

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 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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| 28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET MODIFICATION-APD/LICENSE PLATE READER | COLLINS |
| 29. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY- BEHIND 27 VILLAGE LN | MAYOR |
| 30. RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD WORKDAY FOR EMPLOYEES RS2418 | S. GOMULA |
| 31. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUSS EQUIPMENT- COLLAR CITY | MARTUSCELLO |
| 32. RESOLUTION ADJUSTING OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES- 244 W.MAIN | MARTUSCELLO |
| 33. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$2,300,000 BONDS- DEMOLITION STRIP MALL | S. GOMULA |
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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE "D" OF 2023, (to be known as Ordinance 4 of 2023 if passed) -AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 47-20 OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY CODE RELATING TO CREDIT CARDS AND PURCHASING CARDS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE "E" (TO BE KNOWN AS ORDINANCE 5 OF 2023 IF ADOPTED) -AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 171 OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY CODE PERTANING TO PEDDLER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW B OF 2023 (to be known as Local Law 2 of 2023 if passed) - A LOCAL LAW ADJUSTING COMPENSATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF AMSTERDAM PURUSANT TO C-15 OF THE CITY CHARTER

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RESOLUTION #23/24-27

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

RESOLVED, the minutes of the last Common Council Meeting of August 1, 2023 are hereby adopted.

City of Amsterdam, NY

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

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

DATED: _____, 2023

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RESOLUTION #23/24-28

**RESOLUTION BUDGET MODIFICATION: POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE
PLATE READER SYSTEM**

BY ALDERWOMAN COLLINS

WHEREAS, in June 2023, Assemblyman Santabarbara secured \$10,000 in funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant fund on behalf of the Amsterdam Police Department for the purchase of license plate reading equipment.; and

WHEREAS, a prior year budget amendment is necessary to allow the funds received from the grant to be used toward the purchase of the equipment that was ordered in June at a total cost of \$16,169.33; and

WHEREAS, \$6,169.33 of the cost is being paid from a year end surplus in the police department's contractual expense line; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Controller of the City of Amsterdam is authorized to amend the **22/23** budget as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.3389	State Aid, Public Safety	\$10,000
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

A.3120.4000	Contractual Expenses	\$10,000
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City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

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RESOLUTION #23/24-29

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY- VACANT LAND BEHIND 27 VILLAGE LANE EAST

BY: MAYOR CINQUANTI

WHEREAS, the City is desirous to sell a small piece of vacant land behind 27 Village Lane East also known as SBL # 40.14-5-31.3; and

WHEREAS, the City has no particular use for this property and previously has sold similar parcels of land; and

WHEREAS, the owners of 27 Village Lane East, Michelle Antonio Martinez & Luis Juarez Reyes would like to purchase this parcel;

WHEREAS, the property disposition committee having made recommendation that the City sell the parcel to Michelle Antonio Martinez and Luis Juarez Reyes for consideration in amount of \$100.00

RESOLVED, the following parcel is authorized to be sold:

SBL#	AMOUNT:	BUYER:
40.14-5-31.3	\$100	Michelle Antonio Martinez &
(parcel behind		Luis Juarez Reyes
27 Village Lane East)		

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR
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RESOLUTION #23/24-30

RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD WORKDAY FOR EMPLOYEES RS2418

BY: ALDERMAN S. GOMULA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam location Code 20002, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for it employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the completed form RS-417-A is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Title/Name	Standard Workday Hours.
Alderman Stephen Gomula	6
Alderwoman Quist Demars	6
Alderwoman Irene Collins	6
Corporation Counsel Anthony Casale	6

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

DATED: _____, 2023

Received Date

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Employer Location Code

2 0 0 0 2

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam

/ 20002

hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

(Name of Employer)

(Location Code)

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYS SLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Stephen Gomula	14480	39929451	Alderman	1/1/22-12/31/23	6	5 3/4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Quist-Demars	14480	R11976294	Adlerwoman	1/1/22-12/31/23	6	2 1/4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irene Collins	0614	R10676138	Adlerwoman	1/1/22-12/31/23	6	4 1/4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials:									
Anthony Casale	51274	R11556536	Corporation Counsel	12/1/20- 12/31/23	6	12 1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I, **Stefanie Gerken**

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

secretary/clerk of the governing board of the City of Amsterdam

(Name of Employer)

of the State of New York,

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Name of Employer)

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, _____

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on

7/14/2023

and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

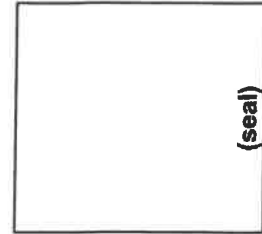
(Date)

Employer's website at: _____

Official sign board at: City Hall Common Council Chambers Hallway

Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: _____

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RESOLUTION #23/24-31

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH
PUBLIC AUCTION**

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

WHEREAS, various departments in the City of Amsterdam have identified property that is no longer needed or has no practical use to a City department.

