is a commercial rent on the dock, if we need to do it with all of our boats because those boats are our revenue stream for the season, all three of them”. Mr. Rahaman said “once we rented them from the City, we have to protect them with our insurances so when people say we’ll have to then be open to the public, the other part of the dock, the other two slips plus Rick’s Point with all of that, remain open to the public” and he said “we’re not barring anyone from any of the public area, the private area that we have rented, we have to protect our assets and assets value is very high”. He said “Sam admitted and acknowledged that he can load and unload his boat at the public dock which he’s done, that’s why he’s underway as we speak so therefore the other boats that come in randomly can be at the public dock, I mean the other dock, the boat dock and not infringe on anyone so we all can continue a very great co-existence and the City gets its revenue for the one hundred and sixty foot of space that we’ve rented and we can conduct our business and get the revenue from the weddings and the other commercial enterprises that we have been working with and bring in new money, new tourism and the people have already made reservations for the weddings we’ve booked, they’ve already made reservations at the various hotels and at the restaurants so therefore that revenue stream is already in place and we’ve actually cancelled ten thousand or more dollars in tourism already because of this problem”.

President DePietro stated a decision would need to be decided this evening and he said “I appreciate all you had to say, I want to hear from council members and how they would like to proceed with this”.

Alderman Wolff stated Sloop Club had proposed to act as a dock coordinator to include the Hudson Cruises and the other programming and he said “that seems like a tad oracle difference in terms of the things we should consider as a council”.

President DePietro said “is there a motion to withdraw the existing resolution”.

Alderman Rosenthal said “I’ll make that motion”.

Alderman Wolff said “I’ll second it”.

Alderman Merante said “now that that motion was made, my recommendation would be, because of the education that I got in both regards and Sam had some things in writing that now moving forward we can look at to see if Hudson Cruises has opened that willingness up, moving forward” and he said “another recommendation would be that this process needs to start in February”.

President DePietro said “rescinding it doesn’t mean, it’s not done yet”.

Alderman Merante said “I think also my recommendation would be both for Sam and Noor is, for data” and he said “looking for data of what they bring in to the city, great we have tourism you know, some hard data that can help us you know, assess some tangible numbers”.

President DePietro said “let’s just vote on the rescinding first”.

On motion of **Alderman Rosenthal**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, Resolution No. 1 of May 10, 2021 which authorized the dock contract to Hudson Cruises was ordered rescinded by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Rosenthal, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro.
(6)

Nays: Aldermen Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan and Sarowar. (5)

Alderman Halloran, prior to “nay” voting on the motion, said “I think it sets a bad precedence” and she said “I think it should stay the way the original vote went”.

Alderman Merante, prior to voting, said “hopefully we can all sort this out and speaking with both of them, I think they can nay”.

Prior to voting, **Alderman Rosenthal** said “I’m voting to rescind the resolution given the information I’ve gotten from complaints about paint chips in the river, improper stewardship from Hudson Cruises, locking the dock, the idea that we’re giving a commercial monopoly at our commercial dock that should have multiple uses rather than one exclusive use is something that I don’t support so I’m supporting rescinding the resolution in favor of having of two entities and multiple commercial entities being able to access the dock rather than insurgent entities”.

Alderman Walker, prior to voting “yes” on the motion, said “I just appreciate the Sloop Club creating public programming, it’s just being in collaboration with you know, just (inaudible), bringing just a comfortable feel, just brought to the table, for me”.

President DePietro, following the vote on the motion, said “I don’t think we’re going to solve this tonight and what we can do is, rather than make this thing go on forever, we should have a special meeting right away where we can actually hash out between everybody involved”.

Alderman Rosenthal questioned the \$2,400 proposed by the commercial operator and asked “was that a one-time payment”?

President DePietro said “mhm”.

President DePietro said “we’ll schedule a special meeting at the end of this meeting to go over it you know, separately because we can’t let this drag.....

Mr. Rahaman said “I’ll consult with my partner and we’ll probably pull our proposal”.

Mr. Merrett said “I do not want to hold up the Hudson Cruises operation so if they were comfortable you know, whatever, if there’s a way to start it before this conversation.....

President DePietro said “we just can’t do it right here, right now”.

Resolutions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 May 18, 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:

June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023

Pamela Hoilund 3875 Route 9G Germantown, NY	<u>Work</u> 25 Railroad Avenue
Stephanie Hoffman 3135 US Highway 9 Apt 9 Valatie, NY 12184	“ “
Jonathan Yager 35 Crown Court Stuyvesant, NY 12173	“ “
David C Miller, Jr. 27 Arthur Ave Hudson, NY 12534	701A Union Street
Linda Mussman 308 State Street Hudson, NY 12534	434 Columbia Street
Dewan A. Sarowar 9 Columbia Street Hudson, NY 12534	520 Warren Street
Kathy Bensen 182 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534	-----

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal, Trombley, Walker, Wolff, and President DePietro. (10)

Nays: None. (0)

Abstained: Alderman Sarowar. (1)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 May 18, 2021**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
LBS ECOLOGICAL FOR AN URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has secured a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for \$20,000 to retain a certified forester to conduct an inventory of park and street trees in the city and to help prepare a Community Forest Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, this is a “no-match” grant that does not require the City to expend any money or provide any services other than the reporting and administrative requirements in the contract; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021 the Common Council authorized the CAC circulate a RFP for the forester and to choose a responsive entity subject to final approval by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has chosen LBS Ecological of Ithaca, NY as the best qualified to undertake the assessment which has submitted the attached proposal with a total contract price of not to exceed \$19,375.00.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Common Council approves of the selection of LBS Ecological for the Urban Forestry Grant and the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with LBS Ecological.

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April 5, 2021

Hilary Hillman
City of Hudson
Conservation Advisory Council

RE: City of Hudson Tree Inventory and Tree Management Plan Services

Dear Hilary Hillman, Michael Chameides, and whom it may concern,

Pursuant to your request, LBS Ecological (Land Beyond the Sea) is pleased to submit this Proposal for Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan Services for the above referenced project.

It is our understanding that the City of Hudson is in need of a Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan. This work will shed light on the current status of the trees and forested areas in the city, allow for thoughtful management decisions to be made, and offer the City detailed management goals and objectives to ensure that the ecology and health of the City trees will persist to be enjoyed for years to come. LBS routinely gathers and assesses tree health data, forest stand information, and forest ecology information. We have developed numerous Forest Management Plans and maps for both Municipalities and private sector clients. We can offer a superior product to the City of Hudson for this project.

Please consider the following proposal and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, concerns, or questions. I am also including:

Attachment A: *List of Client References*

Attachment B: *Samples of Similar Work*

Attachment C: *Equal Employment Opportunity Goals, Proof of Liability Insurance*

We appreciate the opportunity to build our relationship with the City of Hudson and we look forward to providing excellent service.

Sincerely,



Miguel Berrios, Owner
ISA Certified Arborist (NY-6296A)
p. 607.342.0247
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PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES

Project: City of Hudson Tree Inventory & Forest Management Plan
Date: April 5, 2021

In accordance with THE CITY of HUDSON's request, LBS ECOLOGICAL (Land Beyond the Sea) is pleased to submit this proposal for Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan services for the above referenced project. This proposal is based on email communication with Hilary Hillman and our understanding of the project at this time.

QUALIFICATIONS

LBS Ecological is an consulting Arboricultural/Forestry & Ecological Design firm based in Ithaca, in the heart of the Finger Lakes region of New York State. We apply core tenets of Ecological Planning & Design, focusing on management for the mutual benefit of humans and the natural world; we envision humans as active participants in healing the web of life; we employ the self-designing capacity of ecosystems and their complex interwoven relationships; we involve the shared wisdom of traditional ecological knowledge of indigenous communities; we embrace integrated, adaptive and collaborative management approaches; we strive to eliminate the concept of waste; we focus on a localized, community scale approach, inspiring awareness, stewardship, and action.

The personnel of LBS are well qualified to perform the tree inventory and management planning tasks required for this project. We have completed numerous forestry projects of similar Scope of Work, and have an intimate knowledge and familiarity with the ecosystems involved (we originally hail from upstate NY, studied and attended college in NY, and have practiced as arborists and ecologists here for many years). We routinely complete detailed tree inventories and forestry plans taking into consideration the issues of impacts to ecologically sensitive areas, wildlife concerns, forest health and regeneration, and public involvement. Additionally we have familiarized ourselves with the DEC Community Forestry Program, and have completed and are currently working on projects that are/were funded via this program. The key components of this project involve the specializations of our project team.

A summary of our key team members' qualifications are discussed below. Examples of similar work (on time, within budget, with references) are presented in Attachment A: *List of Client References* and Attachment B: *Samples of Similar Work*.

1. *Miguel Berrios - Project Management, Inventory, Planning* – Miguel has accomplished numerous tree, forest, and ecological surveys, assessments, and management plans. Miguel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources Management from Cornell University and a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from SUNY-ESF, and is an ISA Certified Arborist (NY-6296A). Miguel is a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Certified Technical Service Provider for Habitat Planning.
2. *Sarah Kelsen - Inventory and Tree Management Planning* – Sarah has worked on numerous tree, forest and ecological projects as a partner at LBS and has a unique perspective due to her experience with conservation and forest ecology. Previous to starting LBS, she led large-scale forest ecology and inventory research for collaborative projects between various Ivy League institutions at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest. Sarah holds both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Ecological Engineering from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

TREE INVENTORY AND COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Task 1: Pre-Work Meeting – LBS proposes to come to an Initial Meeting: This will be a pre-scheduled Zoom meeting with the the regional DEC forester, Hudson City officials and members of the Hudson Conservation Advisory Council.

Task 2: Tree Inventory – LBS proposes to conduct a tree inventory in the zones recommended by the City of Hudson. Inventory: This will include approximately 1000 Street Trees, 1000 park trees and 250 potential Street Tree planting sites. In the park areas where there are natural woodlands only those trees that are within 15 feet of a trail or recreation area will be inventoried. The Inventory will include:

Inventory criteria: The data will be delivered to the city of Hudson and to the NYDEC electronically in iTree compatible format, and will include:

- Headers
- GIS location of each tree
- Address location of each tree
- Tree species
- Tree size (DBH)
- Tree crown condition
- Health and risk assessment
- Tree maintenance recommendation (prune, train, remove, etc.)
- Location of plantable street tree pits
- iTree ECOSummary report of environmental benefits

Deliverable: Inventory Deliverable: Two thumb drives with the data in iTree compatible format to the City of Hudson Office of the Mayor. (the city will forward one to the NYSDEC division of Lands and Forestry.)

