

**PHYSICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 18, 2017**

Chairman VanBuren called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. in the 2nd floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor VanBuren, Councilor Emmons, Councilor McLaughlin, and Councilor Gosek.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Walker; Councilor Reynolds; Councilor Corradino; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; Tom Kells, Commissioner of Public Works; Tom Reynolds, Assistant City Attorney; and Brian Chetney, Director of the Oswego City/County Youth Bureau.

MEDIA PRESENT: Steve Yablonski, Oswego Daily News; Benjamin Kail, Palladium Times.

A motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017 was made by Councilor Gosek and seconded by Councilor McLaughlin; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

I. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Engineer's Office received a request for use of public space from Anthony Solazzo, owner of a single-family dwelling at 142 East Third Street located in the Fourth Ward, for proposed use of public space one foot by seventeen foot (1'x17') to install a new four foot (4') high fence between the sidewalk and right-of-way fronting East Third Street. Councilor Walker said it will look nice there.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor McLaughlin made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting use of public space one foot by seventeen foot (1'x17') to Anthony Solazzo, owner of a single-family dwelling at 142 East Third Street located in the Fourth Ward, to install a new four foot (4') high fence between the sidewalk and right-of-way fronting East Third Street. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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

2. The Engineer's Office received a request for use of public space from Mark Tombolillo, property owner of a single-family dwelling at 215 East Sixth Street, located in the Sixth Ward, for fourteen foot by twenty-nine foot (14'x29') for a new one (1) car parking pad and stair between the curb and sidewalk; fronting East Sixth Street. Councilor VanBuren said it is consistent with other property cut-outs they have on that street.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Gosek made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting use of public space to Mark Tombolillo, property owner of a single-family dwelling at 215 East Sixth Street, located in the Sixth Ward, for fourteen foot by twenty-nine foot (14'x29') for a new one (1) car parking pad and stair between the curb and sidewalk; fronting East Sixth Street. Councilor McLaughlin seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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3. Kevin Caraccioli, City Attorney, received a request from the Oswego Speedway for the partial closure of Harry Caruso Drive for Super Dirt Week 2107, to be held October 4-8, 2017 in Oswego, New York. The road closure would pattern the closure approved for Super Dirt Week 2016. The request is for a partial closure of East Albany Street, also known as Harry Caruso Drive, between City Line Road and Shampine Drive, from September 30-October 10, 2107.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor McLaughlin made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting approval for a partial closure of East Albany Street, also known as Harry Caruso Drive, between City Line Road and Shampine Drive, from September 30-October 10, 2107 for Super Dirt Week 2017. Councilor Gosek seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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4. Nate Emmons, 3rd Ward Councilor, requests consideration from the Common Council to approve revisions to Article V. of Chapter 224 of the Code of the City of Oswego, which establishes the period of redemption for residential and farm property to expire four (4) years after the lien date. The County of Oswego recently enacted legislation to reduce the redemption period for residential properties to two (2) years. The City of Oswego and County of Oswego have entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement whereby the County prosecutes all tax foreclosure actions on behalf of the City. Reducing the redemption period from 4 years to 2 years, consistent with the County of Oswego provides for consistent application of the law between the County and City.

The statutory authority for making any change to this law is to adopt a local law consistent with the current provisions contained in Article Variance of Chapter 224, Sections 224-24 through 224-26. A copy of the proposed local law is attached for consideration.

The action sought in this communication is to establish a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2017, to be held on or about October 9, 2017, the exact date and time to be determined. Councilor Emmons said the County voted almost unanimously to reduce the time from four years to two years. He said he is requesting that they

amend the city code to reflect the same timeline. He said people who are beyond two years in their property taxes generally don't catch up. He said reducing the timeframe will help them to turn the housing stock over quicker. Councilor Corradino said any property currently in the default cycle would be grandfathered in. Councilor VanBuren said new properties that come up will fall under the new law. He said old properties will be under the old law.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Emmons made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2017, to be held on or about October 9, 2017. Councilor McLaughlin seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

COUNCILOR EMMONS WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:48 p.m. by Councilor Gosek. A second was made by Councilor Emmons, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M. Annal
Recording Secretary