

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2025
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Michael Reed, Paul Myers
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
Grant Administrator: Jay Bartoszek
City Comptroller: Robert Earley
City Assessor: Cynthia Smith
BPU General Manager: Dennis Hensel
ABSENT: Council Members: Barry Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Magiera discussed the recent trip she and Council Members Johnson and Hill took to Washington DC to meet with Federal officials.

They had a Zoom meeting with Senator Charles Schumer's representatives. The representatives explained that the City does not qualify for the Impact Aid as is it strictly for education and school aid. They are looking into other aid the City may qualify for.

The Mayor and Council Members also met in person with Senator Kristen Gillibrand's representatives. They were impressed with the packet of information provided about the City. There was a representative for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to see if there is funding through them.

The representatives suggested in the short term to apply for grant funds such as SAFER, COPS, NY Forward and Revitalization grants. The Mayor and Council Members explained that the City has and continues to apply for all those grants. Council Member Hill was pleased that the City is already working on all the suggestions they had.

The Mayor and Council Members also explained that the City is in need of an electric substation upgrade as well as the water plant upgrade. The City maintains a small budget with not a lot of excess expenses.

Council Member Johnson noted the representatives were impressed with the presentation. Council Member Hill noted they seemed interested in assisting the City. They explained that the City tax base is about 27% of properties and raises \$1,000,000, however, all property owners benefit from the City services.

There will be future meetings held possibly in Buffalo offices.

City Administrator Bartoszek explained that he is working on the Pro-housing initiative program.

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Moved by Johnson and seconded by Reed:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations under the provisions of the State's Open Meetings Law.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Reed, Myers
Nays: None

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Myers:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Council reconvene after approximately fifty minutes in executive session.

Adopted Ayes: Hill, Johnson, Reed, Myers
Nays: None

No formal action was taken

Moved by Reed and seconded by Johnson:

RESOLVED: That we hereby adjourn – 7:12 PM.
Carried.



Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

DATED: July 2, 2025