Task 3 – Mid-Point Meeting - This will be a pre-scheduled Zoom meeting, after the Inventory data is gathered and before writing the CFMP, with LBS representative, Hudson city officials and members of the Hudson Conservation Advisory Council and Hudson Parks Conservancy. Goal: to raise awareness and discuss specific issues, situations, new information that all parties want addressed in the CFMP.

Task 4: Forest Management Plan – LBS shall provide a written Urban/Community Forest Management Plan to the City. A first draft will be available to the City and the DEC Regional Forester and DEC UF Manager; this is to ascertain that all relevant topics are covered per DEC. Once the CFMP is complete, the CAC will convene a public meeting for a full presentation by LBS of the findings of the Management Plan.

The Management Plan contents will include:

- A vision for the long-term community forest and a strategy for how to care for the community trees, customized to reflect the findings and needs of the City of Hudson.
- Inclusion of the Hudson Street Tree and Park Tree background reports with history and photos (these will be supplied to the selected forester)
- The development of budgets and work plans, including timelines and tasks, to meet that vision.
- Storm Preparedness Planning (as an additional section in CMFP) relating to observation of the

urban forest and conditions

- Instructions for the use of the tree inventory which identifies management needs, i.e. pruning rotations, removal implementation, and prioritization of work load.
- An urban forest environmental benefit analysis of environmental issues such as: water quality, air quality, the reduction of urban heat island effect, energy efficiencies, stormwater management, and health.
- Basic in-house training for all those involved with ongoing maintenance of the iTree Inventory and implementation of the Management Plan.
- A follow-up consultation in the second or third year, accompanied by one or more local volunteers to ensure positive long-term support. Deliverable: 1-2 page report on progress and further recommendations.

Deliverables:

CFMP Deliverable: A hard copy and an Electronic copy to the City of Hudson Office of the Mayor (the city will forward an electronic copy to the NYSDEC division of Lands and Forestry.)

Presentation Meeting: We will plan a virtual meeting with the Mayor, Common Council, DPW, CAC, HPC, the DEC Regional Forester and very importantly, the public. This will be the opportunity for LBS to present findings and recommendations, a "State of the Hudson Urban Forest" address.

PROJECT TIMELINE

LBS proposes to perform the work in the Scope of Services per the schedule recommended in the RFP, with an understanding that time constraints that LBS cannot affect may delay or speed up the process. The table below depicts our estimated project timeline.

<i>Description</i>	MONTH (2021)						
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
<i>TASK 1 – Initial Meeting</i>							
<i>TASK 2 – Tree Inventory</i>							
<i>TASK 3 – Mid Point Meeting</i>							
<i>TASK 4– Community Forest Management Plan</i>							

FEES & HOURLY SERVICES

LBS proposes to provide the Scope of Services on a per-tree basis as described below:

ITEM FOR BID	COST PER UNIT	# of UNITS	TOTAL BID
Tree Inventory Startup (enter lump sum price for inventory of up to 500 trees)	\$2,250.00	1 (Trees 1-500)	\$2,250.00 (500 trees)
Additional Expected Trees (enter price per tree for inventory of 501-1500 trees)	\$4.50/tree	1000 units (Trees 501-1500)	\$4,500.00 estimated (1000 trees estimated)
Additional Expected Trees (enter price per tree for inventory of 1501-3000 trees).	\$4.25/tree	500 units (Trees 1501-3000)	\$2125.00 estimated (500 trees estimated)
Vacant Street Tree Planting Spaces, (not to exceed 25% of total street tree inventory and based on planting goals)	\$4.00/space	250	\$1,000.00
Meetings – kickoff, mid, public presentation, followup	\$500.00	4	\$2,000.00
i-Tree Environmental Benefits Report (to be delivered with tree inventory)	\$0.00	1	Included
Community Forest Management Plan including Storm Preparedness observations and recommendations	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00
CONTRACT TOTAL			NOT TO EXCEED \$19,375.00

The terms and conditions set forth on the attached pages are incorporated herein and made a part of this agreement. Unless otherwise agreed upon, any authorized work not specifically described above will be performed on a time and materials basis at our standard rates. Additional services, including but not limited to the following, are not provided under the terms of this agreement but will be provided at the client's request or concurrence.


1. Presentation renderings, perspectives, models
2. Changes to approved documents or plans necessitating redoing assessments, trail design, plans, or specifications.
3. Soil, or other materials, testing; engineering services, including structural engineering.
4. Any service not included in or in excess of the scope and fee proposal, Attachment A, that are not provided by LBS at your request or concurrence.

Billing will be on a monthly basis for work completed to date and payment is due within 30 days of invoice date. If payment is not received within 45 days of the invoice date, LBS retains the right to STOP WORK and retain all files and documents without recourse until the account is paid in full. Interest will accrue on past due accounts at a rate of 1.5% per month. Payments will be without retainage, and will not be contingent upon receipt of funds from third parties. In the event a lien or suit is filed or arbitration is sought to collect overdue payments under this Agreement, Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LBS from and against any and all reasonable fees, expenses, and costs incurred by LBS including but not limited to court costs, arbitrators and attorney's fees, and other claim-related expenses. In the event the Client fails to pay any invoice in full, LBS shall have the right to institute collection procedures. The Client shall be responsible for all costs of collection including litigation costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and court costs. If the Client or the Client's contractor becomes aware that an error or omission by LBS has been discovered, or a change in the conditions reported by LBS is suspected, LBS shall receive prompt notice of the suspected error, omission, or change in conditions for LBS to have the opportunity to effect an acceptable solution or remedy. Failure to provide prompt notice or to provide LBS the opportunity to remedy the situation shall relieve LBS of any further liability. Our liability for damages arising out of professional negligence, including errors, omissions, or other professional acts, and including unintentional breach of contract, will be limited to the fee. LBS will not be liable for consequential damages, including, without limitation, loss of use or loss of profits, regardless of whether such damages are caused by breach of contract, willful misconduct, negligent act or omission, or other wrongful act. Client hereby waives any and all LBS liability and holds LBS harmless for any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies caused by information or data provided to LBS by others and used by LBS for the purposes of design and approval.

EXECUTION

If you find the above acceptable, please sign below and return a copy to our office. Please contact me should you wish to discuss. We look forward to working with you on this project. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our proposal.

Very Truly Yours,



Miguel Berrios, Owner
ISA Certified Arborist (NY-6296A)
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Agreed and Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

By (Signature) _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

By signing above, you acknowledge that you are authorized to enter into contractual agreements for the entity that is responsible for the work proposed herein.

List of Client References (Attachment A)

Please feel free to contact any of the following clients to inquire about their experience working with *Land Beyond the Sea, Ecological Design*.

Francis Frobel (Completed Project: *Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Tree Inventory and Management Plan. Via NY DEC Community and Urban Forest Grant*)

Village Manager, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

P: 914.478.3400 ext. 617

E: villagemanager@hastingsgov.org

James Brooks (In Process Project: *County of Orange Forest Management Planning and Timber Harvest Project Management*)

County Commissioner, County of Orange Department of Parks & Recreation

P: 845-615-3830

E: JBrooks@orangecountygov.com

Magaly Figueora (In Process Project: *Urban Forest Management: Storm Damage Workshops*)
 Program Manager

State and Private Forestry Programs; Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands

Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry

P: 787-764-7718

C: 787-309-9565

E: magaly.figueora@usda.gov

Rick Schoch (Completed Project: *Town of Ithaca Parks and Preserves Forest Ecological Assessment. With Lance Ebel of Newleaf Environmental LLC*)

Parks Maintenance Manager, Town of Ithaca

P: 607.273.1656 ext. 222

E: rschoch@town.ithaca.ny.us

Nava Tabak (Completed Project: *John Burroughs Black Creek Trail: Ecological Survey.*)

Project Manager, Scenic Hudson (partner to Town of Esopus)

P: 845.473.4440 ext. 109

E: pbarnard@scenichudson.org

Jeanne Grace (Completed Project: *Revitalizing the Renwick Wildwood & Fuertes Bird Sanctuary through Community-Conservation Efforts, Audubon TogetherGREEN*)

City Forester, City of Ithaca

P: 607.280.2711

E: jgrace@cityofithaca.org

Teresa Vanek and Brent Welch (Completed Project: *Bright Raven Farm & Apiary Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Planning, Site Design & Programming for Pollinator Visitors Center and Honey Tasting Room.*)

Owners, Bright Raven Farm and Apiary

P: 607.387.9622

E: redgooseberry@yahoo.com

Samples of Similar Work (Attachment B)

*in all of these Samples of Similar Work LBS: (a) completed a forest/ecological assessment(s); (b) created a forest/habitat map; and/or (c) provided management plans or recommendations
 *Plans/Surveys/Maps for these projects are available upon request (miguel@landbeyondthesea.com or 607.342.0247)

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson - Hillside Woods and Park Tree Inventory and Management Plan – A Tree Inventory and Forest Management Plan is being completed to address the requirements of the NYS DEC Urban and Community Forestry Program. The Forest Management Plan will serve as a long-term action plan to give the Village detailed information, recommendations, and a strategy to proactively manage the Hillside Woods/Park public land. The Forest Management Plan will be used to ensure that the Village will enjoy the benefits of trees following steps leading to restoration of the health of the woods, and ongoing use of proper arboricultural techniques and management practices.

County of Orange - County of Orange Forest Management Planning and Timber Harvest Project Management - The Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation hired LBS for the purpose of providing to Orange County written plans for ecologically sound, socially acceptable and economically feasible forestry practice on County owned parcels. The written plans are based upon the goals: to improve the habitat for wildlife, to safely employ management regimens to the landscape for future passive recreation, to enhance the forest ecosystem, and to manage assets providing revenue to the Parks Department. LBS also performs the following timber harvest responsibilities pursuant to Forest Management Plans: Confirmation of boundary lines by flagging or paint, marking of trees for forest operations and BMPs, developing bid specifications for timbering, supervising the harvest operations, and monitoring compliance of the timber harvest.

Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands – Urban Forest Management: Storm Damage Workshop – The USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Unit has contracted with AMRO Forestry and collaborator LBS Ecological to offer a Tree Management Storm Damage Workshop that covers all aspects of Arboriculture and Urban Forestry before and after a hurricane or wild-related natural disaster. We included training topics related to the preparation phase before a hurricane/storm to provide communities with important information related to all actions and preventive management practices that should take place in preparation to a natural disaster (inventory, assessment, mitigation planning). We also focus on post-storm strategies for the implementation of urban forest recovery, to offer communities options for cleanup and management after the storm has passed. The target audience is the urban and community forestry partners in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Town of Ithaca - Town of Ithaca Parks Tree Inventory and Preserves Ecological Assessment - The casual Ithacan, observing the seasonal changes, likely sees the forest as an aesthetically pleasing and healthy ecosystem. But beyond the general story told by interpretive signage and kiosks throughout the park system, few visitors likely understand that this invaluable recreational resource exists on a landscape altered greatly by humans over the past two centuries. Visitors and non-visitors alike may assume that the forest system managed by the Town of Ithaca is well-protected by its public ownership and parkland designation. The Town's environmental managers have been aware, however, that the health of forest ecosystems here and throughout the region are threatened. As a result, Newleaf Environmental LLC (partnered with LBS) was contracted to conduct an assessment of the Town's Park and Forest Preserve Properties and to prepare an Ecological Assessment Report to reveal issues, opportunities, and constraints for management planning. The Ecological Assessment identified significant environmental threats to the health and long-term sustainability of the Town of Ithaca Park and Forest Preserve System (20+ Parks and Preserves) that, without thoughtful management response, will change and potentially degrade the forest as it now exists.

Town of Esopus – John Burroughs Black Creek Trail: Ecological Survey – The Town of Esopus and Project Partner Scenic Hudson contracted with LBS (partnered with Newleaf Environmental LLC) to complete an ecological survey of three properties (~1000 acres) at the core of the John Burroughs Black Creek Trail Project. This Survey will shed light on the potential ecological impacts of the trail on the Black Creek Corridor, and allow for thoughtful management recommendations to be made. LBS and our partnering consultant are currently gathering and assessing ecological

information, creating habitat maps, identifying sensitive areas and rare species, and aiding in the design and programming of outdoor site amenities such as hiking trails, parking lots, and other trail network improvements.

City of Ithaca - Revitalizing the Renwick Wildwood & Fuertes Bird Sanctuary through Community-Conservation Efforts - Human welfare and ecological conservation are often thought to have conflicting goals. Often the human goals, or conservation goals, are completely ignored in order to accomplish the other. This dichotomy needs to be dissolved so that we can accomplish both. The key problem that this project had aimed to address is exactly that. Revitalizing the Fuertes Bird Sanctuary through Community-Conservation Efforts helped to conserve the bottomland forest at the Fuertes Sanctuary in Stewart Park, while at the same time building capacity in the urban communities who rely upon it. Plans for invasive species removal and native plantings were accomplished, and then resource management actions were taken. Two public meetings were held during the project, and community groups of up to 50 people were enlisted in the efforts.

Bright Raven Farm and Apiary - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan - Teresa Vanek and Brent Welch own and operate Bright Raven Farm and Apiary. Bright Raven Farm and Apiary produces honey and other bee products, as well as vegetable and fruit crops. Several site visits, input from NRCS Staff, and a several ecological assessments have revealed that there are habitat resource concerns on the property and in the surrounding area. To address these concerns, Teresa and Brent wish to improve the pollinator habitat on their property, for honey bees (the landowners are professional beekeepers) as well as for the sake of native pollinators and beneficial insects. To this end, LBS has created a Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan. The main components of the Plan are to:

- Create a diverse upland meadow condition in areas where field cropping can be phased out, and areas where pollinator plants are desired.
- Diversify edge conditions in an enlarged stream riparian zone and create additional hedgerow plantings.
- Remove invasive species and manage regrowth
- Increase plantings of native trees and shrubs tolerant of edge conditions that provide abundant pollen and nectar resources. Multiple species with different blooming periods (early spring through late summer) will be included in the plantings.
- Install nesting structures and pithy stemmed plants throughout the farm for bee habitat.

This Plan is also complimentary to Bright Raven Farm and Apiary developing an overall master plan for a Pollinator Visitors Center and Honey Tasting Room. It will be an educational center that will host dynamic learning experiences for visitors and cultivate a curiosity and sense of wonder about the role of pollinators in our ecosystem. Interweaving ecological and cultural pollinator threads, Bright Raven will serve as a beacon for local apiculture.

Equal Employment Opportunity Goals (MWBE), & Proof of Liability Insurance (Attachment C)

Land Beyond the Sea, Ecological Design is independently owned, operated and controlled by minority and women members (100%). The ownership is real, substantial and continuing, and the minority and women members exercise the authority to independently control the day-to-day business decisions. LBS is currently seeking MWBE certification with NYS Empire State Development and hopes to achieve certification ASAP.

Land Beyond the Sea, Ecological Design holds Liability Insurance with J.B. True Insurance Agency #391, policy #CFT00018759-03. Limit of Liability is \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and \$2,000,000 Aggregate Limit. Insurance certificate is available upon request.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 May 18, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE COLARUSSO FAMILY TO SUPPORT THE PROMENADE HILL PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has undertaken a redesign of Promenade Hill Park to make it ADA accessible, to improve landscaping, redesign the lower plaza and install a new spray shower, and

WHEREAS, the project is funded by a Downtown Revitalization Grant from the State of New York of which \$1.1 million is allocated for Promenade Hill Park, an additional \$650,000 from the H. van Ameringen Foundation, and the City of Hudson allocating \$175,000 as an additional cash contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Colarusso Family has approached the City with an offer to provide a grant of \$100,000 to fund the Promenade Hill Park at the full redesign envisioned by the residents of the city.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement to receive a donation of \$100,000 from the Colarusso Family to help fund the construction Promenade Hill Park improvements; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby expresses its great appreciation and gratitude for the very generous contribution from the Colarusso Family; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council supports placing a public acknowledgment of this gift at Promenade Hill Park.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated the council members would not need to choose between the next two (2) proposed resolutions and he said “what I’m referring to is of course the ADA Compliance Project for City Hall, to create a bond for that project and then also to accept the donation from the Galvan Initiative to study four hundred State Street”. He said “Peter Bujanow is here to explain to us why accepting, I mean to go ahead with the authorization of the bond as it wouldn’t be a waste of money if we didn’t end up with City Hall, at the current City Hall”.

Peter Bujanow, Commissioner of Public Works said “the idea of improving the City Hall is an improvement so if it goes for sale at a different time, it certainly will be much more improved by adding ADA accessibility” and he said “the selected choice for improving is the minimal choice, it would provide a ramp, it would create a new accessible parking space in front of City Hall, modifications to create an accessible entrance would be to the right of the front entrance, it’d create an accessible toilet room on the first floor and it would create a section of the counter at City Clerk’s to meet ADA requirements”. He said “all of these improvements would be returned in value should the building go for sale in the future” and he said “in my opinion, it’s a good investment, it complies with the DOJ settlement agreement and it moves us forward and it gives people of all types ability to enter into the building rather immediately”.

President DePietro said “in terms of the Department of Justice, doing both projects would show the Department of Justice that A. we’re dealing with the immediate need for City Hall, which by the way doesn’t make all of City Hall compliant and then we’re just looking at a potential use of an existing building”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5 May 18, 2021

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADA COMPLIANCE RENOVATIONS AT CITY HALL BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$475,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE CITY TREASURER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Hudson, Columbia County, New York (the “City”) (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Common Council) as follows:

SECTION 1. The reconstruction of portions of the entrance and first floor at City Hall, 520 Warren Street, for ADA access including installation of a chair lift and bathrooms, is hereby authorized at an estimate maximum cost of \$475,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 12 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose described above constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. The City plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the City as an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$475,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 4. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be applied to reimburse the City for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 6. The bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the City a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. Subject to the terms and content of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other

issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issue in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, and the power to issue said bonds as statutory installment bonds, is hereby delegated to the City Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign any bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of this issuance of said bonds, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the City to any of said bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 8. The City Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and, to the extent applicable, to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 9. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with;

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty day after the date of such publication; or

- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 10. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Register Star, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City for such publication.

SECTION 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Nays: None.

(**Alderman Lewis**, an employee of Galvan Housing Resource, was put in the “waiting room” during the discussion of Proposed Resolution No. 4)

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 4 would authorize the Mayor to sign a donation agreement with Galvan Initiatives Foundation for 400 State Street. He said “we got a late email from Ron Kopnicki pointing out he was a little disturbed by the language where it says somewhere in there, we would be creating a new City Hall” and he said “that is not the case, this is only to re-use the existing building”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO SIGN A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH GALVAN INITIATIVE FOUNDATION FOR 400 STATE STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is a signatory to a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice requiring the City to make changes to City Hall to make it accessible in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has long recognized that the existing City Hall at 520 Warren Street is inadequate to meet the City’s needs and the City has been weighing the option of making 520 Warren Street ADA Accessible or finding a new location for City Hall that would be ADA accessible and allow for the consolidation of City offices; and

WHEREAS, the Galvan Initiative Foundation (Galvin) is offering the City \$100,000 to study the feasibility of adapting the building located at 400 State Street for City Hall and if the City should decide such use is feasible, Galvan will donate 400 State Street to the City along with an additional \$1,400,000 for the renovation of the building as set forth in a draft donation agreement; and

WHEREAS, if the City accepts the donation agreement it will only be obligated to accept the \$100,000 for a feasibility study and will not have any obligation to complete the donation if it determines that accepting 400 State Street and the additional funds are not in the City’s interest; and

WHEREAS, the City will only proceed with accepting 400 State Street if it is satisfied with the result of the study, considers public comment and the Common Council votes to accept the rest of the donation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Donation Agreement and accept the \$100,000 study funds and is not authorized to exercise the rest of the Donation Agreement concerning the acceptance of the building at 400 State Street and the additional renovation funds until explicitly authorized by the Common Council.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Trombley, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro. (6)

Nays: Aldermen Merante, Mizan, Rosenthal and Sarowar (4)

Abstained: Alderman Lewis. (1)

Prior to voting on the proposed resolution, **Alderman Rosenthal** said “no, this is a no-brainer, no, no and no”.

