

**PHYSICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 5, 2021**

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; Fire Chief, Randall Griffin; Caroline Anderson, Animal Control Officer; Craig Rebeor, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works; Jeff Hinderliter, City Engineer; Mark Tesoriero, City Clerk; Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney; Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr.

MEDIA PRESENT: Randy Pellis, Oswego Shopper.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Walker and seconded by Councilor Gosek. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **The Zoning and Planning Office received a request from Jason Bouchard, proprietor of Riverside Sports LLC, for the use of public space in order to place two (2) vending machines at the West First Street Fish Cleaning Station.** Jason Bouchard, proprietor of Riverside Sports, LLC, stated that he is looking to gain access to public space to install a vending machine selling fishing tackle, bait, etc. near the fish cleaning stations by the Marina and the Post Office. Councilor Walker asked who would be liable if the machines are damaged, vandalized, etc. Bouchard said he would sign a hold harmless for any damages caused to the machine and he will have insurance. Kevin Hill said the resolution includes a 1-million-dollar insurance policy that holds the city harmless. Councilor Corradino asked if Bouchard has current accounts with other municipalities for this type of service and how often would he service these machines? Bouchard said these are the primary machines, starting in Oswego, with hopes to venture out from there. Councilor Corradino asked how often he would service/refill them? Bouchard said he would be maintaining them personally and they would be monitored remotely and checked on daily or weekly, whatever the case may be to replenish the supplies. Councilor Corradino asked if the machines are refrigerated. Bouchard said they will be refrigerated for outdoor use. The City Attorney said he has a suggestion that there be some place

on the vending machines that has the telephone number of your company and not the City of Oswego and that should be pretty prominent because we don't want to field his calls. He said that we are giving him permission to use this space for this purpose but as Councilor Walker pointed out, this is his responsibility and he is holding the City harmless. Councilor Hill asked if there are similar businesses in the area that he would be competing with. Bouchard stated that he's not sure if they are open now or not but mentioned that there used to be Larry's Tackle Shop. Councilor Hill said that is closed now. Bouchard said a lot of people that he talks to that he fishes with and regulars from here and out of town say they love the idea of the vending machine. He is selling from his website and word of mouth right now and he also delivers to the river if someone calls and needs supplies. Also, the machine he is looking at has video screens on them so he can put PSAs on there for the river and maybe advertise for other businesses in the City. He thinks PSAs from the City to the local fisherman about water safety will be important to add. Councilor Hill expressed that the resolution should be amended to include our ability to revoke the permit if it's not maintained, or if there were any issues of any sort that would cause concern to the public or cause an unsafe environment or anything like that. The Planning and Zoning Office supplied the resolution so we would want to make sure we get that included when it goes to council. Councilor Hill asked if this would generate any sort of sales tax revenue? Bouchard said that is the goal. Councilor Hill asked if he has an existing account with NYS to pay sales tax. Bouchard said yes, he does. The City Attorney, asked in terms of the powering of these machines, does it require electricity or is it battery powered? Bouchard said that is something he has not addressed yet and he needs to learn more about it. He said he would pay for the power for his machines and he would probably have to talk to Tom Kells. The City Attorney explained that he would need to hook up to City power, and that is another issue that we would have to resolve because we can't provide free power, but he is certain that something can be worked out. Bouchard said that it is highly perceived that he would have these machines with the video screens and put advertisements an PSA the City can utilize that. The City Attorney said that may be a resolution but it cannot be a prohibited gift of electricity. There is some trade off by way of payment or usage if can put some public service announcements on fisherman safety but I do not know enough about it to quantify it to see if that's an even trade. Councilor Hill asked what his recommendation would be as far as that aspect of that resolution, as this came through Zoning and Planning and not DPW, so it's a little different. The City Attorney said he is going to work with the DPW and Engineering Department and come up with some type of quantified arrangement, where either we are receiving payment for the electricity being used, or some in kind service such as the use of his video screens for promoting fisherman safety. He said he would probably take a look at the resolution and offer some amendments, knowing that there will probably be at least an additional provision in addition to the revokable recommendation.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Walker made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from Jason Bouchard for the use of public space in order to place two (2) vending machines at the West First Street Fish Cleaning Station. Councilor Burrige seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL (WITH EDITS).

2. **Tom Kells, DPW Commissioner, received a request from Brittany Rogers, on behalf of the SLELO PRISM, to have a boat launch steward/educator at the public boat launch at Wright's Landing for the 2021 summer season.** Councilor Hill stated that this is a standard request.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Burrige made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from Brittany Rogers, on behalf of the SLELO PRISM, to have a boat launch steward/educator at the public boat launch at Wright's Landing for the 2021 summer season. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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3. **The Special Events Committee has received a request from the Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of public space and road closures for the Annual Weekly Farmer's Market to be held on Thursdays beginning June 3, 2021 to October 7, 2021.** Councilor Hill stated that this is a standard request and they are requesting the same road closures.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from the Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce requesting the use of public space and road closures for the Annual Weekly Farmer's Market to be held on Thursdays beginning June 3, 2021 to October 7, 2021. Councilor Burrige seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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4. **The City of Oswego Special Events Committee through the Office of Economic Development has received a request from the Oswego Lions Club regarding the Annual River's Edge Craft Show to be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Councilor Hill stated that this is a standard

request and mentioned that all of the requests have been vetted for COVID adaptiveness and will be working in consultation with the County Health Department.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Walker made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from the Oswego Lions Club regarding the Annual River's Edge Craft Show to be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Councilor Burrige seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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5. **The Community Development Office received a request from Mercedes Niess, Executive Director of the H. Lee White Maritime Museum regarding the H. Lee White Museum's Paddlefest to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021.** Councilor Hill stated that this is a standard request and COVID-compliant, and there are no concerns with using Wrights Landing for the boats.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from Mercedes Niess, Executive Director of the H. Lee White Maritime Museum regarding the H. Lee White Museum's Paddlefest to be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Councilor Burrige seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

6. **The Special Events Committee through the Office of Economic Development has received a request from the Oswego YMCA regarding the 32nd Annual Harborfest 5K & 10K community event to be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Councilor Hill stated that this is a standard request for a recurring event.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Burrige made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from the Oswego YMCA regarding the 32nd Annual Harborfest 5K & 10K community event to be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Councilor Walker seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:44 p.m. by Councilor Burr ridge. A second was made by Councilor Gosek, unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sydney Mangano