

CITY OF OSWEGO



AGENDA

Planning and Development Committee
Common Council Chambers – City Hall
August 3, 2026
6:30 PM

Roll Call **Laurel Lautensack , Chairman**
Shane Thompson
John FitzGibbons

Approve minutes of the July 20, 2026 Committee meeting.

I. Old Business

II. New Business

Authorization

1. The Zoning and Planning Office requests that the Common Council forward the proposed zone change for the property known as 37 West Cayuga Street from TN1, Traditional Neighborhood 1 to TD, Traditional Downtown to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion pursuant to Section 280-94(C) of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Renewable Energy System Moratorium Extension.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
August 3, 2026**

Chair Lautensack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Laurel Lautensack, Councilor Thompson, and Councilor FitzGibbons.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Myer; Councilor Kennedy; Councilor Ashline; Councilor Plunkett; Mayor Robert Corradino; Fire Chief, Paul Conzone; Zoning and Planning Administrator, Jeff McGann; City Engineer, Elizabeth Chrestler; City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli.

MEDIA PRESENT: No media present.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Lautensack. Minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. The Zoning and Planning Office requests that the Common Council forward the proposed zone change for the property known as 37 West Cayuga Street from TN1, Traditional Neighborhood 1 to TD, Traditional Downtown to the Planning Board for an advisory opinion pursuant to Section 280-94(C) of the Zoning Ordinance.**

Zoning and Planning Administrator, Jeff McGann, explained that the request involves three adjoining properties on West Cayuga Street and Second Street. The prospective purchaser intends to combine the properties and construct a large residence, with the option of adding an apartment. The TD zoning would allow a two-family use and less restrictive setbacks. The purchase offer is contingent upon approval of the zoning change.

Councilor Kennedy asked about parking requirements. Jeff explained that two spaces would be required for a single-family residence and four if an additional unit is added. He stated that there appears to be sufficient space to meet the requirements.

Councilor Thompson asked whether the proposed development would require further Planning Board review. Jeff confirmed that Planning Board action, and likely Zoning Board action, would be required. He noted that a public hearing would also be part of the zoning-change process and that the process typically takes approximately two and a half to three months.

Councilor Lautensack asked about the timing of the purchase. Jeff stated that the purchaser would not close until the zoning change is resolved, as the offer is contingent upon approval.

Councilor Myer asked whether the size of the proposed residence would impact neighboring properties. Jeff confirmed that the property would be sufficiently situated and would not impact the neighbors.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor FitzGibbons made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from the Zoning and Planning Office. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.

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

2. Renewable Energy System Moratorium Extension.

City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli, explained that the City is seeking to extend Local Law No. 1 of 2025, which established a one-year moratorium on certain renewable energy systems, including solar, wind, biomass, and particularly battery energy storage systems (BESS). The moratorium was adopted to allow the City time to study these systems and develop appropriate regulations for their location and operation. Kevin stated that battery storage facilities are becoming more common as New York works toward its renewable energy goals. The City's committee has been working for approximately eleven months to develop regulations that would allow these facilities in appropriate areas while limiting or preventing them in areas where they may not be suitable, such as high-density residential neighborhoods. Kevin requested the full six-month extension provided for in the existing local law, noting that the committee hopes to complete the regulations during the last quarter of the year. The moratorium would end once the new regulations are adopted and would not extend beyond the additional six-month period.

Councilor Thompson asked whether the battery systems are primarily lithium-based.

Kevin confirmed that they are primarily lithium-ion and explained that newer technology has significantly reduced fire risks. He noted that the facilities are designed with separate compartments to help contain a fire if one battery catches fire.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Councilor FitzGibbons made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council the request from City Attorney, Kevin Caraccioli. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:43 p.m. by Councilor FitzGibbons. A second was made by Councilor Thompson, it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Egor Golubchikov