Alderman Trombley, prior to “yes” voting, said “I really struggled with this one”.

(**Alderman Lewis** returned to the meeting)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TOURISM BOARD FUNDS AS THE LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PARKING STUDY

WHEREAS, the New York State Empire State Development approved a grant of \$17,500 to the City of Hudson to conduct The Hudson Parking Improvement Feasibility Study to assess the current parking situation and identify challenges and opportunities to improve parking in the City; and

WHEREAS, the grant from the state requires the City to provide a \$17,500 matching grant; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has adopted a resolution to fund the \$17,500 local matching amount from available Tourism Board funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council approves the use of \$17,500 as the required local match for the Hudson Parking Improvement Feasibility Study.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND CELEBRATING JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HUDSON

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized and celebrated as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in commemoration of the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City which marks the birth of the modern-day LGBTQ human rights movement; and

WHEREAS, over the past several decades the City of Hudson has benefitted from a vibrant and involved LGBTQ community that has helped in the revitalization and economic development of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is aware of and condemns the harassment, discrimination and violence that has been directed at the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson takes pride in welcoming and involving the LGBTQ in all aspects of the Hudson community; and

WHEREAS, although the Pride Parade has had to be postponed until the Fall due to the continuing pandemic other socially-distant and on-line events will be held in June to recognize Pride Month.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hudson does hereby recognize and celebrate the contribution of the LGBTQ community to the City of Hudson and does hereby designate the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Hudson.

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

Nays: None.

Referring back to Resolution No. 3, **Heather Campbell, City Treasurer** said “my understanding is that Colarusso is not going to be making a donation directly to the City of Hudson, they’re going to be making a donation to HDC or HCDPA, one of those two, which will then in turn contribute the money to the city”.

President DePietro said “that’s probably so they can get the tax credit” and he said “we’ll have to re-do it later on, it doesn’t really, I think, have any impact immediately”.

Treasurer Campbell said “well it has an impact in that we can’t actually take the donation that way so the last line needs to be adjusted tonight or next month, depending when you want the money”.

President DePietro said “we’ll adjust it next month”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A PROJECT MANAGER FOR WARREN STREET SEASONAL USAGE 2021

WHEREAS, the Common Council has previously authorized the Tourism Board to solicit applicants for and select a person or organization to manage the Warren Street Seasonal Usage 2021 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Board has selected Gary Purnhagen of Hudson to act as manager of the program for \$15,000 for the season to be paid from Tourism Board funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council approves of the hiring of Gary Purnhagen to manage the Warren Street Seasonal Usage 2021 Program to be paid \$15,000 from Tourism Board funds and authorizes the Mayor to sign an independent contractor agreement with Mr. Purnhagen prepared by the City Attorney.

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

Nays: None.

Alderman Trombley, prior to voting, said “we debated having a project manager for this project and we ended up with basically having a salary and shortening it, the person’s tenure, I think we’ve got a good candidate, I think it’s great, I am disappointed that we as a Council did not step up and do this, it was more fully coveted when it first came to us and I think that’s incredible” and she said “with that said, I most definitely support this resolution”.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 9 would authorize the City Treasurer to transfer FoHY Donation funds from FY2020 Budget to FY2021 Budget.

Alderman Garriga asked “I know we have a new director coming in, this money is already there for the Youth Department to be used regardless, correct”.

Treasurer Campbell said “donations carry over from year to year, that one was held because there was some questions about unemployment charges which were waived so now that money is being cleared to be moved into the 2021 Budget”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9 May 18, 2021

INTRADEPARTMENTAL YOUTH TRANSFERS

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer FoHY Donation funds from the following 2020 budget account to the 2021 budget account as follows for the Youth Department:

\$22,142.50		From:	A.7310.0100.0006	2020 Personnel Youth Program
	\$22,142.50	To:	A.7310.0100.0006	2021 Personnel Youth Program

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10 May 18, 2021

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Amend Contract with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. to Conduct Outreach and Research for the Truck Route Traffic Study

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has previously received a \$100,000 state grant to undertake a study of truck traffic in the city and the impact of state-designated truck routes in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has previously authorized the mayor to sign a contract with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. for an amount not to exceed \$48,400; and

WHEREAS, building consensus and regional support will greatly increase the likelihood of implementing one of the alternate routes proposed in the study; and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering led two public meetings, two public surveys, and several stakeholder meetings; and

WHEREAS, conducting additional outreach beyond the scope of the initial contract will help build consensus and strengthen the report; and

WHEREAS, there are \$51,600 remaining funds from the state grant that have yet to be allocated towards the truck study project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to amend the contract with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. for up to an additional \$13,400 to provide outreach services.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11 May 18, 2021**A RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF TOURISM BOARD FUNDS FOR
OPERATING EXPENSES**

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 will incur expenses in the solicitation of such projects, including application translations, flyers/posters, and office supplies.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the following budget amendment:

TRANSFER:	\$1,000	TO:	A.6410.0430 Tourism Grants
		FROM:	A.0000.0818 Tourism Board Reserve

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 12 would authorize transfers of funds for expenses incurred in fiscal year 2020.

Treasurer Campbell said “finishing up our final 2020 information, there are a couple of accounts and as you can see some of them are as tiny as a dollar or two, some of them are as big as like eight hundred which in a twelve-million-dollar budget is not very great” and she said “we’re just trying to clean it up to make sure that all of the expenditures have the budget appropriated to them”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12 May 18, 2021**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR EXPENSES
INCURRED IN FISCAL YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, there are shortages in several 2020 expenditure accounts, and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in other accounts:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers for FY2020:

TRANSFER:	17.25	TO:	A.1010.0100.0100	IT Common Council
		FROM:	A.1010.0460	Other Expense
	3.40	TO:	A.1210.0100	Mayor Personal Services
	1.92	TO:	A.1210.0120	Assistant to the Mayor
	5.32	FROM:	A.1210.0460	Other Expense
	52.54	TO:	A.1325.0100	Treasury Personal Services
		FROM:	A.1325.0400	Materials & Supplies
	10.05	TO:	A.1410.0100	City Clerk Personal Services
		FROM:	A.1410.0400	Materials & Supplies
	285.56	TO:	A.3620.0100	Code Enforcement Personal Services
		FROM:	A.3620.0400	Materials & Supplies
	3.68	TO:	A.4020.0100	Registrar Personal Services
		FROM:	A.4020.0460	Other Expense
	889.36	TO:	A.9040.0800	Workers Compensation
		FROM:	A.9060.0800	Hospitalization
	850.29	TO:	F.8330.0100	Water Purification Personal Services
		FROM:	F.8330.0400	Materials & Supplies

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13 May 18, 2021

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

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Britt Zuckerman is appointed to the Conservation Advisory Council, for a term ending on December 31, 2022.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 14 would increase the salary for the Director of Youth and he said “it comes from their budget; it’s not coming from the General Fund”.

Alderman Garriga said “it doesn’t seem like that much of a difference but I think it is, I think we should just hold off and let’s see what the new director has to bring with the budget that is already there for the new director” and she said “we’re just starting out with programs and I’m not sure if everyone had a chance to meet with her or speak with her through email but for me, I absolutely feel we should wait before we increase any pay”.

Maija Reed, Commissioner of Youth stated as indicated in the proposed resolution, the salary for the Director of Youth would be insufficient to retain a director that would be qualified to perform the incredible responsibility of managing the Youth Department and also providing the requirements for the youngest citizens and she said “it seemed really, really important to recognize the importance of part of that position and also it is within our budget”. She said “it’s also a job that’s an on-call job and I don’t know if that’s ever discussed very often but the director is on call and in our community, we know that could be on weekends, vacations, at night, if you’re really, really serving the families in our community” and she stated the new Director of Youth, Liz Yorck would be jumping right into summer planning and all of the things that come with opening up this year with COVID-19 restrictions. Commissioner Reed said “the fifty-eight thousand dollars will be the lowest department head salary in the City of Hudson”.

Alderman Halloran said “I would like to understand, I’m going to abstain if I can’t understand it tonight but what are the salaries typically for the other department heads and how many years have, they worked for getting that” and she said “I think to come in at a salary that’s right around long-term department heads is, I’m not comfortable with it”.

President DePietro said “DPW earns well over a hundred thousand dollars a year”.

Alderman Halloran said “I just think that a lot to walk in the door earning before very much has been demonstrated”.

Alderman Garriga said “every year, the money from General Fund it increases as far as when the departments are asking for an increase in their budget or for programming so it will come from the General Fund” and she said “yes we are in a time of COVID and we don’t know if things are going to stay the same, if we might have to go back on lock down again, we don’t know what the future holds”. She said “I have always been an advocate and champion for the Youth Department, for our children and I just want to say we are all on-call for our constituents and our children and our ward”. Alderman Garriga stated the City had been grateful that the new director applied for the position and she said “but to not even really start yet and just ask for an increase for her position, I think as a Council we should wait, let’s see some progress, let’s see some work, let’s see what our kids are saying from the Youth Department, let’s hear from the parents and engage with our Youth Director like we did with our former director and take it from there, I think we should wait as a Council, it’s not rush, it’s the beginning and yes, it may be the lowest amount of the departments, maybe it being the lowest, I don’t know, I’m not sure but I don’t think that determines the position of the Youth Director to compare it to DPW but for right now, I strongly suggest this Council to wait, let’s see some results, let’s see what is being produced with our children and then we can move forward with a yes or a no”.

