

CITY OF OSWEGO



AGENDA
Physical Services Committee
Common Council Chambers – City Hall
February 2, 2026
6:30 PM

Roll Call **William Myer, Chairman**
 Timothy Plunkett
 Jonathan Ashline
 Chance Kennedy

Approve minutes of the January 20, 2026 Committee meeting.

I. Old Business

II. New Business

Authorization

1. The Office of Economic Development has received a request for Use of Public Space from Andrew Grisenthwaite to host the Oswego Pro/Am Fishing Tournament at Wright's Landing Marina from July 10 to July 12, 2026, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from the Oswego Pride Committee to host the Oswego County Pride Festival on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. The Office of Economic Development has received a request for Use of Public Space from Steve Eiriksson of 1UP Wrestling to host a Professional Wrestling Event at Crisafulli Rink on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
4. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from Julie Chetney of the Oswego County Autism Task Force to organize the OutRun Autism 5k event on Saturday, March 7, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
5. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from Holly Carr of the World Racing Group to host Racing's Biggest Block Party on West 1st Street from West Bridge Street to West Mohawk Street on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2026**

Chairman Myer called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Myer, Councilor Plunkett, Councilor Ashline, and Councilor Kennedy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor FitzGibbons; Councilor Thompson; Councilor Lautensack; City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli; Planning and Zoning Advisor, Jeff McGann; Director of Economic Development, Amy Murphy; City Assessor, Kevin Hill; Director of Economic Development, Amy Murphy; Mayor Robert Corradino.

MEDIA PRESENT: No media present.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Ashline and seconded by Councilor Plunkett. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Councilor Myer requested that City Attorney, Kevin Caraccoili step to the podium to address questions regarding multiple agenda items requesting fee waivers and asked whether the City has a formal fee waiver policy or criteria to distinguish when fees are charged or waived for different groups. Kevin responded that he was not aware of a written policy or formal protocol governing fee waivers and stated that, to his knowledge, such requests have historically been handled on a case-by-case basis, noting that many events requesting waivers are recurring events such as the Pride Festival, Autism Task Force run, and Super DIRT Week, and that waivers have been granted consistently over time, although he could not point to a specific policy document. Councilor Myer stated that without a clear policy, the City risks inconsistency and potential criticism or liability. Councilor FitzGibbons asked if it was possible that some waiver requests be tabled while the Council develops a more equitable and consistent policy, particularly for events not occurring until later in the year. Kevin acknowledged that approving events while deferring decisions on fee waivers could be procedurally possible by amending resolutions accordingly, though he cautioned against delaying too long due to planning and budgeting needs, especially for time-sensitive events. The Mayor then addressed the Council, stating that while there may not be a written policy, a long-standing procedural policy has been followed for at least 11 years, under which special event applications are reviewed by Council, which has the authority to waive or enforce fees on a case-by-case basis after receiving recommendations from the Mayor's Office, emphasizing that the Council is the final decision-maker and that this process has been consistently applied. Councilor Thompson responded by citing data provided by Director of Economic Development, Amy Murphy, indicating that out of 51 applications, 23 had no associated fees, 20 had all fees waived, and 7 paid all fees, and stated his belief that the City should adopt a more consistent approach by either charging or waiving specific fees uniformly rather than selectively. Councilor Kennedy expressed agreement that a written and codified policy would provide clarity, fairness, and consistency, with comments

noting that decisions should not be based on discretion alone. Councilor Thompson also mentioned that they should consider whether City resources, including DPW services, are required for events, suggesting that fees could be maintained when costs are incurred and waived when they are not.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. The Office of Economic Development has received a request for Use of Public Space from Andrew Grisenthwaite to host the Oswego Pro/Am Fishing Tournament at Wright's Landing Marina from July 10 to July 12, 2026, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Andrew Grisenthwaite spoke on how this is the 26th year hosting the tournament and they expect 30 to 35 boats and they need approval to put on the event.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from The Office of Economic Development, Councilor Plunkett seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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

