

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2023

6:00PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Proclamations
- VI. Communications and Presentations
- VII. Public Participation
- VIII. Controller's Report
- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
 - (a) Resolutions
 - (b) Ordinances:
 - (c) Local Laws:
 - (d) Introduction of Ordinances:
 - (e) Introduction of Local Laws:
 - (f) Committee Reports
 - (g) Scheduling of Committee Meetings
 - (h) Other
- XI. Executive Session
- XII: Adjournment

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- 1. Review of Agenda Items
- 2. Any other business to come before the Council

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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| 19. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES | MARTUSCELLO |
| 20. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- GOLF/LAWNMOWER SERVICE CONTRACT | S. GOMULA |
| 21. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- WTP/CHEMICAL FEED SYS. IMPROVEMENTS | D. GOMULA |
| 22. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TWIN CITIES-AMSTERDAM/PISCIOTTA ITALY | MARTUSCELLO |
| 23. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE- 27 LEFFERTS ST | MARTUSCELLO |
| 24. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT – CED/LABELLA | S. GOMULA |
| 25. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT | COLLINS |

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RESOLUTION #23/24-19

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

RESOLVED, the minutes of the last Common Council Meeting of July 18, 2023 are hereby adopted.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
<u>Alderwoman Quist-Demars</u>		
<u>Alderman D. Gomula</u>		
<u>Alderwoman Collins</u>		
<u>Alderman S. Gomula</u>		
<u>Alderman Martuscello</u>		

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RESOLUTION #23/24-20

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- GOLF/ LAWNMOWER SERVICE CONTRACT

BY: ALDERMAN S. GOMULA

WHEREAS, the 2023-24 budget does not include the recognition of the annual expense for a lawnmower service contract that was prepaid in 2021-22;

RESOLVED, the controller is authorized to transfer funds from the 23/24 FY budget as follows:

DECREASE EXPENSE:

CR.7180.4000 Contractual Expenses \$2,502

INCREASE EXPENSE:

CR.7180.4099 Grounds Maintenance \$2,502

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Quist-Demars		
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RESOLUTION #23/24-21

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- WATER FUND CHEMICAL FEED SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS

BY: ALDERMAN D. GOMULA

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022, the Common Council approved resolution 22/23-202 to award a contract to Trinity Construction in the amount of \$1,128,963 for General Construction for the Corrosion Control Optimization/Chemical Feed Systems Improvements. A CDBG grant in the amount of \$898,000 was applied to the cost and the balance was approved to be paid by the City from a budget line or with ARPA funds.

WHEREAS, work is completing, and the City's portion of the project is due to be paid for soon.

WHEREAS, a \$205,000 debt principal payment was included in the 2023/24 budget in error; a transfer of this amount to a contractual expense line to put toward the City's portion of the project costs would have no impact on budgeted operating costs.

RESOLVED, the Controller is authorized to transfer funds in the 2023/24 budget as follows.

DECREASE EXPENSE:

F.9710.6000	Principal on Indebtedness	\$205,000
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

F.8330.4000	Contractual Expenses	\$205,000
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City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
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RESOLUTION #23/24- 22

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK AND THE TOWN OF PISCIOTTA, ITALY AS TWIN CITIES

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

WHEREAS, The Town of Pisciotta, located in the Southern Region of Campania, Italy was the birthplace of ancestors to a large number of many Amsterdam families. The list includes many well-known families that have made Amsterdam their home for many generations, including surnames such as DiBlasi, Greco, Tambasco, Romano, Martuscello, Isabel, Fariello, Fedullo, Speranza, and Catena; and there are surely additional Amsterdam families with ties to Pisciotta that are unintentionally not specifically mentioned that we equally recognize in the bringing of this instant resolution; and