Alderman Merante said “Civil Service in 2017, starting salary for the announcement for director position was thirty-seven five, I believe, and so, if you, Maija had issues in terms of starting with this salary then six weeks ago during the search, maybe this is the time you should have approached” and he said “additionally that budgeted money, salary for Nick’s position was, I think fifty-four thousand dollars so you’re also asking a raise, something that Nick wasn’t afforded”. He said “last week they were talking about needing possible funds for the summer programs, personal funds, personally I think that it should go back into the camp program if you’re telling me you have excess funds” and he said “you kind of knew what you were getting into and I looked on the city website and couldn’t find the job posting but I don’t think there’s a salary posted on the job posting however whatever you guys discussed, it should not have went above what was budgeted for that position”.

Alderman Wolff said “I’m actually shocked and I think this is extraordinarily disrespectful to the Youth Department” and she said “I think it’s been made clear it’s in their budget already so it’s a decision to prioritize retaining high quality staff which is something that you know, we need to do at every level of people, people who work with our children and people you know, teachers, all people kind of in direct contact with children and so I just want to really support the decision to pay what sounds like a very reasonable wage for this position”.

Alderman Sarowar stated the individual had not even started the position and had requested an increase in salary and he said “we should give it time and see how she’s doing and then we could think about it”.

Alderman Garriga said “the money if anything should go back to where the programming that was requested for the children and not to increase someone’s salary” and she said “to Rebecca Wolff, we are council members and we are here to say our opinions on what’s going on in our community and it is not disrespectful”.

Claire Cousin of Hudson said “there are other entities in the community who believe that the Youth Director should have a raise and there are other ways of ensuring that will happen such as the protest that have happened around unionizing, keeping things like that in mind, because I think what Rebecca was saying about it coming off as disrespectful to staff is something to consider, it sets a tone that I don’t think was intended, I think there are more conversations to be had around what the position is, what it has been, what the potential for it to be” and she said “I don’t think that it’s wrong in stating that the Youth Director deserves more money but I think that there is a timeliness that needed to be considered in this ask”.

Nick Zachos, former Director of Youth said “I am speaking as a citizen but also the former Director and I think it’s important to note, Dominic, first of all we’ve gone over this a few times, Civil Service does not determine the pay of city employees, this comes up every budget, all the time, Civil Service does not create the salary, that happens within the budget and the budgets that all of the aldermen vote for every year, during the budget process, is what decides it unless there’s a resolution like this that changes it”. He said “I wanted to also be clear because Dewan I think mentioned that she’s asking for a raise, that is the furthest thing from the truth” and he said “Liz did not ask for this raise, this was something that we’ve been trying to do for years, I never wanted to give myself a raise because we were always, like Tiffany is saying, pushing for money for programs but that came at an expense and now when we’re trying to hire somebody, we put ourselves in a difficult position because we have everybody who was applying for the position was looking at a pay decrease to come here because the salary is so low”. Mr. Zachos said “thinking about youth work, youth work is always under value and this position paid essentially what a starting public school teacher made and public school teachers don’t get paid enough and this is a Director of the Youth Department, the person who is responsible for the well-being and safety of every youth in our community for two hundred youth during the summer, at our summer camp, for the entire staff of upwards of fifty summer staff members, for all of the lifeguards, for the maintenance of that entire park and then for the other ten months of the year, for entire other programs and all of those staff and the maintenance of that building, this is a huge job, no other department head in the City staffs as many people as the Youth Department year in and year out and this position gets paid half of what those other department

heads make”. He said “I’m just advocating for this to be equitable and it’s not equitable right now”. Mr. Zachos said “Liz is an incredibly experienced professional, I feel bad putting her in this position because we wanted to up the salary, we had it in the budget, we didn’t have to change anything, we didn’t have to move lines, it’s all right there and so we wanted to be able to put the salary at the right position at the right time and it does affect the other staff because this, the other staff members in the budget that all of you voted for last year are butting right up against her, second highest paid employee is forty-eight thousand dollars, there’s barely any tier salary in the department and so, this is a really important thing and I think for the benefit of the Youth Department and the City, I would highly, highly advise that all of the aldermen vote to support this, it’s incredibly important to have the Youth Department salary at the right position, at the right level”.

Alderman Garriga said “like you said, no the kids don’t know exactly what the Youth Director means or Executive Director means, a lot of children don’t even know what an aldermen means” and she said “like I said and also agreeing with the public comment that was made on the public, no one is saying that department heads should not have a certain amount of money or making a certain amount of money but when she entered the agreement for taking on the position, that is, I’m pretty sure she said what am I being paid and accept that, we’re not saying that she’s never going to get a raise or anything of that nature but she just started”. She said “we didn’t even hear from our kids yet that they said, we like Liz or like Ms. Liz or, we didn’t hear any of those things, we just know that you decided to move on Nick, we have somebody to fulfill that position” and she said “we’ve been talking about it, the programs were mentioned even last week or before that, summer programs are going to need that funding, I would rather see the money go there first”. Alderman Garriga said “she would be making as much as the Mayor”.

Liz Yorck, Director of Youth said “I am sorry that this is how we are meeting, I do want to say that I was not asking for a raise, I’m not trying to take money away from the programming, that’s the very last thing I want to do”. She stated there had been a misunderstanding of the starting salary and she said “I am very qualified; I know you don’t know what I’ve done and what I can do and I get that and I understand that and I understand that I need to earn some trust and respect in a new community”. Director Yorck said “I was hoping that this would be my salary and this was how I have planned my living arrangements and everything around this and so it’s in your hands”.

Alderman Wolff said “I really think that there’s a misunderstanding of our place as the Council in approving or not approving you know, the staff of the Youth Department are, have made this decision” and she said “I don’t think that it’s our place as council members to say oh that money should be spent on programs instead, we don’t have the insight, the in to the

programs and the in to what they costs and in to what goes into this job, we simply do not and I think it's just a huge missed step so I really just urge you to support this, this shift of salary".

Alderman Merante, referring his comment to Mr. Zachos, said "I was not referencing what Civil Service had making her salary, I'm saying that your announcement in 2017 was starting at thirty-seven five" and he said "her position is provisional you know, appointment and I apologize to Liz if she was promised something in an interview that did not come through the Council in approving a salary increase and now, she's you know, in a predicament that is unfortunate".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE HUDSON DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Director of the Hudson Department of Youth recently resigned and the Commissioner of the Department of Youth undertook a search for a replacement; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the interview process the Commissioner determined that the salary for Director of the Hudson Department of Youth was insufficient to attract a qualified individual; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Youth has recommended increasing the annual salary for the Director from \$50,000 to \$58,000 as of May 10, 2021 the date the new Director assumed the position; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the increased salary are available within the Department of Youth's existing personal services budget and does not require a reallocation from general city funds,

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hudson hereby approves increasing the annual salary of the Director of the Department of Youth from \$50,000 to \$58,000 effective May 10, 2021.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ayes: Aldermen Lewis, Rosenthal, Trombley, Walker, Wolff, and President DePietro.

(6)

Nays: Alderman Garriga, Halloran, Merante, Mizan and Sarowar. (5)

Prior to voting on the proposed resolution, **Alderman Garriga** said “I would like to say two thousand dollars less than the Mayor and I vote no”.

Alderman Halloran, prior to voting, said “I vote nay and Liz, certainly look forward to meeting you, different circumstances”.

Prior to voting, **Alderman Mizan** said “she just got the job, she needs to show her performance” and he said “at this moment, I would say no”.

Alderman Rosenthal, prior to voting, said “if I could echo what Alderwoman Wolff and Nick said and I support this and I’m voting yes and I think it’s unfortunate that the new director has to be subject to this”.

Alderman Trombley, prior to voting “yea”, said “I think this is really an unfortunate discussion, I’d like to know when the Council decided that we were the HR department, I think, I agree with Alderwoman Wolff entirely, this is not about the person this is about the role, I think it’s extremely unfortunate and embarrassing into this position with regard to an individual who has come into this job in good faith so I absolutely support the salary of fifty-eight thousand dollars”.

Prior to voting, **Alderman Walker** said “Liz, welcome, sorry it had to be under these conditions that everybody else is stating, I don’t think we realize how much goes to overseeing these programs, I just think you know, the department heads are making well over the initial amount of fifty-k, she’s coming in with direct care you know, the head of the department, I really think she should be compensated well and I’ve always, I have always advocated for the direct care of individuals should be paid more and that’s you know, and again, I understand what everybody else that didn’t vote for are saying as well, you have to build a relationship, you have to you know, build sort of a trust system and we have to get to know you but I think that coming into this thing we do not realize how much goes through this work and I’m going to vote yes for this”.

(Following the meeting, the vote on Resolution No. 14 which would have increased the salary for the Director of Youth, was deemed to be invalid by the City Legal Advisor)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15 May 18, 2021

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2021 Cemetery Fund accounts:

CEMETERY

\$24,000	From: 1990.4 C – Cemetery – Contingency
\$24,000	To: 8881.1 C – Cemetery – Personal Services

\$23,970	From: 1990.4 C – Cemetery – Contingency
\$23,970	To: 8881.2 C – Cemetery – Equipment

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the following amendment to 2021 Cemetery Fund accounts:

Increase REVENUE C.0000.2190 Sale of Lots by \$11,030

Increase EXPENSE 8810.2C Cemetery – Equipment by \$11,030

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM BOARD GRANT FOR THE WARREN STREET SEASONAL USAGE PROGRAM

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 \$2,000.00 to pay for additional street barriers for the Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program; 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 fund street barriers for the Warren Street Seasonal Usage Program and authorizes the Mayor to take any necessary action to facilitate the grant.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

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

Nays: None.

(Alderman Mizan left the meeting)

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 17 would authorize a transfer of funds to the Mayor's Office Account to cover the cost of IT Services for FY 2021.

Treasurer Campbell said "this is for basic IT Services, those expenses have increased over time as security and cyber-theft have increased so a lot of that has been centralized for City Hall in general, the Mayor's Office has picked up so this is providing the funds in order to cover that".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has contracted for IT services for many years; and

WHEREAS, IT services, including technical support and version updates, are crucial for staff productivity and data security; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 and most of 2020 IT services were paid from the Treasurer's Office budget lines; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, IT Services started being paid by the Mayor's Office Other budget line; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office Other budget line was not amended to cover this added expense; and

WHEREAS, IT services are projected to cost \$9,000 in 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is authorized to make the following 2021 budget transfer:

TRANSFER:	7,000.00	TO:	A.1210.0460	Mayor's Office Other
		FROM:	A.9060.0800	Hospitalization

APPROVED BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Merante, Rosenthal, 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. 18 May 18, 2021

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the Police Department .01 Payroll account, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to meet expenses for the balance of 2020, and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in other Police accounts that can be transferred for this purpose,

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers for the FY2020 Budget Accounts.

