

Meeting

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 - 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: None

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting. Council Member Russell seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE". The motion passed.

A discussion took place regarding revisions to the waste disposal code. No voting took place.

Ordinance No. 5 for 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION A OF SECTION 198-33 OF THE CODE OF THE COHOES CITY REGARDING VENDOR LICENSE FEES

Ordinance No. 5 was tabled.

Ordinance No. 6 for 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE RESURFACEING AND/OR REPAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF COHOES

Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 6 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Council Member Smith voted "NAY". Ordinance No. 6 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 35 for 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANOR AVENUE SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT

Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 35 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Briggs. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 35 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 36 for 2023

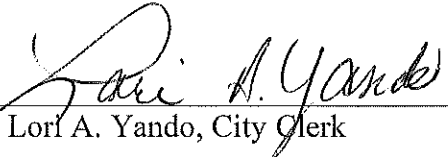
A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM AN APPOINTMENT TO THE COHOES LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 36 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, Biggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 36 for 2023 passed.

Mayor Keeler, "Rock the Block began June 15, 2023, with Tusk, this was our largest crowd ever. On June 23, 2023, we had Steven Adler and a very large crowd. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Remsen St. establishments appeared to be full. This week we have Skeeter Creek. Saturday Cohoes High School graduated the Class of 2023. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all. Police Chief Walden and I attended a Public Safety meeting at the NYSP Academy, hosted by Governor Hochul. The discussion focused on gun violence. Our Police Department sponsored the annual bike rodeo at Lansing Park. They had many prizes including helmets and bikes. The roof and gutter work on City Hall is well underway and aiming to be completed in July. The Columbia St. project is nearing completion. I have spoken with Cohoes Housing Authority Director, Matt Ethier, regarding the status of Saratoga Sites. The remaining few tenants will be out in late July. The relocation of tenants from an industrial zone to newer, better housing is a remarkable achievement. I thank CHA and members of Common Council for participating. Should receive approval in August, and about 4 weeks to close. \$758K from the Gillibrand Grant and get Federal Budget Approval."

Council Member Smith, "I was wondering if we could discuss Zak Remillard, born in Cohoes and now playing for the Chicago White Sox. Spent 7 years in the minor league. I would like to have a Proclamation for a Zak Remillard Day."

At 7:28 PM, Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Council Member Russell. All members voted "AYE".


Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - 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 Alesio

EXCUSED:

Council Member Biggs

Mayor Keeler, “Felthousen’s Florist was sold last year, and the owners are looking forward to retirement. Property was purchased by a developer who wants to put in townhouses fronting Columbia St., as well as on two other adjacent parcels already owned. Columbia Gardens “Phase 3”, 40 units are anticipated. DEC has advised us that the necessary permits have been approved for the Floating Solar project. We remain on schedule for 2024 installation. Contracts are due on Friday for the Fire Site on Remsen St. Mosaic Village, 55 Sergeant St., has been the source of significant Code violations, including mold growing inside a handful of apartments. Management hasn’t been quick to resolve the issues. As a result, NYS is reportedly considering pulling Mosaic’s tax credits and Cohoes IDA is likewise discussing revoking local tax exemptions. 79 & 90 Delaware Ave. continue to be a drain on city resources while, loke Mosaic, provide little in property taxes. The IDA is monitoring the disproportionate number of police and EMS calls. The building owner has been cooperative and responsive to the IDA’s concerns. Nearby, Captain’s Lookout is hoping to add two new building that were previously approved by local law. However, the developer wants to change the plan to more/smaller units and add a pool and clubhouse.”

Public Comment:

Sean Van Sleet, Orchard, “I am concerned about the public safety in the city. CDTA has cut routes. My wife walks from the Orchard to Garner St. Twice she was approached by vagrants. She should not be subject to that. I wish there were more patrols in Cohoes.

Randy Konifka, Bridge Ave., “The library has suffered from neglect for over 20 years. When I was on the board, I could not even get them to clean. The Cohoes Savings Bank is more cost effective. But it must be adequately funded and maintained. It is better to get rid of the old building, and deal with funding of the library.”

Resolution No. 37 for 2023

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Council Member Russell made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 37 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 37 for 2023 passed. A copy of budget transfers are attached.

Resolution No. 38 for 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ONE OR MORE AGREEMENTS WITH NATIONAL GRID FOR RESTORATION OF CERTAIN STREETS

Council Member Biggs made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 38 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 36 for 2023 passed.

Resolution No. 39 for 2023

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Resolution No. 39 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Resolution No. 39 for 2023 passed.

Ordinance No. 5 for 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION A OF SECTION 198-33 OF THE CODE OF THE COHOES CITY REGARDING VENDOR LICENSE FEES

Council Member Alesio made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 5 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Ordinance No. 5 for 2023 passed.

Ordinance No. 7 for 2023

A BOND ORDINANCE, DATED JULY 25, 2023, OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COHOES, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "CITY"), AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$995,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$995,000 OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE, SAID AMOUNT TO BE OFFSET BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND/OR LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE CITY COMPTROLLER

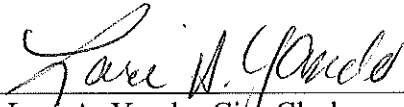
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Council President McCarthy made a MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 7 for 2023. Seconded by Council Member Russell. Council President McCarthy, and Council Members Smith, Russell, Briggs, and Alesio voted "AYE". Ordinance No. 7 for 2023 passed.

