

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Dillabough, Fisher,  
Kennedy, Rishe and Skamperle

ABSENT: Councillor Powers

Mayor Skelly said Councillor Powers advised that he was unable to attend due to work and asked to be excused. There was a consensus of Council to excuse Councillor Powers.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution in support of Assembly Bill A.4453-A that would authorize the New York State Commissioner of General Services to convey real property at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center to the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Dillabough seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A.4453-A THAT  
WOULD AUTHORIZE THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF  
GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY AT THE ST.  
LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER TO THE  
CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the New York State Commissioner of General Services is authorized and empowered to transfer and convey real property on behalf of the State of New York; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently property at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center that the City of Ogdensburg would like transferred to the City to be marketed and returned to the tax roll.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ogdensburg supports passage of Assembly Bill A.4453-A that as written would authorize the New York State Commissioner of General Services to convey real property at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center to the City of Ogdensburg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker of Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

City Manager Stephen Jellie said the Bill continues Senator Patricia Ritchie's efforts with the task force to convey St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center property to the City. Mr. Jellie explained the transfer of Parcel A has already been approved, and this Bill proposes the transfer of Parcel B which is commonly known as Chimney Point. Councillor Rishe said the proposal is consistent with the draft Community Development Plan and a focus to expand the City's tax base. Councillor Rishe said he appreciates Senator Patricia Ritchie and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk's efforts.

The vote to amend the resolution was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

The amended resolution now reads:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A.4453-A AND  
SENATE BILL S6080 THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE NEW YORK STATE  
COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY  
AT THE ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER TO THE CITY OF  
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The vote on the amended resolution was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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