WHEREAS, the police department has an inventory miscellaneous seized/abandoned property that it needs to dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

WHEREAS, the City has engaged the services of Collar City Auctions in the past to sell surplus property through public auction and has been satisfied with the level of professionalism and services that Collar City provide.

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign a contract with Collar City Auctions for the purposes of selling the attached list of surplus property at an upcoming public auction:

2007 Ford 500 VIN 1FAHP27117G109874

Vehicle #402 2014 Dodge Charger VIN 2C3CDXAT1EH244556

Vehicle # 415 2014 Dodge Charger VIN 2C3CDXAT5EH126106

Vehicle #420 -2015 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR6FGB98767

Iwatsu phone system with 40 phones (See attached)

3 Ford Explorer back seats that were removed from patrol vehicles

PELICAN motorized street sweeper

Chest Freezer

Hart Tool Kit

Nintendo Wii

BMX Bike

Ninja Blender

Hercules Drill

TCL Air Conditioner

Electric Seated Scooter

Dewalt circular saw

Nike Sneakers

Misc hand tools

Milwaukee sawzall

3 watches

Magnavox DVD plater

2 Paint ball guns

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Ozark trail tarp

Pool float

Magic bullet

Blow up pool

Yamaha 4 wheeler

3 Toner Cartridges Ricon Savin Lanier Type 2120D/2522/5627

APD Phone system

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

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RESOLUTION #23/24-32

RESOLUTION ADJUSTING OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES FOR 244 WEST MAIN STREET DUE TO ERROR

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

WHEREAS, by way of background, in 2010 the City took ownership of 244 West Main Street through an In Rem Foreclosure action brought pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Laws; and

WHEREAS, through administrative error, the parcel remained on the tax rolls despite being owned by the City of Amsterdam, accruing property taxes in the amount of \$79,176.23 over an eleven period; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the error was corrected internally, however the amount of \$79,176.23 continues to show as being due as consequence of the aforementioned administrative error; and

WHEREAS, so as to make the tax roll for the subject correct, the Controller's Office has recommended that a write off be made for the erroneous property tax balance in the amount of \$79,176.23,

RESOLVED, the Controller's Office is authorized to write off write off the principal balance of all erroneous outstanding taxes in the amount of \$79,176.23.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
_____ Alderswoman Quist-Demars		
_____ Alderman D. Gomula		
_____ Alderswoman Collins		
_____ Alderman S. Gomula		
_____ Alderman Martuscello		

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RESOLUTION #23/24-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,300,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRIP MALL ON CHURCH STREET, IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital purpose; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. For paying the cost of the demolition of the strip mall on Church Street, which structure poses a significant threat to public health or safety, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$2,300,000 bonds of the City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$2,300,000, and that the plan for the financing thereof shall be by the issuance of the \$2,300,000 bonds authorized pursuant to this bond resolution; provided, however, that the amount of bonds to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of Federal or New York State grant money received for this purpose, presently anticipated in the form of grants from National Grid and the Empire State Development Corporation.

Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is five years under subdivision twelve-a of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Controller, the chief fiscal officer, or in the absence of the Controller, the Deputy Controller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, including sale to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, as may be prescribed by said Controller or Deputy Controller, as applicable, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations 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 such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

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Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signature of the Controller or Deputy Controller, as applicable, and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Controller or, in the absence of the Controller, the Deputy Controller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Controller or Deputy Controller, as applicable, shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Controller and Deputy Controller shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The aforesaid delegated powers shall include the authority to sell any such bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. The receipt of the Controller or Deputy Controller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the Controller or the Deputy Controller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Controller or Deputy Controller, as applicable. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Controller or Deputy Controller shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and the approval thereof by the Mayor, pursuant to Section C34 of the Charter of the City, and shall then be published in full in *The Recorder*, the official newspaper of the City, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Aldерwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Aldерwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

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RESOLUTION #23/24-34

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT

BY: ALDERWOMAN COLLINS

RESOLVED, the bills and documentation of same presented in “Pre-Check Writing Report Parameter” dated August 15, 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.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE “D” OF 2023 (to be known as Ordinance “4” of 2023 if adopted.)

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 47-20 OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY CODE RELATING TO CREDIT CARDS AND PURCHASING CARDS

BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO

Section 1: Legislative Intent: In furtherance of improving the overall efficiency of purchasing transactions and so as to increase the level of purchasing oversight, modifications to Section 47-20 have been recommended by the Department of City Controller, including replacing the term “debit card” with “purchasing card” clarifications to the role of the City Controller in obtaining and issuing credit cards and/or purchasing cards to City officials and employees.

Section 2: Enactment:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM that Section 47-20 of the Amsterdam City Code is modified to read as follows:

SECTION 47-20 CREDIT CARDS AND PURCHASING CARDS

A.

Purpose: to regulate the use of credit cards or purchasing cards by City employees and officers to improve the overall efficiency of purchasing transactions and increase purchasing oversight.

B.

