

**PHYSICAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 16, 2018**

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

***OTHERS PRESENT:*** Councilor Corradino; Councilor Tesoriero; Councilor McBrearty; William Barlow, Mayor; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; and Randall Griffin, Fire Chief.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2018 was made by Councilor Gosek and seconded by Councilor DeMassi; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

***I. OLD BUSINESS:*** There was no old business.

***II. NEW BUSINESS:***

**Authorization:**

1. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr., received a request from Alexander DeSacia, Founder of Accept Oswego, an organization dedicated to amplifying the voices of Oswego's LGBTQ+youth. Mr. DeSacia is requesting use of public space in order to host a "Chalk Walk" event. This is a free event in which people are invited to write or draw on a public sidewalk and will focus on sending positive messages and encouragement to the citizens of Oswego.

Mr. DeSacia is requesting use of public space during Harborfest at a location yet to be determined. Mr. DeSacia said a Chalk Walk is an event where participants write kind and uplifting messages on public sidewalks. He said it is free and family friendly. Councilor Hill asked their preferred location. Mr. DeSacia said Franklin Park on the Third Street side. Councilor Hill asked their preferred day. Mr. DeSacia said Saturday. Councilor DeMassi cautioned that they make sure that no one offends anyone with what they write. Mr. DeSacia said they have rules and guidelines. He said if anyone ever did write something rude they can erase it and ask them to leave. Nathan Emmons suggested they reach out to Harborfest to inform them.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor DeMassi made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting Alexander DeSacia, Founder of Accept Oswego, an organization dedicated to amplifying the voices of Oswego's LGBTQ+youth, use of public

space in order to host a “Chalk Walk” event. Councilor Wilmott seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

***THE MAYOR’S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.***

2. The Engineering department received a request for use of public space, submitted by Ruth Stevens, owner of a two-family dwelling at 129 West Seneca Street located in the First Ward, for proposed use of public space twelve foot by nineteen foot (12’x19’) for a new one (1) car parking area and new nine foot by twelve foot (9’x12’) paved apron, fronting West Seneca Street. Ruth Stevens said the house has one driveway. She said there is a tenant in the back apartment and they live in the front. She said they want to make sure they have parking for both in the winter. She said she talked to her neighbor and he doesn’t have a problem with the driveway but he wants to make sure it doesn’t drain into his basement. She said she is going to check into turf stone. Councilor McBrearty said she has not heard any concerns voiced by the neighbors. Councilor Hill said he didn’t hear of any issues from Bob Johnson.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor DeMassi made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting Ruth Stevens, owner of a two-family dwelling at 129 West Seneca Street located in the First Ward, use of public space twelve foot by nineteen foot (12’x19’) for a new one (1) car parking area and new nine foot by twelve foot (9’x12’) paved apron, fronting West Seneca Street. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

3. Justin Rudgick, Community Development Director, received a request from the ORA Neighborhood Block Party (East 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Church Street & Hamilton Street). ORA is requesting a road closure on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Church Street & Hamilton Street. A member of the community said there are 7 homes participating in the ORA between Church and Hamilton and 4 homes between Hamilton and Bunner. She said they want to bring the whole community together to help promote the program and bring other home owners into the program later down the road. She said they reached out to all the neighbors and no one was against it. She said they have a flyer to send out to every home within the two blocks. Councilor Tesoriero said he is in support.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Wilmott made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting ORA Neighborhood Block Party approval for a road closure on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Church Street & Hamilton Street. Councilor DeMassi seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

4. Tom Kells, DPW Commissioner, received a request from Barbara “Missy” Mercier to place a memorial bench at the top of Lake Street for her husband William G. Mercier to honor him and the years of dedication he has, and continues to give to the City of Oswego. Councilor Hill said this will be coordinated with the DPW. Councilor Corradino said the previous Council discussed that for anyone who worked for the city an appropriate spot for a bench would be at City Hall. He said he isn’t saying they should move this one but he wanted the new Council to be aware of that idea.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting Barbara “Missy” Mercier approval to place a memorial bench at the top of Lake Street for her husband William G. Mercier to honor him and the years of dedication he has, and continues to give to the City of Oswego. Councilor DeMassi 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 7:29 p.m. by Councilor Gosek. A second was made by Councilor DeMassi, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M. Annal  
Recording Secretary