

**PHYSICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 19, 2018**

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. in the 2nd floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

Councilor DeMassi was excused from the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Hill, Councilor Wilmott, and Councilor Gosek.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Corradino; Councilor Tesoriero; Councilor McBrearty; Nancy Sterio, Personnel Director; Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; Tom Kells, Commissioner of Public Works; and Randall Griffin, Fire Chief.

MEDIA PRESENT: Steve Yablonski, Oswego Daily News; Matthew Ritz, Palladium Times.

A motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018 was made by Councilor Wilmott and seconded by Councilor Gosek; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

I. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization:

1. The Engineering Department received a request for use of Public Space from Michelle McVey, tenant of a commercial building, located at 197-203 West First Street in the Third Ward, to place one (1) 2'x3' "A-Frame" sign, between the curb and property line, fronting West First Street. Councilor Hill said this is for her bakery business that is located in Canal Commons. He said he doesn't see any issue with this.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Wilmott made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting use of Public Space to Michelle McVey, tenant of a commercial building, located at 197-203 West First Street in the Third Ward, to place one (1) 2'x3' "A-Frame" sign, between the curb and property line, fronting West First Street. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

2. Justin Rudgick, Community Development Director, receive a request from the Ancient Order of Hibernians to organize the St. Patrick's Day parade for Saturday, March 9, 2018. The event is scheduled for 1 P.M. beginning on East First Street by Alex's and

crossing the bridge onto West Second Street ending at the parking lot at Wright's Landing Marina on Lake Street. They are requesting road closures and traffic control assistance from OPD and DPW. Councilor Hill said this is a recurring event. He said he is in support. Tress McDaid said they are also requesting a waiver of the open container ordinance.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing the Ancient Order of Hibernians to organize the St. Patrick's Day parade for Saturday, March 9, 2018 and authorizing road closures, traffic control assistance from OPD and DPW, and a waiver of the open container ordinance. Councilor Wilmott seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.

3. Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney, requests favorable consideration from the Common Council to authorize the City of Oswego to close a portion of Burkle Street that remains unopened. The requested road closure is necessitated by a proposal from National Grid to purchase a portion of the closed road to accommodate upgrades to existing gas transmission lines nearby. Mr. Caraccioli said this request is necessitated by upgrades to gas transmission property that is owned by National Grid. He said it is on a portion of Burkle Street that is not open at this point in time. He said it would be very difficult to open that road because a portion of National Grid's transmission facilities cut through the street. He said this request is for this portion of Burkle Street only. He said under the code if a road closure is to occur it has to occur in two concurrent years of the Common Council. He said oftentimes you can do that with the last meeting of the year and the first meeting of the new year and that gets you the two years. He said National Grid is planning upgrades next year. He said there is a separate purchase and sale agreement for a portion of the road that is owned by the City of Oswego and would be conveyed over to National Grid. He said they would have to have a road closure before they could convey any portion of that property. He said the city would be retaining a portion of that road for its own use. He said National Grid has to retain other portions for security purposes. He said they are putting a fence around it to protect the facilities. He said Bob Johnson supports this. Councilor Tesoriero said there is a water line that runs through that property. He asked if that will be an issue. Mr. Caraccioli said the shaded area on the map that the city would retain contains the water line. He said it doesn't go in a straight line but there is enough room. He said that is part of their negotiations with National Grid to allow them the ability to access that if there was a need. He said the area that would be most likely to break is more on the city side than on the National Grid side. Councilor Tesoriero asked if there will be an impact on the noise decibel level. A representative from National Grid said there will be no change at all. Mr. Caraccioli said this is primarily a safety issue for fencing to preserve what is there now.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing the City of Oswego to close a portion of Burkle Street that remains unopened. Councilor Wilmott seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:49 p.m. by Councilor Gosek. A second was made by Councilor Wilmott, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M. Annal
Recording Secretary