- 2. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from the Oswego Pride Committee to host the Oswego County Pride Festival on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Councilor Myer emphasized that he would like to have a clearer policy in place about the fee waivers while still supporting this current item being presented. President of the Oswego County Pride Committee, Shannon Sawyer, addressed the Council regarding the request to host the 12th annual Pride Festival, noting it is the second year requesting use of Breitbeck Park and the pavilion due to outgrowing the previous space and the first year requesting use of the bandstand. She acknowledged the standard bandstand fee and explained that the organization has executed an agreement to operate as a DBA under the nonprofit Twilight Reflections, which affects the applicable fee, and stated that the primary request at this time was approval of the event to allow planning and advertising to proceed. Councilor FitzGibbons asked whether a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was involved in sponsoring the event and whether that status impacted the fee structure. Ms. Sawyer confirmed that a 501(c)(3) nonprofit is involved, explained that the agreement to operate as a DBA under Twilight Reflections was executed after the application was submitted, and clarified that the nonprofit status qualifies the event for a reduced bandstand fee. Councilor Kennedy asked about the history of the event and the decision to move the festival from September to July, expressing concern about potential impacts on student participation. Ms. Sawyer responded that the festival has been held for 12 years, that this is the first year operating as Oswego County Pride, and that the move to July 11 was intended to align more closely with Pride Month, expand attendance and performer availability, and increase regional participation, while noting collaboration with SUNY Oswego and plans for a smaller campus-based event in September when students return. Councilor Kennedy expressed

appreciation for the explanation and emphasized the importance of including the college community.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from The Office of Economic Development. Councilor Plunkett seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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- 3. The Office of Economic Development has received a request for Use of Public Space from Steve Eiriksson of 1UP Wrestling to host a Professional Wrestling Event at Crisafulli Rink on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Steve Eiriksson, representing 1UP Wrestling, addressed the Council regarding a request to hold a professional wrestling event in June at the Crisafulli Skating Rink, noting that a similar event held the previous June was successful and well received by the community. Councilor FitzGibbons inquired about New York State requirements for ambulance coverage. Steve confirmed that an ambulance must be on site for the duration of the event and that arrangements have already been made with the Assistant Fire Chief. Steve further confirmed that 1UP Wrestling would be responsible for paying the City for the ambulance service. Councilor Thompson spoke in support of this event.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from The Office of Economic Development. Councilor Ashline seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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- 4. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from Julie Chetney of the Oswego County Autism Task Force to organize the OutRun Autism 5k event on Saturday, March 7, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Councilor Myer noted that the event has been held for many years without issue, that a waiver of the minimal road closure fee is being requested consistent with past practice for similar events.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Plunkett made a motion to approve the request from The Office of Economic Development. Councilor Kennedy seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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- 5. The Office of Economic Development has received a request from Holly Carr of the World Racing Group to host Racing's Biggest Block Party on West 1st Street**

**from West Bridge Street to West Mohawk Street on Tuesday, October 6, 2026
from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Councilor Myer noted that the event has been held for many years without issue and recommended approving the event while deferring discussion of any fee waivers.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor Kennedy made a motion to approve the request from The Office of Economic Development. Councilor Plunkett seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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Councilor Myer began by commending the DPW department for their work clearing streets during recent snow conditions, noting that the streets were in better shape than expected and thanking the state and county for their assistance. Councilor Thompson added appreciation for the fire department for clearing fire hydrants during the storm. City Attorney, Kevin Caraccoili, then reviewed the resolutions adopted during the meeting, stating that the Oswego Pro-Am Fishing Tournament was approved with a waiver of the open container ordinance, the Pride Festival was approved while deferring any fee waivers until a more structured written policy is in place, the wrestling event was approved with no waiver requested and full payment required, the Autism Task Force 5K was approved with discussion of the waiver deferred due to timing constraints, and the Super DIRT Week event was approved while deferring consideration of fee waivers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:07 p.m. by Councilor Ashline. A second was made by Councilor Plunkett, resolution passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Egor Golubchikov