

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Deputy Mayor Morley called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Morley, Councillors Flynn,
Hannan, Sholette and Vaugh

ABSENT: Mayor Nelson and Councillor Powers
(Both were excused)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing with regard to the submission of two grant applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was held. The following spoke:

Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods explained that the first grant application is a Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the former Standard Shade Roller property and the second is a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grant to establish and capitalize the revolving loan fund to carry out cleanup activities. Mr. Woods added that he received numerous letters of support. (Copies of the support letters follow these minutes.)

Joe Basta, Main Street, read a letter in favor of the grant applications (a copy of the letter follows these minutes). No one else being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Morley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application for the former Standard Shade Roller property and a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Councillor Flynn seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT
BROWNFIELD GRANT APPLICATIONS TO
THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to cleanup the former Standard Shade Roller property located at 541 Covington Street, a site that has been found to be contaminated by metal, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, including petroleum hydrocarbons; and

WHEREAS, this property lies in the City's Waterfront Redevelopment Area and requires remediation in order to prepare it for residential development, public green space and access to the river; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg also desires to establish a revolving loan fund to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities; and

WHEREAS for environmental review purposes, administration is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA 6NYCRR, Part 617.5(c) (20) and as such no further action is necessary regarding the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit a Brownfield Cleanup Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the former Standard Shade Roller property and, upon approval of said request, to enter into and execute a project agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grant application to establish and capitalize a revolving loan fund to carry out cleanup activities and, upon approval of said request(s), to enter into and execute a project agreement with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Vaugh moved a resolution declaring the Water Quality Improvement Program Application to the NYSDEC for the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and Councillor Flynn seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
FOR THE JUDSON STREET STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT
A TYPE II ACTION PURSUANT TO THE
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

WHEREAS, the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project will be funded in part by the DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP); and

WHEREAS, the project includes the maintenance and repair of the sewer and stormwater facilities that will positively impact the environment by reducing combined sewage overflow events; and is therefore a Type II activity pursuant to pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5, Subsection (c) 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council finds that the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project will include the maintenance and repair of the sewer and stormwater facilities that will positively impact the environment by reducing combined sewage overflow events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project is therefore a Type II activity pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5, Subsections (c) 5.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Hannan moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a Water Quality Improvement Program grant application to the NY DEC for the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project, and Councillor Flynn seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
FOR THE JUDSON STREET STORM SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT**

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WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg hired Stearns & Wheeler to develop a design that separated the combined sewer system; and

WHEREAS, since the design was initiated in the 1970's, portions of the improvements have been constructed and the City is pursuing funding to complete the remaining improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Judson Street extension consists of installation of both storm and sanitary sewers; and

WHEREAS, the Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project is proposed to be funded in part by the DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP); and

WHEREAS, this project has been determined to be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit a Water Quality Improvement Program for Judson Street Storm Sewer Separation Project and, upon approval of said request, to enter into and execute a project agreement with the NYS DEC, and to execute any and all documents related to grant funding or implementing the project.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.