

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the sixth day of February 2024 at 6:30 pm at the City of Oneida Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi.

<u>Attendees</u>	Present	Absent	Arrived Late
Mayor Rossi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
City Manager Selby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Szczerba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Hitchings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Winchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Pagano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Simchik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Also Present

Assessor Rebecca Lennon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Rec Director Luke Griff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Attorney Nadine Bell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning Director Chris Henry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer Jeff Rowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Com. Dave Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Codes Director Bob Burnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor Matt Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor Mary Cavanagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief Scott Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor Michelle Kinville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		City Historian Ariel Bero	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

CEREMONIAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor extended congratulations to Napoleons on their reopening downtown and encouraged everyone to show their support for local businesses.
- Mayor Rossi also provided an update on the Hotel Oneida Revitalization Project, advising that he, along with the City Manager and Planning Director, met with the Hotel Oneida Development Team and architect. He advised that the developer is in the final stage of putting together the financing package and is awaiting final approvals from Empire State Development. They participated in a virtual tour of what the hotel project is going to look like and stated that this will be put on the website as soon as it is available to share what he described as an “amazing experience.”
- The Mayor also advised that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project has been awarded Wastewater Project of the year by the Central New York Chapter of the American Public Works Association, which is a big honor for the City of Oneida. He expressed appreciation for all involved in the project and initiated a round of applause for City Engineer, Jeff Rowe, his engineering team, and staff.
- Mayor Rossi announced that his own business, “USA Barber School” will be hosting an open house and grand opening on Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. at 115 E. Railroad St. Oneida. This is a trade school whereby financial aid and student loans are available. All were invited and encouraged to attend. This news also received a round of applause from the audience.

Please visit <https://www.usabarberschool.com/> for more information.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Selby advised of a new feature that is now available on the City website for those who might be challenged with keeping up with what is happening in the City. He shared an option called “Notify Me,” which is an email subscription service that allows the public to sign up for email notifications, such as public hearings, Council agendas, and public notices.
- Manager Selby also informed the audience that the City now has a monthly newsletter, which the City Clerk has been working on. The newsletter aims to highlight activities within the City and keep citizens updated on the latest developments in City government. He mentioned that subscribing to the newsletter is also an option available through the email subscription list in addition to those stated above.

Manager Selby addressed comments circulating on social media regarding the City sidewalk plow. He expressed appreciation to most residents for clearing the sidewalks in front of their properties, recognizing how much this helps the City. By taking responsibility for sidewalk maintenance, residents help save the City both time and money, as taxpayer funds cover these costs.

He advised that the sidewalk plow is used primarily on Lenox Avenue, Seneca Street, Main Street, Broad Street, and around the Oneida Hospital, noting that they do portions of those streets and not the entire length. Generally, plowing is done where there is heavy pedestrian use. He explained that the sidewalk snow removal program is secondary to removing snow from the City streets, with that being the highest priority. Sidewalks are cleared on weekdays during normal

business hours, and overtime is not incurred to clear sidewalks. Manager Selby stated that although the program is not the best, the City is trying to keep it affordable and focused, with the criteria being an inch or more of snow. Manager Selby explained that as the sidewalk plow must transit over cleared areas (those done by residents) to get to the portions that need to be cleared, it is easier to stay on the sidewalk than to deviate back out into the street and come back on.

Manager Selby also addressed comments made pertaining to the sidewalk plow being used on dry sidewalks and offered an apology for not advising residents of the reason for this taking place. When new hires are being trained, it is easier to train when there is no snow, so they learn how to avoid obstacles and minimize any damage when pushing snow down the streets.

As this is the most popular City owned piece of equipment on Social Media at the moment, Manager Selby thought it might be fun to name it, advising there will be a contest to “Name the Sidewalk Plow” in the next edition of the City Newsletter. Creative entries will be welcome, and the winner’s submission will be stenciled on the side of the plow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2024, are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Moved by Councilor Winchell
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 3, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$765,816.15 as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET TRANSFER/WATER FUND

RESOLUTION 24-19

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

WHEREAS, by Resolution duly adopted on April 7, 1992, the City has established a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of construction or reconstruction of water treatment and transmission facilities, pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 6-c, **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Resolution, the City Comptroller has deposited monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account known as the Water Reserve Fund, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer \$113,856.21 from the Water Fund to the Water Reserve Fund.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD APPOINTMENT-TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLUTION 24-20

Moved by Councilor Winchell
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gary Laureti, 613 Birchwood Drive, Oneida, NY 13421 to the Traffic Safety Board for a three-year term.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

CELLULAR TELEPHONE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

RESOLUTION 24-21

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

RESOLVED, that the Employee Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding of the Cellular Telephone Administrative Policy from Assistant Police Chief Matthew Colella, be hereby received and placed on file.

