

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

Common Council Chambers

City Hall

Cohoes, New York 12047

AGENDA

September 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

- o Roll Call
- o Public comment
- o Approve minutes of the July 12, July 26, and August 9, 2022 meetings
- o Resolution No. 55 – A Resolution amending the annual budget for fiscal year 2022
- o Resolution No. 56 – A Resolution approving an amendment to the Engineering Agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc. regarding the Columbia Street Phase II Sewer Separation Project
- o Resolution No. 57 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and New York Forward programs

****Please note- there will be no regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 27th****

Documents:

[9.22.2022 LEGISLATION AND BACKUP.PDF](#)

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
Common Council Workshop and Special Meeting
Common Council Chambers

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

At 7:00 PM the Common Council Workshop was held. At 7:21 PM the Workshop concluded, and the Common Council Special Meeting began.

Public Comment:

Council Member Smith, "Do we know when the work on the bike path will be finished?"

Mayor Keeler, "Aiming for June of 2023. Could be by November of this year."

Resolution No. 39 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE BROWNFIELED OPPORTUNITY AREA CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA)

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 39 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Biggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 39 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 40 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMISSION OF A 2022 FUNDING APPLICATION THROUGH THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE NECESSAY PHASE 2 ROOF RESTORATION AND RELATED STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF, AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO, THE HISTORIC CITY HALL BUILDING SERVING THE CITY OF COHOES AND THE REVERSPARK HERITAGE AREA

Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 40 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 40 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 41 for 2022

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE HISTORIC COHOES CITY HALL PRESERVATION PHASE 2 ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT USING STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING RESOURCES TO CONSIST OF TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 41 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 41 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 42 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN FY-2022 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PARKS RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION HERITAGE AREA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE COHOES MUSIC HALL & VISITORS CENTER TARGET 2024 RIVERSPARK HERITAGE AREA PRESERVATION PROJECT

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 42 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 42 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 43 for 2022

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE COHOES MUSIC HALL & VISITORS CENTER TARGET 2024 REVISERSPARK HERITAGE AREA PRESERVATION PROJECT USING STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING RESOURCES TO CONSIST OF TYPE II ACTIONS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 43 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 43 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 44 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2022 FUNDING APPLICATION THROUGH THE CARBON NEUTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE NECESSARY PLANNING, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION COSTS TO ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRAL OR NET ZERO ENERGY PERFORMANCE FOR THE

HISTORIC COHOES MUSIC HALL BUILDING THAT SERVES THE CITY OF COHOES
AND THE REGION

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 44 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 44 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 45 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE PRESERVATION LEAGUE OF NEW YORK STATE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HISTORIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING HOUSING THE MUSIC HALL AND VISITORS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS REGARDING SAME

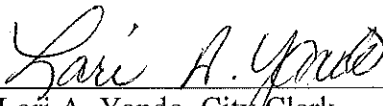
Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 45 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 45 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 46 for 2022

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TERMS OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COHOES AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION CERICAL UNIT

Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 46 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Biggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 46 for 2022 passed.

At 7:27 PM, Council Member Russell made a MOTION to adjourn the Common Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE." The Common Council Meeting concluded.



Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
Common Council Regular Meeting
Common Council Chambers

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 Comment:

Randy Konifka, Bridge Ave., "The last couple of weeks I have seen the Guilderland Ambulance in our city assisting us on calls. The response time is 20-30 minutes. Empire has staffing issues. Every town provides life support from fire department. Our residents are the ones who suffer."

Council Member Smith, "When others are here, where are our ambulances? Are they on calls?"

Mayor Keeler, "We have doubled the ambulance in the City. Others are here for mutual aide. The problems are that the ambulances are tied up at the hospitals waiting in line."

Carl Kovatchitch, Pike Creek Dr., "I have some frustration with a neighbor. We are afraid of them. They are constantly putting garbage on my property line. This garbage piles up and is lowering my property value."

Steve Napier, Director of Community Development presented the quarterly report.

Resolution No. 47 for 2022

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 47 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 47 for 2022 passed. A copy of budget transfers are attached.

Resolution No. 48 for 2022

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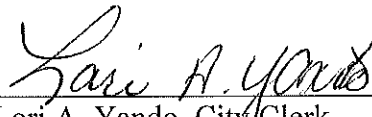
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A REVISED FIVE (5) YEAR ALBANY COUNTY INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 48 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 48 for 2022 passed.

At 7:41 PM, Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to adjourn the Common Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE." The Common Council Meeting concluded.



Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
Common Council Workshop and Special Meeting
Common Council Chambers

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 Comment: None

At 7:10 PM the Common Council Workshop concluded, and the Special Meeting began.

Resolution No. 49 for 2022

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NYS DORMITORY AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS REGARDING SAME

Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 49 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 49 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 50 for 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ENDORSING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FUND

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 50 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 50 for 2022 passed.

Resolution No. 51 for 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUNSET AND GREENBRIAR PARKS PROJECT

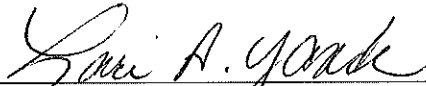
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Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 51 for 2022. Seconded by Council Member Biggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE." Resolution No. 51 for 2022 passed.

At 7:12 PM, Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to adjourn the Common Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE." The Common Council Meeting concluded.


Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 55 FOR THE YEAR 2022

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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 2022 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

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 September, 2022.

Clerk

President

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. 56 FOR THE YEAR 2022

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH
ARCADIS OF NEW YORK, INC. REGARDING THE
COLUMBIA STREET PHASE II SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City approved an agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc., for engineering services for the Columbia Street Phase II Sewer Separation Project in an amount not to exceed \$525,000 and the Mayor executed same on behalf of the City in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel;

WHEREAS, certain unforeseen circumstances have arisen which requires the parties to amend the agreement to provide for additional construction administration and construction inspection services in an amount not to exceed an additional \$90,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has approved the amendment, subject to Common Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the amendment to the agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc., for engineering services regarding the Columbia Street Phase II Sewer Separation Project for additional construction administration and construction inspection services in an amount not to exceed an additional \$90,000.00 is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute said amendment on behalf of the City in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this ____ day of September, 2022.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

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Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of September 2022.

Clerk

President

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. 57 FOR THE YEAR 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE AND
NEW YORK FORWARD PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and New York Forward programs administered by the New York State Regional Economic Development Council for the development of the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cohoes is eligible to apply for such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that these programs support the City's efforts to revitalize the downtown core.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council supports the City of Cohoes in its applications for this funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any applications, agreements or other documents in connection with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and New York Forward Funding on behalf of the City; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 22nd day of September, 2022.

Brian S. Kremer
Corporation Counsel

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Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this _____ day of September, 2022.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

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