

1. 7:00 P.M. Common Council Meeting

Common Council Meeting

Virtual Meeting

City Hall

Cohoes, New York 12047

AGENDA

January 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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MEETING

- Roll Call
- Public Comment
- Approve minutes of the October 13, 2020 Public Hearing
- Presentation of quarterly report by Director of Community and Economic Development
- Resolution No. 3 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for fiscal year 2020
- Resolution No. 4 – A Resolution approving an agreement to purchase street lights from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
- Resolution No. 5 – A Resolution accepting an award and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement under the New York State Department of Transportation Multi-Modal Grant Program
- Resolution No. 6 - A Resolution accepting the donation of funds from Brookfield Renewable U.S. for the installation of a crosswalk system
- Resolution No. 7 – A Resolution appointing a member to the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency

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COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
2021 Public Hearing
Special Meeting
Common Council Chambers

Mayor Keeler led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM

Roll call was taken

PRESENT:

Mayor Keeler
Council President McCarthy
Council Member Smith
Council Member Russell
Council Member Briggs
Council Member Biggs
Council Member Alesio

EXCUSED:

None

Public Hearing for 2021 Budget:

Public Comment: None

Michael Durocher, Comptroller, "We are proposing no property tax increases. We are using \$950,000.00 of the unassigned fund balance to balance the budget. This is to keep the increase at zero. Our levy increase is .875. This is the tax we are collecting. Which amounts to \$7,614,000.00, which is below the 2% property taxes. We decreased expenses by 2.09% or \$424,400.00. The State Aid withheld at 20%, and we are budgeting a decrease next year of \$548,577.00. We are still hopeful that we can still get that depending of what happens in Washington DC. All contractual obligations have been met with no layoffs or furloughs in any department. Sales tax is budgeted at same level. Sales tax is down on average of 10% over the last 2 months. Health Insurance increased by 5% this year. Water/Sewer has no increase in rates."

Council President McCarthy, "What are the expenses lowered?"

Mike Durocher, "Most of them came from canceling the Music Hall Contract and not filling positions that are vacant."

Council Member Briggs, "Last year we put in the budget, fund balance use of \$600,000.00. When is the last time we actually used the fund balance?"

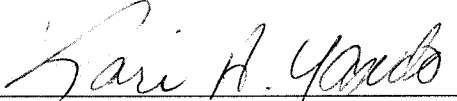
Mike Durocher, "Every time we budgeted the fund balance, we never had to use it. Just because we are putting \$950,000.00 into the fund balance, does not mean we have to use it. It is there as a place holder if we need it."

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At 7:35 PM the Common Council Public Hearing adjourned.



Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2021

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds from a certain account to another account in the annual estimate has become necessary to meet our obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the annual estimate for 2020 fiscal year is hereby amended in accordance with the budget line transfer form attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 26th day of January, 2021.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this ____ day of January, 2021.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

City of Cohoes 2020 BUDGET
 ACCOUNT CODE TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Funds Transferred To	Funds transferred from	Account Code	Amount	Transfer Justification
The Following transfers are budget Neutral				
Compensated Absences- Citywide	A1410.1351 Health Insurance	A9060.8000	\$ 57,225.00	Record value of vacation time as of 12/31/2020 for all non-union employees and certain union employees
Rock Salt	A5110.4660 Health Insurance	A9060.8000	\$ 19,615.00	Transfer to cover December purchases of rock salt for winter weather

The Following Transfer are an increase to the annual budget based on actual revenue received to date

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RESOLUTION NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO
PURCHASE STREET LIGHTS FROM NIAGARA
MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase certain street lights within the City of Cohoes owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is agreeable to transferring ownership of said street lights to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the purchase of the street lights from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation at a purchase price determined in accordance with the attached agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents required to complete the transaction, in a form approved by the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 26th day of January, 2021.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of January, 2021.

Clerk

President

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I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

William T. Keeler
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

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RESOLUTION NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 2021

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN AWARD AND AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT UNDER THE NEW
YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MULTI-
MODAL GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City submitted an application for funding of certain work regarding the removal and replacement of sidewalks in connection with the Lower Columbia Street Phase II Sewer Separation Project through the New York State Department of Transportation's Multi-Modal Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded \$100,000.00 through the New York State Department of Transportation's Multi-Modal Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the award of \$100,000.00 from the New York State Department of Transportation's Multi-Modal Grant Program is hereby accepted and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and related documents regarding the same in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

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Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 6 FOR THE YEAR 2021

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF FUNDS
FROM BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE U.S. FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Brookfield Renewable U.S. would like to donate funds to the City of Cohoes to be used in the purchase, construction and/or installation of a crosswalk system near Falls View Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves and accepts the donation of \$8184.00 from Brookfield Renewable U.S. to be used in the purchase, construction and/or installation of a TAPCO-RRFB-XL2 and solar/battery powered crosswalk system near Falls View Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 26th day of January, 2021.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

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Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

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Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York

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RESOLUTION NO. 7 FOR THE YEAR 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CITY OF
COHOES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 856 of the General Municipal Law provides the Common Council of the City of Cohoes with the authority to appoint the members of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency and the Common Council desires to make an appointment to the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency in order to fill that vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following resident of the City of Cohoes, New York is hereby appointed as a member of the City of Cohoes Industrial Development Agency, effective immediately:

Jeffrey C. Moore
303 Columbia Street
Cohoes, NY 12047

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such member shall serve at the pleasure of the Common Council; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

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Clerk

President

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Mayor of the City Cohoes, New York