RESOLVED, that the Telephone Request Form from Assistant Police Chief Matthew Colella, pursuant to the City of Oneida Cellular Telephone Policy adopted June 15, 2010, Resolution 10-153 and reaffirmed on May 17, 2016, be hereby approved.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)
MOTION CARRIED

CELLULAR TELEPHONE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

RESOLUTION 24-22

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

RESOLVED, that the Employee Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding of the Cellular Telephone Administrative Policy from Water Maintenance Worker Timothy Horodnick, be hereby received and placed on file.

RESOLVED, that the Telephone Request Form from Water Maintenance Worker Timothy Horodnick, pursuant to the City of Oneida Cellular Telephone Policy adopted June 15, 2010, Resolution 10-153 and reaffirmed on May 17, 2016, be hereby approved.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)
MOTION CARRIED

AGREEMENT – NY URGENT CARE PRACTICE P.C. (WELLNOW)

RESOLUTION 24-23

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Hitchings

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Manager to sign a service agreement with NY Urgent Care Practice P.C., 7375 Oswego Road, Liverpool NY 13090 (WellNow Occupational Medicine) to provide occupational health services for the City's drug and alcohol testing and annual physicals for 2024.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

CELLULAR TELEPHONE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

RESOLUTION 24-24

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

RESOLVED, that the Employee Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding of the Cellular Telephone Administrative Policy from Fire Department Deputy Chief Scott Burbidge, be hereby received and placed on file.

RESOLVED, that the Telephone Request Form from Fire Department Deputy Chief Scott Burbidge, pursuant to the City of Oneida Cellular Telephone Policy adopted June 15, 2010, Resolution 10-153 and reaffirmed on May 17, 2016, be hereby approved.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION-HOTEL ONEIDA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 24-25

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Manager to retain survey and appraisal services to subdivide the City owned parking lot at the intersection of Cedar Street and Lenox Avenue and take related actions necessary to facilitate the conveyance of parking spaces to the Madison County IDA for the Hotel Oneida Redevelopment Project.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION: City Manager Selby was asked by Mayor Rossi to explain this resolution. Manager Selby explained that this will facilitate the transfer of a portion of the City parking lot to the Hotel Oneida for use as part of the Hotel Project, as they need parking for tenants. This authorization will subdivide the parking lot and transfer it to the Madison County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), who will then convey it to the Hotel. In exchange, the developer will provide parking spots equivalent to those taken away, and possibly a few more, on a City-provided property downtown, noting that the City will not lose parking spots; they will just be shifted to another location.

RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD-HIGINBOTHAM BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT (PHASE I)

RESOLUTION 24-26

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to approve the Recommendation of Award for Higinbotham Brook Culvert Replacement (Phase I) to Maple Ridge Organics, 741 County Rd. 29, Richfield Springs, NY 13439, as the apparent low bidder meeting specifications for said project.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS-WATER DEPARTMENT-SENSUS WATER METERS

RESOLUTION 24-27

Moved by Councilor Winchell
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Sensus Water Meters for the Water Department for 2024.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS-WATER DEPARTMENT-NEPTUNE METERS

RESOLUTION 24-28

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

RESOLVED, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Neptune Meters for the Water Department for 2024.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSEOUT CAPITAL PROJECTS

RESOLUTION 24-29

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

RESOLVED, to authorize the Comptroller to close out the following Capital Projects and to further authorize the Comptroller to transfer the remaining funds back to the Water Fund.