\$32,114.05	TO: 3120.01	Police Payroll	
	FROM: 3120.41	Police Printing/Ads	\$340.50
	3120.42	Police Telephone/Travel	\$2,778.36
	3120.45	Police Maintenance Equip	\$5,452.64
	3120.47	Police Contracts/Network	\$7,890.64
	3120.49	Police School/Uniforms	\$12,970.83
	3120.51	Police Gas	\$2,681.08

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 19 would authorize the Mayor to execute a contract modification with Arterial +Street Plans for Phase 2 of the Bridge District Connectivity Improvements Project.

Michael Chameides, Mayor's Aide stated Arterial had been the contractor for the DRI Projects and he said "we have completed Phase I of the project where they came in and presented to the Council, basically Phase I was coming up with some list of prioritizations was doing the demonstration project at Front and Warren and State Streets, coming up with the start of sort of like broad strokes around materials and then like doing some not survey work but some, basically what they call the high performance street analysis basically analyzing the entire DRI Districts and looking at the like ADA accessibility, street trees, like usability for like bicycles or walking, those kinds of things so they have sort of like getting the general gist of what the neighborhood is, getting public feedback and then starting to prioritize the project". He said "Phase II is sort of taking that and if you're familiar with what we did with Promenade Hill Park, it's kind of like their starting where Promenade Hill Park started" and he said "Promenade Hill Park, the project started, we already knew what we were doing, we had a specific location in mind and we had a specific scope so Phase I was kind of scoping it and now going into Phase II, it's just the next phase of the project". Mayor's Aide Chameides said "the memo gives more detail about what the Phase II includes and so we can go through that if you want but this is, this is actually phase of the DRI Project".

President DePietro said "I think the resolution makes it clear, it's project design, public outreach and preparation of documents" and he said "this is of course, all of DRI money, folks".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19 May 18, 2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH ARTERIAL + STREET PLANS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BRIDGE DISTRICT CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020 the Common Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with Arterial, LLC and its consultant team which includes Street Plans, Creighton Manning Engineering, LU Engineers, Saratoga Associates and Accu-Costs as subconsultants (“Arterial”), to conduct Phase I Predevelopment Services in connection with Bridge District Connectivity Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Arterial has completed Phase I of the project; and

WHEREAS, Arterial has prepared the attached Scope of Work for Phase 2 which will include project design, public outreach, preparation of bid documents and construction oversight for a lump sum fee of \$342,415 plus an additional maximum amount of \$182,540 billed on an hourly basis for construction phase services and \$16,320 for direct project expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract modification with Arterial for Phase 2 of the BRIDGE District Connectivity Improvements Plan for a lump sum fee of \$342,415 plus an additional maximum amount of \$182,540 billed on an hourly basis for construction phase services and \$16,320 for direct project expenses.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION

May 10, 2021

Michael Chameides
Mayor's Aide
City of Hudson, New York
520 Warren Street
Hudson, NY 12534

RE: Phase II – Design and Implementation Services
BRIDGE District Connectivity Improvements – Hudson, NY

Mr. Chameides:

It has been our pleasure to work with you, the City of Hudson and the community to develop the BRIDGE District Connectivity Plan. We are excited to continue this work and move the project into Phase 2 Construction. The following Scope of Work is for PHASE 2 of the BRIDGE District Connectivity Improvements. It is our understanding that this work will be performed as a modification to our existing contract dated May 2020.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Hudson is prepared to move the BRIDGE District Connectivity Plan to Phase 2 – Construction. The project and associated design and engineering services are an extension of Arterial's initial proposal and contract dated May 2020.

Project Area and Scope

The project area and proposed improvements are as identified in the BRIDGE District Connectivity Plan date April 2021.

Consultant Team

Arterial, LLC ('Arterial') will continue to be the prime consultant for this project sharing the lead responsibility with Creighton Manning Engineering ('Creighton Manning'; 'CME'). Arterial will lead the earlier tasks including outreach, concept design and schematic design. Creighton Manning will then shift into the lead role as the project progresses into Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Phase services. The project team and roles are defined

loosely as follows:

Arterial: Prime consultant leading the project management, outreach and design from concept through construction.

Creighton Manning: Civil / Traffic Engineer leading all aspects of project engineering and permitting. CME will also lead the Bidding and Construction Phase services.

TBC Land Surveying, PLLC: Topographic surveying for use in the development of construction documents. *TBC is a NY State Certified Woman Owned Business (WBE)*

Lu Engineering: Full-time construction inspection services. *Lu Engineering is a NY State Certified Minority Owned Business (MBE)*

SCOPE OF SERVICES

This scope of services outlines the steps and process anticipated to bring this project from concept to completion.

TASK 1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Task duration: 16 Months

Arterial, as prime consultant, will oversee project delivery. However, Project Management will be divided into phases. Arterial will be responsible for Project Management from Project Kick-off through delivery of the final Plans and Specifications. Creighton Manning will be responsible for Project Management from Bidding Phase through completion of construction.

This task includes the following:

- a. **Project Kick-off Meeting:** Meeting with Client and Consultant to team to establish scope, process, schedule, submission requirements and outreach strategy.
- b. **Project Schedule:** Develop and maintain project schedule.
- c. **Communication Protocol:** Establish communication protocol, file sharing methods and key contacts list to ensure seamless communication.
- d. **Bi-weekly Status Meetings:** Facilitate bi-weekly status meetings similar in nature to those held during Phase 1.
- e. **Project Spend-by-Month Estimate:** Arterial and CME will project the approximate amounts that the City will spend per month on design and construction costs throughout the duration of the project. This will be a ballpark estimate only and may

be subject to change based on many factors including project scope, contractor bids etc..

Task 1 Deliverables:

- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Project Schedule

TASK 2: OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Task duration: 4-6 weeks

Engaging the public and stakeholders throughout the design process as well as during construction will ensure smooth implementation. Below is an outline of this process but it will be modified and evolved to respond to the real-time project needs.

- a. **Website and Social Media:** Utilizing web and social media platforms will allow the City and design team to maintain real-time communications with the public. This is particularly important during construction. Construction will directly impact residents, business owners and visitors due to occasional parking restrictions, lane closures or other disturbances. Maintaining a project website and social media channels will help address questions or concerns that would otherwise be directed towards the city. The website will include static information about the project and DRI program and will also have dynamic information such as schedule, progress and real-time information regarding closures or other disturbances.

Arterial will create and maintain the website and social media, including managing content, stakeholder feedback, and comments. Arterial will launch the channels during the outreach and engagement phase and manage them until construction is complete - with the understanding that this task will go beyond the estimated 4-6 weeks of outreach and engagement. Throughout the process, the City of Hudson will have access to managing content and will retain ownership of the channels and content.

- b. **Public Workshops:** Arterial will host up to two **(2) public workshops**. The first workshop will be used to solicit feedback on the initial concept design direction including layout, materials and aesthetics. The second workshop will be used to present the final concept and solicit feedback. This meeting will also be used to discuss what residents should expect during construction and to address any concerns. Each public workshop will also include an opportunity to learn about the project via the website and to provide written feedback. If there are significant changes to design after the final concept presentation, Arterial will host an additional public engagement meeting to ensure

that the residents and stakeholders are kept informed about the final design.

- c. **Stakeholder Meetings:** Arterial will host a series of stakeholder group meetings to engage residents and business owners directly impacted by these improvements. Arterial will rely on the City to help define these groups, but initially we anticipate the following:
 - Front Street Residents
 - State Street Residents and Housing Authority
 - Business Owners
- d. **Construction Phase Outreach:** Arterial will reach out to all property owners directly affected by the construction in order to ensure that they are aware of the construction, are able to properly prepare and that steps are taken to minimize impacts on their businesses or residence. This will include but not be limited to phone calls and in-person meetings; development of fliers for store owners to provide to their customers; and other required notifications and communication methods. This outreach will extend beyond the estimated 4-6 weeks of outreach and engagement as appropriate.

Task 2 Deliverables:

- Project Website and Social Media accounts
- Materials, Agendas, Minutes and Facilitation of outreach activities

TASK 3: CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT & SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE

Task duration: 8 weeks

Arterial will develop a Concept Design and Schematic Design for the corridor. The concept design will advance the vision set forth in the Connectivity Plan. The concept will be vetted by the steering committee and the community as outlined in Task 2. This phase will establish all aspects of the design including curb alignment, streetscape features, typical paving patterns, materials, furnishings and other key elements.

- a. **Concept Development:** Arterial refine the vision set forth in the Connectivity Plan to establish a clear concept for all streets within the project area. This phase will advance the “typical” design solutions developed in the Connectivity Plan and include options for materials, furnishings and finishes. Samples for the various materials and furnishings will be provided as available.
- b. **Schematic Design:** Based on direction and feedback given during the Concept

A field survey of existing conditions will be prepared by TBC for use in the development of engineering drawings for the proposed streetscape improvements. Prior to conducting a field survey, the team will collect pertinent information in the client's possession relative to the route to be surveyed. Such information may include but not be limited to earlier surveys, CAD drawing files, original tract maps, public records and State, County or Municipal Maps. Property lines and rights-of way will be illustrated based on tax map information.

Detailed Survey

A detailed topographical survey will be performed for all areas indicated as "Detailed Survey" on the attached key plan. The survey for this area shall include all elements necessary to design and construct streetscape improvements including observable catch basins, manholes, valve boxes, cleanouts, street lamps, parking meters, street trees, driveway aprons, handicapped accessible ramps, existing utility mark-outs and elevations of inlet and outlet pipes at accessible catch basins and manholes, and other topographic features within the public right of way. In addition, architectural information including but not limited to building facades, canopies, stoops and entrances shall also be surveyed with sufficient information to ensure that the streetscape can properly interface with the building. Surveys shall extend a minimum of 50' beyond the intersection in all directions.

The "Cross Street Stair" shall be surveyed in detail of all elements located within the property lines that the stair occupies. This includes but is not limited to stairs and stair treads, cheek walls, railings, lighting, landscape material, trees and any visible utilities. Spot elevations shall be provided at all key locations to a level of detail sufficient to ensure ADA compliance. This includes but is not limited too corners of all railings and top and bottom of all stair treads.

Roadway cross sections will be obtained at 50' intervals, except along the face- of-curb where elevations will be provided at a maximum of 25' intervals. The design of street corners and intersections are critical. Detailed spot elevations shall be provided at all corners at an interval/grid sufficient for the design team to ensure ADA compliance. In addition, detailed spot elevations shall be provided at all stoops and/or building entrances. Visible/obvious low or high points shall be identified and indicated on the survey. Sufficient elevations will be collected to provide one (1') foot contour intervals over the project area with a mapping scale of 1"=30'. The Vertical Datum shall be NGVD 1929 and the horizontal datum will be referenced to the NJ State Plane Coordinate System, NAD 1983.

Basic Survey

A basic survey shall be provided for all areas indicated as "Basic Survey" on the attached key plan. The Basic Survey is being performed in areas of the project where

Development phase, Arterial will develop a final Schematic Design. The design will indicate proposed curb alignment, furniture and plant locations, lighting, roadway striping, bicycle facilities and parking, crosswalks and intersection treatments, traffic calming elements and pedestrian facilities. The Schematic Design will also include the design of basic wayfinding signage based on the design of the existing signs in the City. Please note that this does not include the design of a comprehensive wayfinding system. It is assumed that the city will provide all sign content (i.e. destinations to be signed etc). Elements of the Schematic Design will also be assembled into a concise Design Guideline package that can be used by the city to extend the streetscape program to other areas of the city.

The Schematic Design Plans will include:

- Cover Sheet
 - Layout and Materials Plan
 - Landscape and Lighting Plan
 - Sections and Enlargements
- c. **Preliminary Engineering Review:** CME will review the plan for preliminary engineering compliance. This review will include but is not limited to traffic control, turning radii, utility conflicts and compliance with local, regional and national engineering codes.
- d. **Schematic Engineer's Estimate:** The CMA / Arterial Team will prepare a preliminary cost estimate to ensure that the project is on or close to the project budget. This will be an itemized estimate developed based upon NYSDOT standards.
- e. **Agency Submissions:** Arterial / CME will submit the schematic design to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for a Certificate of Appropriateness and the Department of Justice (DOJ) and City of Hudson's Independent Licensed Architect (ILA) for preliminary review. It is assumed that the city will assist in the coordination of this effort.

Deliverables:

- Concept Design Package
- Schematic Design Package
- Presentation Material

TASK 4: TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Task duration: 4 weeks

improvements will be limited to “in-kind” sidewalk replacement or installation and street tree installation. The basic survey shall include all information necessary to perform this work including curbs, sidewalk, trees/tree pits, utility poles and other significant features. Spot elevations and contour information is not required.

Deliverable

- Topographic survey (Autocad 2D format)
- Final survey signed in sealed in .PDF format and 5 hard copies.

TASK 5: CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS PHASE

Task duration: 8 weeks

Upon completion and approval of the Concept Design, Arterial will develop plans, specifications and cost estimates for the project area. All materials will be submitted to the city for review at 75% and 95% complete.

Construction Documents and Specifications

The preparation of Plans and Specifications will be led by CME based on the design prepared by Arterial. Arterial will oversee the development of the drawings to ensure compliance with the Schematic Design and will prepare all Urban Design related elements. Construction Documents and Specifications will include:

- Cover Sheet
- General Notes and Estimate of Quantities
- Existing Conditions Plan
- General Plans
- Materials and Furnishings Plan
- Signing and Striping Plan
- Grading, Drainage and Utility Plans
- Intersection ADA Ramp Enlargements
- Landscape and Lighting Plan
- Work Zone Traffic Control Plans
- Typical Sections
- Urban Design Details
- Civil Engineering Details
- Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (Erosion and Sediment Control Only)

ADA Compliance: All construction will be designed to comply with accessibility requirements, the City of Hudson settlement with the Department of Justice, and title II

of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12134, and the implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35. Engineering Plans will be reviewed by Hudson's ILA and field verification or inspections may be performed during construction. Fees associated with these reviews and inspections will be allocated from the project budget.

Engineer's Construction Cost Estimate

Cost estimates will be prepared at 75% and 95% complete in coordination with the Construction Plan submissions. The cost estimates will be developed based on recent available bids from publicly bid projects similar in scope. The estimates will be developed using reasonable professional judgement. However, it is understood that industry variables that are outside of the control of Arterial | CME team and the city can often times impact the bid costs. Re-bidding or significant design revisions required caused by variables that are outside of the reasonable control of the Arterial | CME team are not included in this scope.

TASK 6: BID PHASE SERVICES

Duration: +/- 6 weeks

CME, with support from Arterial, will assist the city throughout the bidding process. This will include the following tasks:

- Assembling final bid packages (USB drives or digital plans in .PDF format will be provided to the City of prospective bidders)
- Assisting with bid advertisement (assisting the City)
- Attendance at one (1) pre-bid meeting
- Preparation of required addenda or clarifications
- Attendance at Bid Opening
- Preparation of Bid Tabulation and award recommendation
- Attendance at post-bid meeting if required

TASK 7: CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES

Duration: +/- 24 weeks

The Arterial|CME Team will provide services throughout the Construction Phase. Construction Phase services will include:

- Pre-construction Meeting facilitation
- Shop drawing Review

- Request for Information (RFI) Response
- On-site Review
- Bi-weekly progress meetings
- Payment Application and Change Order Review
- Punchlist
- Project Close-out
- Submittals to DOS

Construction Inspection

CME with Lu Engineering will provide construction inspection services throughout the duration of the project. Please note that this task will be performed on a "Time and Materials" basis since the scope of construction is not yet defined. Upon completion of the Construction Documents, the City will determine the extent and duration of Construction Inspection. For purposes of this proposal and fee, CME has assumed that it will require one (1) Level II inspector fulltime and one (1) Resident Engineer parttime. This task will include:

- Construction Inspection by a Level II inspector (full time or as prescribed by the City) with weekly visits by a CM's Resident Engineer (part time).
- Notify the City and Design Team of any requested field changes or discrepancies (prior to approving them)
- Issue weekly reports reflecting the field changes as required to meet the needs of the project.
- Observe the construction work for compliance with contract documents.
- Record daily the contractor's pay quantities based on receipts, as necessary.
- Observe initial operation of the project, or of performance tests required by the specifications.

SCHEDULE ASSUMPTION

This proposal is based roughly on the following schedule. Should this schedule change substantially, it may result in a fee modification or renegotiation.

- Design and Engineering: June 2021 – September 2021
- Bidding and Award: October 2021 – December 2021
- Project Initiation and Pre-construction: January 2022 – March 2022
- Construction: April 2022 – September 2022

ASSUMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Fountain or water features are not anticipated as part of this project and are therefore

not included in this scope of services. Should the client request a water feature, the design of such a feature will be an Additional Service.

- Sign and Wayfinding design is not included in this proposal.
- This proposal is based on a construction budget of roughly \$3.5m. Should this budget increase significantly it may result in an additional service.

COMPENSATION

The compensation for the above referenced scope of work for a **Lump Sum fee of \$342,415 plus \$182,540 for Construction Phase services which will be billed hourly not-to-exceed. In addition, this proposal includes direct expenses totaling \$16,320 including construction management software, materials testing and other basic expenses.** We have attached a detailed fee breakdown by task and employee. Invoices will be prepared monthly based on percent complete.

Task 1: Project Management	\$20,045
Task 2 Outreach + Engagement	\$42,915*
Task 3 Concept Dev + Schematic Des	\$75,580
Task 4 Topographic Survey	\$58,650*
Task 5 Construction Docs + Specs	\$136,325
Task 6 Bid Phase Services	\$8,900
Task 7 Construction Phase Services	\$182,540* (Hourly not-to-exceed)

Direct Expenses	
Material Testing	\$10,000 (if and when required)
CM Software (APPAL)	\$4,320
Basic Expenses	\$2,000

***Minority and Women-Owned Business (MWBE) Participation is as follows:**

• TBC Land Surveying (WBE):	\$53,480
• Lu Engineers (MBE):	\$67,200
• Material Testing Firm (MBE)	\$10,000
• Sidekick Creative (WBE)	\$12,000

Total Phase II MWBE Participation is estimated to be **27.0%**. Arterial will prepare specifications to ensure that the 30% MWBE Goal is achieved by the construction contractor.

Thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to bringing this project to

completion!

Best regards,



David Lustberg, LLA
Principal, Arterial LLC

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

Nays: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SENIOR CENTER DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Senior Center has received various donations listed on the next page.

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

Increase Revenue: A.0000.2089.0000 Donations non budgeted

Increase Expenditure: A.7620.0470.0000 Misc. Grants and donations

\$625.00	Increase Revenue:	A.0000.2089.0000	Donations, non budgeted
\$625.00	Increase Expenditure:	A.7620.0470.0000	Misc. grants & donations

Approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

\$25.00 from Doris Funk

\$100.00 donation from John and Janis Wallace

\$100.00 from Jacquelyn Dunbar

\$100.00 from Maureen OMara

\$200.00 from Marcia Race

\$25.00 from Antoinette Scora

\$75.00 from Heather Rossman

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

Nays: None.

President DePietro stated Proposed Resolution No. 20 would authorize a budget amendment refunding the Youth Department Summer Programming.

Commissioner Reed said “we won’t be able to do full capacity that we’ve done pre-COVID because of health of New York State and County danced around COVID but it really pushes things must closer to what they were, back to normal so we’re very excited about being able to offer that to the community, the families, the children who have had a very hard year “.

Alderman Garriga questioned how many children would be accepted.

Commissioner Reed said “currently it’s just under a hundred” and she stated we hope if things get better, more children would be accepted.