WHEREAS, the concept of city twinning is a well-known throughout the United States of America and throughout the world, having initially been utilized as a device to reconnect different parts of the world with each other following World War II, in a time when there was no social media and no internet. Over the years, city twinning has expanded to become more recognizable as a ceremonial device used between municipalities sharing migration and/or name links so as to foster and nurture socio-cultural bonds for the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, that between the municipalities of Amsterdam, New York and Pisciotta, Italy there has been a very important social-cultural bond for several generations, which, even today, is alive in both communities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Amsterdam has been approached by the Campania Regional Councilor of the National Union of Pro Loco d'Italia (UNPLI CAMPANIA) regarding the prospect of city twinning; and

WHEREAS, UNPLI CAMPANIA pursues interventions for the protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage and landscape; organization and management of cultural, artistic, food and wine and recreational activities of social interest; and organization and management of tourist activities of social, cultural, or religious interest; and

WHEREAS, by way the instant twinning resolution, the intention is to maintain permanent links between the two municipalities and to encourage exchanges between its citizens in fields of common interest and to develop fruitful relations between the municipal administrations and between the respective populations. **NOW, BE IT HEREBY**

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Amsterdam recognizes the City of Amsterdam, New York as a Twin City with the Pisciotta, Italy; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition and celebration of the twinning between Amsterdam and Pisciotta, upon the conclusion of the Common Council meeting held on August 1, 2023 the flag, the municipal flag of Pisciotta, Italy shall be raised at the ceremonial flag pole at City Hall and shall be displayed for a period of two weeks.

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RESOLUTION #23/24-23

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO ACCEPT DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE
PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 1170 AS IT PERTAINS TO 27
LEFFERTS STREET**

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

WHEREAS, by way of background as it pertains to 27 Lefferts Street, said parcel was previously owned by a Robert B. Holbrook, who passed away on April 1, 2017, and said parcel is part of the Estate of Robert B. Holbrook, for which a Decree Granting Administration was issued from Montgomery County Surrogate Court granting said Letters of Administration to Shawn J. Bowerman, Montgomery County Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, there are substantial outstanding property taxes owed for subject parcel and for all intents and purposes, the subject parcel is slated for the next round of In Rem foreclosure to be prosecuted by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a desire to acquire the parcel through a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure pursuant to RPTL Section 1170 which provides that "tax district may, when authorized by resolution of its governing body and in lieu of prosecuting a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien on any parcel of real property pursuant to [RPTL ARTICLE 11], accept a conveyance of the interest of any person having any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to such parcel"; and

WHEREAS, in acquiring said parcel, it is the intention of the City to convert the parcel into a parking area for public use, including but not limited to, a clubhouse project that is currently being developed by Creative Connections; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowerman, as Administrator, is amenable to conveying the parcel to the City of Amsterdam pursuant to RPTL 1170 in through a Deed In Lieu of Foreclosure; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam will accept a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure pursuant to RPLT 1170 as it pertains to 27 Lefferts Street.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
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RESOLUTION #23/24-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH LABELLA/ COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BY: ALDERMAN S. GOMULA

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam was the recipient of a 2018 TAP-CMAQ Program award from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) for pedestrian safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam was the recipient of the Mohawk Valley Region 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI); and

WHEREAS, two of the projects awarded in the DRI were to create a gateway to the downtown district and to install streetscape improvements on Bridge Street and Main Street; and

WHEREAS, this project will be known as the Complete Streets Plan for Main Street and Bridge Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam was awarded \$1,979,000 in TAP-CMAQ and \$1,350,000 in DRI funding with a share of \$145,000 by the City, for a total project budget of \$3,474,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam released a Request for Proposals (RFP) under the Professional Services purchasing policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam received 4 RFP submittals for the project,

RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam will award the project to LaBella with the anticipated design costs of \$365,000 and anticipated construction inspection costs being \$312,000. For a total construction design and construction inspection anticipated cost of \$677,000 and an anticipated construction of \$2,797,000; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon review of the provided contract with LaBella by the City Attorney, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
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RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT

BY: ALDERWOMAN COLLINS

RESOLVED, the bills and documentation of same presented in "Pre-Check Writing Report Parameter" dated August 1, 2023, to the Common Council and affirmed by the Controller as correct and to be paid, the City Clerk is authorized and empowered to issue warrants in payment of same.

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	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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