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| • Capital Project 23-7 | Water Pole Barn Concrete Floor | \$7,500.00 |
| • Capital Project 18-3 | Preliminary Engineering for the 2 nd Clearwell | \$31,176.92 |
| • Capital Project 20-08 | SCADA System Preliminary Engineering | \$69,199.13 |

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 24-30

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

		<u>To</u>		<u>From</u>
2024 Budget Adjustments				
\$	1,000.00	001.3650.0400.0002		001.0001.0912.0000
		Demolition-Protective Measures		General Fund Balance
To allocate funds to cover costs associated with public protection of unsafe structures				
\$	376.00	001.0001.0885.0000		001.0019.2413.0000
		Kallet Capital Improvement Reserve		Kallet Revenue
To re-allocate funds from the ticket sales to the capital improvement reserves as per the contract				
2023 Budget Adjustments				
\$	951.00	001.1210.0101.0000		001.5110.0101.0000
		Mayor Salaries		DPW Salaries
To re-allocate funds to cover short budget due to benefit payout.				
\$	1,216.00	001.1420.0410.0000		001.1430.0101.0000
		Legal Expenses for litigation		Civil Service Salaries
To re-allocate funds to cover legal expenses on litigation				

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)
MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 17-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA AND ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER REGULATING THE HARBORING OF HENS WITHIN THE CITY OF ONEIDA-SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 24-31

Moved by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law will amend Section 17-1 of the Oneida City Code and establish a new chapter regulating the harboring of hens within the City of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible in the consideration of a proposed action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether the action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the City of Oneida, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Common Council shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA and a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that there are no other involved agencies, that the Common Council shall act as lead agency and that the enactment of the proposed Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of SEQRA review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Common Council has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Common Council shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of the proposed Local Law at the Oneida City Hall located at 109 North Main Street, Oneida, New York on February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED, that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Oneida.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 17-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA AND ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER REGULATING THE HARBORING OF HENS WITHIN THE CITY OF ONEIDA

BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Oneida as follows:

Section 1.

So that the definition of “Domestic Animal” set forth in Section 17-1 of Chapter 17 of the City Code, titled “Animals,” is hereby amended so as to read, in its entirety, as follows:

“DOMESTIC ANIMAL – Includes domesticated sheep, horses, cattle, goats, swine, ducks, geese, turkeys, and game birds raised in confinement under permit or license from the State Department of Environmental Conservation; “fowl” are specifically excluded from the definition of “domestic animal” and are subject to regulation pursuant to Chapter 17.”

Section 2.

The Code of the City of Oneida is hereby amended to include a new Chapter 71, titled “Harboring of Hens,” which shall read as follows:

“Chapter 71. Harboring of Hens

§71-1 Legislative Findings and Intent.

The Common Council of the City of Oneida hereby finds that the keeping of hens can play a role in ensuring a source of local food and a sustainable environment, but that the improper maintenance of hens in residential neighborhoods may cause nuisances to nearby residential properties and can create conditions which are unsanitary and unsafe. Therefore, it is the intent of the Common Council, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and Sections 10 and 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of New York State, to permit and regulate the keeping of hens within the City of Oneida. This Local Law shall allow the harboring of small flocks of hens subject to permit, by residents of single-family dwellings, which are not otherwise defined as or used for agricultural farming uses. The conditions imposed by this Local Law are intended to facilitate the harboring of hens in a manner that is consistent with the residential character of the City and so as to not cause or contribute to nuisances, pollution or otherwise adversely impact neighboring property owners in any way.

§71-2 Definitions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER – City of Oneida Community Service Officer, or his/her duly authorized representative.

COOP – A permanent or mobile structure that is designed to shelter hens from the weather and predators and has a maximum size of 30 square feet.

HEN – Any female chicken also scientifically known as a female Gallus domesticus.

NEIGHBOR – Any property owner or resident contiguous of the property to be affected by said appeal.

RUN – An enclosed, covered area for chickens to roam and eat.

CITY – City of Oneida.

§71-3 Permit required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, group, or organization within the limits of the City to harbor hens without first having obtained, paid for and having in force and affect, a valid, current permit. Roosters (male chickens) are prohibited within the City.

§71-4 Permit application and approval process.

- A. Any person, association, group, or organization, interested in harboring hens within the City limits must submit a completed “Harboring of Hens Permit Application” to the Police Department
- B. With the “Harboring of Hens Permit Application,” the applicant shall submit: (1) A site plan that includes the location of the proposed Coop and Run along with identifying a minimum of 10-foot setbacks from the rear and side yards; An application fee, as prescribed by resolution of the Common Council, shall be charged. Upon payment of the application fee, by either personal check or money order, the completed application shall be provided to the Community Service Officer, who shall arrange for a site inspection of the property.
- C. A permit allowing hens to be harbored may be issued by the Police Department upon confirmation by the Community Service Officer that a site inspection of the property was performed, and adequate space exists for the proposed Coop and Run. Upon issuance of a permit and payment of the permit fee, as prescribed by resolution of the Common Council, a follow-up inspection of the Coop and Run shall be performed by the Community Safety Officer to confirm compliance with this Local Law.
- D. The permit shall initially be valid for a period of one year. Subsequent renewals of the permit shall be valid for a period of three (3) years. Every permit application shall require an inspection.