Alderman Garriga said “this is exactly what we were talking about earlier with the previous resolution, like we don’t know what’s going to happen, we have less children and now we have an increased rate”.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20 May 18, 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT

REFUNDING YOUTH DEPARTMENT SUMMER PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, funds were cut from the 2021 budget which had been intended to pay for staffing and equipment for Oakdale Summer Camp

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson has received financial aid from the Federal Government

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson’s Fund Balance is significantly healthier than was forecast during the budgeting process

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2021 budget accounts as follows:

\$57,351.62		From:	A.0000.1001.0200	Use of Fund Balance
	\$23,106.26	To:	7310.0100.0004	Personnel Lifeguards
	\$25,927.36	To:	7310.0100.0000	Personnel
	\$5,130.00	To:	7310.0100.0005	Personnel Consen. Stand
	\$3,188.00	To:	7310.0400.0005	Matrl-Supls Consen Stand

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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

Nays: None.

Abstained: Alderman Merante. (1)

Alderman Garriga, prior to voting, said “for the programming, aye”.

Alderman Merante, prior to abstaining, said “I would like a little bit more time, this resolution came today, so to look into exactly what they’re looking at, programming, how many kids to serve and again, this is what I just was talking about in terms of thousands of dollars that we just approved so I’m going to abstain on this”.

Local Laws.

On motion of **Alderman Lewis**, seconded by **Alderman Sarowar**, the following proposed local law introduced by Alderman Lewis, seconded by Alderman Wolff, was ordered laid on the aldermen’s desks:

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.

New Business.

President DePietro stated he was not certain of the status of the license agreement for the boat docks and he stated if Mr. Rahaman had indeed withdrawn the proposal for Hudson Cruises, then that would be settled, if not a Special Meeting would be held next Monday, May 24th at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Rahaman said “I spoke with my partner and he feels we should leave it on the table and leave it up to your discretion”.

President DePietro stated a Special Meeting would be held next Monday, May 24th.

Mr. Rahaman stated if the council members had any questions to contact him.

Alderman Merante said “I feel really bad that somebody’s wedding has been destroyed because of....

President DePietro said “it hasn’t been destroyed yet”.

Alderman Merante said “it’s stressful enough, you know what I mean and I just think that this is bad business on our part that we’re dragging something out”.

Kate Treacy of Hudson said “it’s been a really, a really amusing process to talk to the individuals who want to have their wedding and I think the city should absolutely make sure that happens, no matter what, it’s our responsibility”.

President DePietro stated he would provide all the documents and the council members could also contact Mr. Rahaman and Mr. Merrett as well. He said “maybe we’ll resolve it offline before Monday”.

Chris Chen, gentleman that contracted with Hudson Cruises for his wedding, said “I’d just like to say thank you everyone for your support and we understand that there’s a process for these things”.

Alderman Wolff stated she had received a request from a business owner for the city to place some type of message on the city website or somewhere prominently available to the public that basically supports the local businesses desires around the continuation of mask wearing and social distance and she said “the business owner requested that it be on the city website so that basically if they needed to kind of address somebody in their business, that they could refer them to the website”.

President DePietro questioned the Legal Advisor if that would coincide with the Governor’s unmasking mandate.

Legal Advisor Baker said “that’s consistent” and he said “I certainly think businesses have the right to decide how they want people to come in, to wear masks or not”. He stated the city could urge people to respect the orders of the businesses.

Alderman Wolff stated there had been confusion regarding the permitting fee for the chicken law and she said “there have been some residents who’ve been informed by, or I should say mis-informed by the Code Enforcement Office that there’s a five hundred dollar permitting fee to, for a special use permit to have chickens”. She said “the Code actually states that it is a twenty-five-dollar permit fee so we need to do something about this because I don’t know how many people the Code Enforcement Office had told this and obviously it needs to be clarified for Code Enforcement”.

Alderman Garriga stated she had a three-way call with a constituent and the Code Enforcement Officer who had read the City Code which clearly stated the five-hundred-dollar fee would be for the application fee to the Planning Board and she stated the twenty-five-dollar fee would be for the annual permit.

Alderman Wolff said “he’s misunderstanding the Code”.

President DePietro stated that would be the price of a site plan application fee.

Alderman Garriga said “that’s for any one that is going to have an application fee before the Planning Board” and she said “once it’s approved, then they would pay that annual fee of that lesser amount”.

Legal Advisor Baker said “looking at the law, while normally we have a fee for the special conditional use permits you know, that’s set forth in our fee schedule, Rebecca is right, we set a permit application fee for twenty-five dollars and an annual renewal fee of twenty-five dollars”.

Alderman Garriga said “we’re not talking about that; we’re talking about an application to go to the Planning Board”.

Legal Advisor Baker said “that’s the conditional use permit application” and he said “it shall be twenty-five dollars”. He said “what makes sense when you were considering doing this is that special use permit and frankly a much bigger deal and that covers the cost of the Planning Board to be able to resolve that so you have the five-hundred-dollar cost there but you decided when we wrote this that there would be the application fee of twenty-five dollars for a conditional use permit”.

President DePietro requested the Legal Advisor “to straighten this out” with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Alderman Garriga invited those present to the one-year anniversary of Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition to be held June 1st, 420 Warren Street from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM with free food and DJ Service; 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM the community would speak out and also a candlelight vigil would be held to highlight housing displacement.

Ms. Cousin said “I wanted to commend the Mayor on his efforts around addressing addiction and homelessness” and she said “I think that a lot of people hear homelessness think of the situation in 7th Street Park and that’s like the worse-case scenario of homelessness in our city”. She stated if anyone had not been listed on a lease agreement, they would be considered homeless and she said “the goal is to help people not give into these situations where addiction becomes a way to get over the crisis so meeting people’s needs helps combat addiction and putting them together is I think a great effort and coming from the Mayor says a lot about the direction that he is trying to take”. Ms. Cousin said “I’ve heard a lot of people speak about the way the cinder blocks look on Warren Street, I think it’d be cool if maybe some businesses could think of a way to sponsor some local artists to decorate the blocks”.

President DePietro stated at the Tourism Board Meeting held last night, that very idea had been discussed and he said “it’s an excellent idea because I also had it”.

Ms. Cousin said “I feel we should reach out to some people that have recently organized giving local artists pay, there’s two different people that have started some efforts”.

Alderman Trombley said “throughout this meeting of course, there’s been a lot of feelings of discontent and I have to express my own crisis of conscious in a vote that was taking earlier in this meeting regarding the 400 State Street and I am, would like to propose a resolution, if possible, to rescind my vote”. She said “I voted in favor of it and I feel I made a mistake”.

The City Clerk confirmed Alderman Trombley voted “aye” on Proposed Resolution No. 4.

Alderman Trombley said “Alderman Trombley made an error in my heart and I am wondering and this is very, very difficult personally but I’m wondering if I can rescind that”.

Legal Advisor Baker stated motions would need to be made to rescind the vote and then re-submit the question.

Alderman Trombley said “the whole vote or just mine”.

Legal Advisor Baker said “I think the whole vote, the motion was passed, it was made, it was adopted, it would have to be a decision of this whole Council to rescind that motion”.

Alderman Wolff stated the discussion of the chicken law fees had not been finished.

Legal Advisor Baker stated he would contact the Code Enforcement Officer tomorrow.

Alderman Wolff questioned the individuals that had already paid the five hundred dollars unnecessarily.

Legal Advisor Baker said “submit a claim to the City that would be reviewed by the Council that could decide to pay the money”.

Alderman Garriga stated people complain about the gravel trucks on the streets but the council members accepted a donation from Colarusso and she said “but now when it comes to supporting the city being ADA compliant and because it’s coming from Galvan, oh no, don’t take.....I’m just trying to understand”.

Alderman Rosenthal said “if they’re going to spend a hundred thousand dollars on a study that we know is going to go nowhere, hold on Tom, I’m speaking, that money could go and be used immediately for them to help remediate rent problems for people through the organizations they run, they could do a whole lot”.

Alderman Garriga said “you’re always discouraging the Foundation”.

Alderman Rosenthal said “I’m for the Foundation to be transparent and for us to scrutinize them, that’s what I’m for and then you can work with them, I’m not for running full hog into everything that they want to do so yes, it’s my opinion that I think it would look like a bad thing for us to take money from them to do a study to be used in a building that would cost a tremendous amount of money to do, I think it’s absurd that we’re willing to take money and waste their money to do that so that is my opinion and I think my opinion will be brought up on fact and on top of that if we are going to move forward with it, it would just be interesting to see how quickly we can move with the construction to get our current building ADA compliant which I absolutely think we need to do and we’ve wasted a lot of time not doing it and I would like to know how long it would take an RFP to be crafted for Eric Galloway to be halted for”.

President DePietro said “I don’t think it would take very long at all”.

Commissioner Bujanow said “if they’re both approved and they move forward we can go parallel with that” and he said “what we will need to do for City Hall first, we have a concept pretty much, we don’t have viewable documents so we would need to arrange with the consultant to prepared viewable documents, I will be willing to do the procurement end of it so that the

construction could start as soon as soon as we can get those documents together and placed out to bid and then once the bid comes in, so in concept we could get that construction started within the next sixty days if everything goes well". He said "as far as the feasibility study, we can launch that as soon as possible, it'd take a couple of weeks to put it together, but thirty days, three weeks on the street, responses back so another sixty days or so we could get a result on that and make a decision to award".

Alderman Trombley stated the conversation began with her request to rescind the vote" and she asked "can we get back to that"?

Commissioner Bujanow asked "is the Council in agreement that I should proceed with at least getting the viewable documents, getting some proposals from the consultant so that we can move forward at least with that right now"?

President DePietro said "yes".

Alderman Trombley asked "when you say consultant you mean for the first vote on the City Hall"?

Commissioner Bujanow said "yes for the City Hall".

President DePietro said "this is now another vote that we're trying to turn back".

Alderman Rosenthal said "it's unfortunate".

President DePietro said "I don't understand frankly, why you know, did you have communication"?

Alderman Rosenthal said "yea, I think there's a lack of leadership here".

Alderman Garriga said "I make a motion to adjourn".

Alderman Wolff said "second it".

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Wolff**, the meeting was adjourned by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Garriga, Halloran, Lewis, Sarowar, Walker, Wolff and President DePietro. (7)

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

City Clerk