# PHYSICAL SERVICES
# COMMITTEE MEETING
# July 6, 2026

Chairman Myer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

***OTHERS PRESENT:*** Councilor FitzGibbons; Councilor Lautensack; City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli; Interim Deputy Director of Economic Development, Abby Jenkins; Director of Information Technology, Steve Coffey; Police Sergeant, Brandon Lummis; Fire Chief, Paul Conzone.

***MEDIA PRESENT:*** No media present.

***OLD BUSINESS:*** There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026, Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Plunkett and seconded by Councilor FitzGibbons. Minutes were approved unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. **The Zoning and Planning Office received a request for Use of Public Space from Mr. Craig Gilkey, owner of a professional building located at 157 West Bridge Street, to replace an existing sidewalk.**

Councilor Myer noted that Zoning and Planning Administrator, Jeff McGann, was not present. Councilor Myer reported having inspected the property and stated that the existing sidewalk currently extends from West Bridge Street only partway along the property. The request is to extend the sidewalk to Cayuga Street. Councilor Myer added that, during a conversation with Jeff McGann, he had discussed the proposal with Director of Code Enforcement, Michael Cleary II, and neither anticipated any issues with the requested sidewalk extension.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Ashline made a motion to approve the request from the Zoning and Planning Office. Councilor Kennedy seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

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2. **The Office of Economic Development requests Use of Public Space for additional dates for the Summer Concert Series 2026.**

Interim Deputy Director of Economic Development, Abby Jenkins, explained that additional dates were being requested as rain dates due to several concert cancellations caused by weather. She requested that the approval be amended to include both the Water Street Square location and the Veterans Stage, as well as the additional dates of September 11 and September 18. She stated that the goal is to reschedule affected performances and maintain continuity for the concert series, with Veterans Stage concerts remaining on Thursday evenings whenever possible and Water Street Square concerts being rescheduled for Friday evenings. She added that other scheduling options are also being considered to group concerts toward the beginning of September before the onset of fall weather.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Plunkett made a motion to amend the request from the Office of Economic Development. Councilor Ashline seconded the motion to amend, it passed unanimously.
Councilor Ashline made a motion to approve the request as amended from the Office of Economic Development. Councilor Kennedy seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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

3. **The Office of Economic Development received a request for Use of Public Space from David Thompson to host the 1976 Class Reunion on Friday, July 31, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

Councilor Myer reported that he had spoken with Mr. Thompson, owner of Gibby's, who explained that the requested road closure would be used to accommodate potential overflow attendance of up to 150 people. Councilor Myer added that the closure could also provide space for a band, although the band is expected to perform on the deck.

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

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

4. **The Office of Economic Development received a request for Use of Public Space from the Oswego County Breastfeeding Coalition to host the Oswego Big Latch On Event at Breitbeck Park on Friday, August 7, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Chris Maloney, representing the Oswego County Health Department, explained that the Big Latch On is an annual event organized by the Breastfeeding Coalition to support breastfeeding families, promote community participation in a global initiative, and connect attendees with available resources. Councilor Myer asked whether educational personnel would be present to assist participants, and Maloney confirmed that coalition members typically have a strong presence at the event, providing education, support, and resource information while contributing to the local participation count for the initiative.

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

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

5. **The Office of Economic Development received a request for Use of Public Space from Suzanne Maniccia to host Mat Pilates/Yoga Sculpt Classes at Montcalm and Breitbeck Park on various dates in the month of August 2026.**

Suzanne Maniccia explained that she has been teaching fitness classes for the past eight years, lives on Montcalm Street, and would like the opportunity to offer outdoor classes because of the parks scenic setting. She noted that she also teaches at The Sanctuary, located near Breitbeck Park. Councilor Kennedy asked whether the classes would be held at both parks. Suzanne confirmed that she would alternate locations, holding classes on Monday mornings at 7:15 a.m.

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

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

6. **The Office of Economic Development received a request for Use of Public Space from Ana Djukic-Cocks to host a West Third Street Block Party on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Councilor Myer reported that Ana Djukic-Cocks was unable to attend the meeting but had explained that the event would consist of neighbors gathering for food, recorded music, and possible live acoustic entertainment by a few neighbors playing guitars. He also noted that the organizers understood they would be responsible for the cost of the required road closure.

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

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

7. **Craig Rebeor, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, received a request for Use of Public Space from Taylor Peterson on behalf of Oswego County Help Me Grow to place Help Me Grow signage in Oswego school district parks.**

Councilor Myer noted that he had hoped the commissioner would be present to answer questions regarding the request. Councilor FitzGibbons questioned whether the City had the authority to approve signage in parks that are jointly used or operated with the school district without coordination with the district. Councilor Myer agreed that additional clarification was needed, particularly regarding ownership and authority over the school district properties and stated that while the signage request itself appeared reasonable, more information was necessary before taking action. Councilor Myer then made a motion to table the request until additional information could be obtained.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Plunkett made a motion to table the request from Craig Rebeor, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation. Councilor Ashline seconded the motion to table, motion to table passed unanimously.

***THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE TABLED BEFORE BEING FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.***

8. **Craig Rebeor, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, received a request to accept a bench donation from Chantelle Manwaring in memory of Eddie Myers, to be located along West River Park.**

Councilor Kennedy explained that Eddie Myers' daughter, Cheyenne Myers, was unable to attend but had asked him to read a statement expressing her family's gratitude to Chantelle Manwaring and the Department of Public Works for honoring her father. In her statement, she shared that Eddie Myers took great pride in his work, especially along the Riverwalk, and thanked the City for providing a place where she and her daughters could remember and visit him. Councilor Plunkett also spoke in support of the request, remembering Eddie Myers as a dedicated and hardworking Department of Public Works employee who was a valued asset to the City and expressing hope that the request would receive unanimous support.

***COMMITTEE DECISION:*** Councilor Ashline made a motion to approve the request from Craig Rebeor, Commissioner of Public Works and Parks and Recreation. Councilor Kennedy seconded the motion, resolution passed unanimously.

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

9. **The Office of Economic Development has received a request from John Bletch to host Drumfest 4 on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a Rescind and Replace.**

Councilor Myer noted that the event had initially been scheduled for July 25, 2026, but the applicant requested it be moved to August 22, 2026, because one of the band members was overseas and unavailable for the original date. He stated that the committee could rescind the previous approval and replace it with the new August 22, 2026 date.

***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.***

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:43 p.m. by Councilor Ashline. A second was made by Councilor Kennedy, resolution passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Egor Golubchikov