

CITY OF OSWEGO



AGENDA

Planning and Development Committee
Common Council Chambers – City Hall
May 19, 2025
6:30 PM

Roll Call **Shawn Walker, Chairman**
Timothy P. Plunkett
Peter Allen

Approve minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2025, Committee meeting.

I. Old Business

II. New Business

Authorization

1. Mark Slosek, City Historian, and the Oswego Time Capsule Committee requests authorization to seal the official city of Oswego Time Capsule during a sealing ceremony dated on July 6th, 2025

[MEET_FOOT]

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Oswego Common Council pursuant to Resolution No. 283 of 1985, authorized the City Historian to lead a Time Capsule Committee to dedicate and bury a capsule, and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 283 of 1985, it was authorized that the capsule was to be opened every 10 years and subsequently resealed for historical preservation spanning generations, and

WHEREAS, up until about 2005, the capsule was regularly sealed and unsealed following this precedent but was overlooked in recent decades, and

WHEREAS, to correct this, the Mayor using his General Powers granted by the City Charter under Section C4-10(C), established a new Time Capsule Committee in January 2025 tasked with creating a new capsule to be buried and reopened in 2048, and

WHEREAS, the city of Oswego's Bi-Centennial (200 year) celebration of its incorporation as a city will be held in 2048, and

WHEREAS, since January, this committee led by the Deputy City Clerk and composed of community members and city employees have gathered items and artifacts representative of Oswego life and culture to carry on to the next generation, and

WHEREAS, the committee considered several dates for a dedication ceremony and have agreed upon a dedication ceremony date of July 6th, 2025, during the City's Downtown Independence Day Block Party, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is constructing a housing unit on City Hall Property that will be used as a capsule holding facility, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Time Capsule Dedication Celebration shall be held on July 6th, 2025, during the City's Downtown Independence Day Block Party, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Oswego City Historian is authorized to unseal and replenish the capsule every fifty (50) years henceforth.

COMMUNICATION:

City Historian, Mark Slosek, and the city of Oswego Time Capsule Committee; established by the Mayor in January 2025, requests authorization to host a small dedication and sealing ceremony for an official time capsule of the city of Oswego. The ceremony is scheduled to be a part of the larger Downtown Independence Day Block Party and will take place on City Hall grounds where the Department of Public Works has started construction on the capsule's housing unit.



CITY HALL

Anthony M. Slosek



Reply to
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June 12, 1985

Alderman Thomas Halpin, Chairman
Planning and Development Committee

Re: Request authorization to place Time Capsule
West side of West First Street - Dedication Ceremony

Gentlemen:

The TIME CAPSULE COMMITTEE for Downtown Reconstruction of the west side of West First Street requests Common Council authorization to place and dedicate the new time capsule fronting City Hall on July 4, 1985.

We appreciate your participation and support in this project.

Respectfully,

Anthony M. Slosek
City Historian

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Motions, Resolutions and Notices

By Alderman Gardner

WHEREAS, the West First Street Downtown Development is currently in progress, and

WHEREAS, the project possesses historic significance and value for future generations, and

WHEREAS, a Time Capsule Committee, headed by City Historian, Anthony M. Slosek, has been engaged in the preparation of a capsule and plaque for placement beneath the new sidewalk on the west side of the street, fronting on City Hall, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said Committee is authorized to schedule a Time Capsule Dedication Ceremony for July 4, 1985, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Oswego City Historian is authorized to unearth and replenish the capsule every ten, (10), years henceforth.

AYES AND NAYS CALLED:

	AYES	NAYS
Alderman Mercier	(✓) 3013	() 3013
✓ Alderman Bradshaw	(✓) 1244	() 1244
Alderman Canale	(✓) 3202	() 3202
Alderman Clavelli	(✓) 1878	() 1878
Alderman Halpin	(✓) 2448	() 2448
Alderman Matott	() 2512	() 2512
Alderman Gardner	(✓) 2248	() 2248
Alderman Johnson	(✓) 3248	() 3248
TOTAL	(7) 17218	() 1

Adopted Lost

Recommended by Planning & Development
Committee

Chairman Alderman Halpin

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly
passed by the Common Council on the 24th
day of June 1985

Robert L. Riggio City Clerk
ROBERT L. RIGGIO

Approved June 25 1985

William S. Cahill, Jr. Mayor
WILLIAM S. CAHILL, JR.