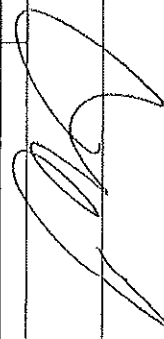
At 7:27 PM, Council Member Smith made a MOTION to adjourn the Common Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Alesio. All members voted "AYE".



Lori A. Yando, City Clerk

City of Cohoes 2023 BUDGET
ACCOUNT CODE TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Funds Transferred To	Funds transferred from	Account Code	Amount	Transfer Justification
The Following transfers are budget Neutral				
LITIGATION FEES A1420.4220	SALARY EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYO A1210.1470	A1210.1470	\$ 20,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER ARBITRATION EXPENSES
SRTYPST- PLANNING A8686.1022	SALARY EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYO A1210.1470	A1210.1470	\$ 2,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER SALARY FULL TIME EMPLOYEE IN PLANNING DEPT . . .
MEO HEAVY-TRANS/DIST F8340.1006	MEO LIGHT- TRANS/DIST F8340.1007	F8340.1007	\$ 37,500.00	TRANSFER TO COVER THE SALARY FOR PROMOTION OF DPW EMPLOYEE
The Following Transfer are an increase to the annual budget based on actual revenue received to date				
REPAIRS TO STATIONARY EQUIPMENT F8330.4653	SALES OF WATERS OUT OF TOWN F2578	F2578	\$ \$5,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER WTP SODIUM CHLORITE UPGRADES AND REBUILDING OF SHAFT/BEARINGS



DATE 7/21/23

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RESOLUTION NO. 40 FOR THE YEAR 2023

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

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 2023 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 August, 2023.

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 August, 2023.

Clerk

President

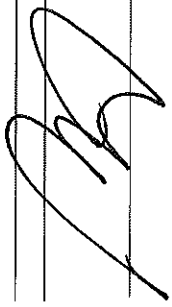
I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

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

**City of Cohoes 2023 BUDGET
ACCOUNT CODE TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**

Funds Transferred To		Funds transferred from		Account Code	Amount	Transfer Justification
<i>The Following transfers are budget Neutral</i>						
OVERTIME DPW GARBAGE/RECYCLING	A8160.1050	EXECUTIVE ASST TO MAYOR SALAR	A1210.1470		\$ 15,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER OVERTIME FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING
POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT EXPENSES	A9015.8000	ERS RETIREMENT EXPENSES	A9010.8000		\$ 49,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER P/F RETIREMENT EXPENSES DUE TO PAYROLL AND RATE INCREASES
PAC180 CHEMICAL WTP	F8330.4950	CHIEF WATER PLANT OPERATOR	F8330.1002		\$ 40,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER CHEMICAL COST INCREASE FOR WTP
CHLORINE	F8330.4952	WATER PLANT OPERATIONS	F8330.1004		\$ 20,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER CHEMICAL COST INCREASE FOR WTP AND LANSING POOL
<i>The Following Transfer are an increase to the annual budget based on actual revenue received to date</i>						
EMS SERVICES	A3410.4270	INTEREST EARNINGS	A2401		\$ 145,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER EMS SERVICES FOR REMAINDER OF 2023
EMS SERVICES	A3410.4270	SALES TAX INCOME	A1110		\$ 300,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER EMS SERVICES FOR REMAINDER OF 2023
CELEBRATIONS	A7550.4000	GROSS RECEIPTS UTILITY TAX	A1130		\$ 10,000.00	TRANSFER TO COVER CONCERTS FOR CANAL SQUARE
POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT EXPENSES	A9015.8000	GROSS RECEIPTS UTILITY TAX	A1130		\$ 32,300.00	TRANSFER TO COVER P/F RETIREMENT EXPENSES DUE TO PAYROLL AND RATE INCREASES



DATE 8/17/23

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RESOLUTION NO. 41 FOR THE YEAR 2023

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ON JAMES
STREET TO EVOLUTION CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has awarded a contract for the removal and replacement of sidewalks on James Street to Evolution Construction Services, LLC, P.O. Box 511, Mechanicville, New York 12118, as the lowest responsible bidder, for a total cost of \$50,635.00, subject to Common Council approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a contract for the removal and replacement of sidewalks on James Street is hereby awarded to Evolution Construction Services, LLC, P.O. Box 511, Mechanicville, New York 12118, for the total cost of \$50,635.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract to effectuate said award 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 22nd day of August, 2023.

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 August, 2023.

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. 42 FOR THE YEAR 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL
FACILITIES CORPORATION REGARDING THE “LITTLE C”
FLOATABLE CONTROL FACILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City has applied for and been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation relative to the “Little C” Floatable Control Facility (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation requires that the City execute a Grant Agreement regarding same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the City of Cohoes’ obligations under the Grant Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Cohoes authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Program for the Project. Under the EPG Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$50,000.00. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be the Sewer Fund. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$10,000.00 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$50,000.00. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Common Council; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 22nd day of August, 2023

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 August, 2023.

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. 43 FOR THE YEAR 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL
FACILITIES CORPORATION REGARDING THE MANOR
AVENUE SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City has applied for and been awarded an Engineering Planning Grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation relative to the Manor Avenue Sewer Separation Project (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation requires that the City execute a Grant Agreement regarding same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the City of Cohoes’ obligations under the Grant Agreement; and it is further

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RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Cohoes authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Program for the Project. Under the EPG Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$50,000.00. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be the Sewer Fund. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$10,000.00 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$50,000.00. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Common Council; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 22nd day of August, 2023

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 August, 2023.

Clerk

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Date

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