The Controller is hereby authorized to contract with credit card companies, banks or vendors to obtain credit or purchasing cards.

(1)

The total aggregate credit limit is determined at the discretion of the Controller.

(2)

The total number of cards to be issued is determined by the Controller.

(3)

The maximum credit line for each cardholder shall be determined by the Controller.

C.

Access to credit or purchasing cards.

(1) The Controller shall determine if a particular employee or official requires access to a credit card or purchasing card for the efficient execution of their duties.

(2) Any employee or official issued access to a credit card or purchasing card shall sign an agreement that any use of the card shall be in conformance with Chapter **47** of the City Code,

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shall not exceed budget amounts for any expense incurred and shall obligate the employee or officer to be personally liable for any cost incurred for purchases in violation of this chapter or in excess of budgeted amounts.

(3)The Controller and Mayor can revoke a cardholder's privilege at any time if their use of the card is not in conformity with Chapter 47 of the City Code.

D.

All purchases of goods or services shall comply with all other sections of this chapter and shall only be for City purposes.

E.

Any charges incurred shall be paid within the applicable grace period to avoid finance charges.

F.

The Controller may establish procedures in addition to the requirements established herein.

G.

All charges are to be included in the audit.

PART 3: EFFECTIVENESS

Section 3: Effectiveness: A public hearing having been held on September 5, 2023 and upon ratification by Common Council, the instant Ordinance shall become effective pursuant to C-33 of the Charter.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE “E” (to be known as Ordinance “5” of 2023 if adopted)

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING CHAPTER 171 OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY CODE PERTAINING TO PEDDLER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

BY: ALDERWOMAN QUIST-DEMARS

Section 1: Legislative Intent: Section 171-19 of the Amsterdam City Code is where the application process for a peddler license is codified and has not been updated since 1954. With specific regard to the existing language found at 171-19A(9), it is believed that the policy is patently antiquated and in need of replacement. It is the intention to replace the existing language found at said section with a requirement that the applicant, in the case of a food vendor, demonstrate proof a valid permit issued by the New York State Department of Health and that in the case where the applicant is a vendor of frozen foods, that the applicant demonstrate proof of a valid permit issued by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Separately from the above, the intention of the instant legislation is modify and repeal the existing language found at section 171-22 requiring a surety bond and to replace the same with a requirement of proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars dollars in liability coverage. This modification will result in a new subsection of 171-19, namely 171-19(A)(1) and section 171-22 shall be repealed.

Section 2: Enactment:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM AS FOLLOWS:

Modification #1:

Section 171-19(A)(9) is hereby amended to read as follows: Where the application is for a food peddler license, the applicant shall demonstrate having in place a valid permit issued by the New York State Department of Health. Where the application is for a frozen food peddler license, the applicant shall demonstrate having in place a valid permit issued by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Modification #2:

Section 171-19(A)(10) is hereby established to read as follows: Liability Insurance: The applicant must demonstrate proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars.

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Modification #3:

171-22: Repealed

Section 3: Effectiveness:

Section 3: Effectiveness: A public hearing having been held on September 5, 2023 and upon ratification by Common Council, the instant Ordinance shall become effective pursuant to C-33 of the Charter.

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INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW B OF 2023 (to be known as Local Law 2 of 2023 if passed.)

A LOCAL LAW ADJUSTING COMPENSATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF AMSTERDAM PURSUANT TO C-15 OF THE CITY CHARTER

BY: ALDERPERSON KELLY QUIST-DEMARS

Section 1: Legislative Intent: The compensation for the Mayor of City of Amsterdam has not been increased since 1997. The office of Mayor of the City of Amsterdam is a full time Chief Executive position, with extensive oversight of a 38 million dollar budget, public safety, clean drinking water, infrastructure and quality of life issues for a City of 18,000 residents. Compensation currently stands at \$55,000 annually, which is the second-lowest of all departments heads in City government. It is believed that the compensation for the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam should be consistent with compensation for other full-time Mayors in cities of comparable size and that it be reasonably competitive with similar positions in the private sector. It is believed the instant adjustment in compensation would be in furtherance of attracting qualified candidates for the office and will provide access to representation to a larger socio-economic and diverse base of candidates. In creating the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, the Common Council agreed to a \$10,000 increase and added \$5,000 for the first six months of the increased salary. Going forward, it hoped that rather than waiting 26 years to adjust compensation, increases in the salary of Mayor should be considered in future budget years to incrementally bring it to a fair level. City Charter, Section C-15 provides the Common Council with the authority to set the compensation of the mayor pursuant to a local law, said adjustment being effective at the commencement of the next term of office.

Section 2: Enactment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to City Charter, Section C-15, the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam shall be \$65,000.00 per year, effective and commencing January 1, 2024. The instant local law shall not modify any health insurance benefits.

Section 3: Effectiveness: A public hearing having been held on _____, and upon ratification by Common Council, the instant Local Law shall become effective pursuant to C-33 of the Charter.