§71-5 Permit conditions.

- A. The harboring of hens shall only be permitted on an owner-occupied parcel with a single-family dwelling unit situated thereon, which parcel is not otherwise defined as or used for agricultural farming purposes. If the property for which the permit is requested cannot adhere to all coop and run requirements and restrictions, as outlined in §71-6 of this Law, or if the property’s lot size does not permit compliance with the dimensional requirements for the Coop and Run, then a permit shall not be granted.
- B. Hens must be kept in a Coop and a Run that complies with the requirements set forth in §71-6 of this Law. Chickens are not allowed to run free or at large anytime, from the Coop or Run.

- C. The maximum number of hens to be harbored shall, at no time, exceed six (6).
- D. Commercial operations are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to the sale and advertisement of eggs and hens on the property.
- E. The outdoor slaughtering of hens is prohibited.
- F. Feed for the hens must be kept in covered, fastened containers that cannot be accessed by rodents or pests.
- G. Hen manure and bedding must be managed so as to minimize odors and not attract rodents and pests. On-site accumulation of treated or untreated hen manure and bedding is prohibited.

§71-6 Coop and Run requirements and restrictions.

- A. The Coop shall be enclosed on all sides with walls (with or without windows), a roof and an entrance.
- B. The Coop shall be well ventilated. The minimum Coop size shall be 4 square feet of space for each hen. The run is not included in this calculation.
- C. A Run shall provide 10 square feet of space for each hen. Runs shall be fenced and covered.
- D. Coops and Runs may only be located in the rear yard of the property and 10 feet away from property lines.
- E. The Coop and Run shall be kept clean, dry and sanitary. Hen manure and soiled bedding shall be removed at a minimum of once a week. The accumulation of hen manure and bedding may result in noncompliance and the revocation of the permit. Chicken waste shall not be composted or mulched on site.
- F. The Coop and Run must be maintained and be kept structurally sound and in good repair. Only one Coop and one Run are allowed on any parcel.

§71-7 Enforcement and permit revocation.

- A. The receipt of a neighbor's written complaint shall result in a site visit by the Community Service Officer and an inspection of the property to determine if there exists a violation(s) of the permit. If the Community Service Officer determines that a violation exists, the permit holder shall be notified of the nature of the violation(s) and shall have 30 days to correct the violation(s). Failure to correct the violation(s) in the time provided may result in the revocation of the permit and the removal of the hens.
- B. In addition to a determination that the terms and conditions of a permit have been violated, a permit may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
 1. hens are found outside of the Coop and/or Run;
 2. the Community Service Officer determines that a public nuisance exists or there is a violation of this Chapter;
 3. predators or pests have become a nuisance to the property or surrounding area; and
 4. the Community Service Officer determines that the hens have been abandoned.

- C. Any person or persons who violate or cause to be violated any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction for such violation, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250, imprisonment not to exceed 15 days, or both, for each such violation; and every week (seven days) that said violation continues shall constitute a separate and additional violation.”

Section 3. Validity and Severability

Should any section or provision of this Law be deemed invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or affect any other provision of this Law.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Nadine Bell added for the benefit of the public, that the resolution is simply introducing the Local Law and scheduling a Public Hearing, which will be held at the next Council meeting. This will allow the public to comment in person or through the submission of written comments. It was advised that this is a starting point, providing something to work with, that can still be changed.

Councilor Hitchings inquired whether changes made to the proposed Local Law necessitate resubmission and another public hearing. In response, City Attorney Bell clarified that resubmission, and a new public hearing would only be required if the changes made are substantive. She emphasized that the purpose of the public hearing is to facilitate discussion and gather feedback, providing the public with an opportunity to express their preferences or concerns regarding the proposed law. This process allows for collaboration and ensures that public input is considered in the decision-making process.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 24-32

Motioned by Councilor Hitchings
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

RESOLVED, that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. to

- Seek advice of Counsel Discuss a personnel matter

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENT: Mayor City Manager Council Other _____

1. Discussion was held to: Seek advice of Counsel
 Discuss a personnel matter

Motioned by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

RESOLVED, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Winchell

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2 (Laureti/Pagano)

MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk