

**PHYSICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 16, 2021**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Hill, Councilor Walker, Councilor Gosek, and Councilor Burridge.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Corradino; Councilor McBrearty; Councilor Plunkett; Christopher Baker, Director of Information Technology; Sue Gentile, City Assessor; Jeff Hinderliter, City Engineer; Jeff McGann, Permit Administrator; Nate Emmons, Director of Community Development; Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney; Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr.

MEDIA PRESENT: Shea O'Malley, Oswego County Today.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

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COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor BurrIDGE made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request to approve use of public space for John Trimble to install a retaining wall, hedges, driveway apron, trees, sidewalk, and steps. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

2. **Joe Rodgers, owner of a single-family dwelling known as 114 East Eleventh Street, located in the Second Ward, requests the use of public space in order to construct a new porch.** Mr. McGann explained that Mr. Rogers is looking to do an extensive exterior and interior remodel on his house, part of which is taking a small front stoop making it into a wrap-around porch. This includes that six-foot by 20-foot public space in the front. He said he believes it will be a huge upgrade to the house and it's just a couple of feet beyond where the stoop is now. Councilor Burrridge said that he doesn't see how the Council can deny Mr. Rogers the opportunity to upgrade the exterior and enjoy Oswego sunsets on a nice front porch.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Burrridge made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request to approve use of public space for Joe Rodgers to install a construct a new porch. Councilor Walker seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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3. **Thomas Kells, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation has received a request from Bettyjean Murphy to donate a memorial bench in memory of Elijah Lake, with preferred placement in Washington Square Park.** No one was present to comment.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Walker made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request to accept the donation of a memorial bench from Bettyjean Murphy in memory of Elijah Lake. Councilor Burrridge seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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4. **Thomas Kells, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation has received a request from Amy Davis to donate a memorial bench in memory of her late brother, John Sincavage, with preferred placement in the Pocket Park.** No one was present to comment.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request to accept donation of a memorial bench from Amy Davis in memory of her brother. Councilor Walker seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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5. **The Office of Economic Development is requesting the Mayor and/or the Director of Economic Development permission to negotiate and sign contracts in order to secure and promote the City of Oswego 2021 Summer Concert Series, the City of Oswego Water Street Square Concert Series, and to organize and manage the Oswego 2021 Independence Day Celebration.**

Economic Development Director, Nate Emmons, stated that there will be a resolution available for the meeting next Monday, however, it is not available at present because they have to figure out the total amount including the new Pocket Park (historically it was \$40,000.00 for just the Summer Concert Series and Independence Day Celebration). He stated that they are also considering COVID-19 and are trying to project where we will be at this summer, which is why they are a little elusive in terms of the dates right now. This item tonight is asking for the Council's approval to get the ball rolling with the organization of the Independence Day Parade and Celebration, and also to work with the Special Events Committee, who has been a principle partner with organizing the Concert Series. He stated that hopefully it will be on Thursday nights and/or Sundays like they have been in the past. However, modifications may have to be made as time goes on and things become a bit clearer as it gets closer to March and April.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request to authorize the Mayor and/or the Director of Economic Development permission to negotiate and sign contracts in order to secure and promote the City of Oswego 2021 Summer Concert Series, the City of Oswego Water Street Square Concert Series, and to organize and manage the Oswego 2021 Independence Day Celebration. Councilor Burrridge seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

***THE RESOLUTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL
COUNCIL.***

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:17 p.m. by Councilor Walker. A second was made by Councilor Burrridge, unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sydney Mangano