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AGENDA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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2. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET-FIRE DEPARTMENT
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COMPTROLLER

#1

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – COMPTROLLER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund certain Public Works Administration contractual lines as follows to further the efficient running of City government, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund budget line A.1490.7100, compensating for funds paid upon the retirement of the previous Commissioner, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S) Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.1490.7120	Public Works Administration – Professional/Technical	51,152.00	-51,152.00	0.00
A.1490.7100	Public Works Administration – Executive	78,344.00	51,152.00	129,496.00

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Andrew P. Kretzschmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Diane Dwyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anne E. Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Approved By:

Mayor

#2

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department requires budget amendments to move funds from Clothing Allowance to various budget lines for the efficient running of the department during the 2025/2026 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department funds for the Clothing Allowance line is to be transferred between departmental appropriation lines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.3410.7193	Clothing Allowance	21,000.00	-6077.24	14,922.76
A.3410.7410	Supplies and Materials	15,650.00	1500.00	17,150.00
A.3410.7250	Other Equipment	128,617.05	2500.00	131,117.05
A.3410.7440	Contractual Services	91,587.35	2077.24	93,664.59

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Andrew P. Kretzschmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

By Alderperson :

DWYER

#3

Seconded by Alderperson :

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO REFUND \$900 TO EUGENE
LAWLOR COLLECTED FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF 2023-2024 TAXES ON PARCELS OF
LAND LOCATED AT ROLLINS AND MANDERS AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Eugene Lawlor owns six parcels of land located on Rollins and Manders Avenue, in the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawlor failed to change his address after he moved to Edinburgh, New York resulting in his 2023-2024 property taxes being paid late, incurring a fine of \$150 on each parcel for a total of \$900; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawlor has since paid the \$900 fine to the City of Rensselaer Treasurer and full payment of the taxes has been received; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawlor has a clean payment history, and his address has been updated with the City Treasurer's office; and

WHEREAS, § 155-1 of the City Charter entitled Cancellation or reduction of penalties and interest provides, that "all penalties and interest on any unpaid City and school taxes, and assessments levied subsequent to April 1, 1941, on real property by the City of Rensselaer, and for the collection of which no sale of the property shall have been made, may be canceled, revoked or reduced, provided that such unpaid City and school taxes and/or assessments are paid within a period of one year from the date of such reduction, cancellation or revocation upon resolution heretofore or hereafter duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, finds that good cause exists to cancel the penalties levied against the six properties owned by Eugene Lawlor for late payment of 2023-2024 property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$900 to Eugene Lawlor for late payment of 2023-2024 property taxes.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

#4

BY ALDERPERSON :
SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON :

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CITY OF
 RENSSELAER 3RD AVE METER PIT**

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on **May 7, 2025**, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer approved the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, **Wm. J. Keller and Sons Construction Corp.**, for the **City of Rensselaer 3rd Avenue Pressure Reducing Valve and Meter Vault Project**, in the original contract amount of **\$597,782.00**, and authorized the issuance of a contract subject to review and approval of the City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction of the 3rd Avenue Pressure Reducing Valve and Meter Vault (Meter Pit) Project, additional work became necessary that was not included in the original contract scope; and

WHEREAS, the additional work is documented through a submitted change order related to the **3rd Avenue Meter Pit**, and was necessary for the proper completion, functionality, and integrity of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Office and the City's Engineer have reviewed the submitted change order and determined that the work and associated costs were reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, the submitted change order increases the contract amount by **\$72,721.63**, resulting in a revised contract total subject to all applicable approvals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby approves and accepts the change order in the amount of **\$72,721.63** for the **3rd Avenue Meter Pit** associated with the City of Rensselaer 3rd Avenue Pressure Reducing Valve and Meter Vault Project

Approved as to form and sufficiency this
 _____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Corporation Counsel
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
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Diane Dwyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Mayor
Anne E. Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	
Result					

BY ALDERPERSON :

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON :

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF RENSSELAER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Rensselaer Common Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS the City of Rensselaer has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Rensselaer from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the City of Rensselaer Common Council demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL THAT: the City of Rensselaer Common Council adopts the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Approved as to form and sufficiency this

_____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

#6

By Alderperson :

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson :

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that in order to design, operate, and maintain safe, accessible, and connected transportation networks for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities a new Article IV entitled Complete Streets shall be added to the City of Rensselaer Code shifting focus from car-centric, high-speed design to safe, equitable access, aiming to reduce traffic fatalities, improve public health through active transportation, boost local economies, and decrease environmental impact.; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2026, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on March 4, 2026, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of February, 2026

Chapter 147 Streets and Sidewalks

Article IV Complete Streets

147-14. Complete Streets defined. Complete Streets are defined as facilities that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Persons with disabilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, freight, motorists, and transit riders are able to safely move along and cross a complete street.

147-15. Commitment and Scope. The City of Rensselaer is committed to implementing Complete Streets throughout the community because of its benefits to the entire City. Complete Streets increase opportunities for economic development city-wide and make transportation safer for all. They support the City's most vulnerable populations including children and seniors, in all neighborhoods, especially those adjacent to schools.

The City of Rensselaer shall establish criteria to encourage funding prioritization for Complete Streets implementation in order to support broader efforts to enhance our growing city's economy, connect existing infrastructures together, and create additional connections to community assets. This policy is meant to implement projects that expand infrastructure for modes of transportation other than car and broaden the transportation needs for neighborhoods with limited connectivity to community assets.

147-16. Implementation and Exceptions.

- A. The City of Rensselaer shall design, build, operate, and maintain a safe, reliable, efficient, integrated, and connected multimodal transportation network that will provide access, mobility, safety, and connectivity for all users.
- B. The City of Rensselaer shall include facilities that users of all ages and abilities can use to travel safely and independently in all new street construction, street reconstruction, street maintenance, public works, and park projects undertaken, subject to the exceptions contained herein.
 - a. Accommodations for all modes of transportation shall be made to continue to use the road safely and efficiently during any construction or repair work that infringes on the right of way and/or sidewalk.
- C. The City of Rensselaer shall review each new street construction, street reconstruction, and street maintenance project undertaken and shall provide requirements regarding its implementation as a complete street in each project's Request for Proposals.
 - a. The City of Rensselaer shall create a committee to oversee implementation. This shall include both internal and external stakeholders to include representatives from groups that advocate for: underinvested communities, vulnerable

populations such as people of color, older adults, children, non-native English speakers, those with limited access to cars, and those living with disabilities. The committee shall meet ad hoc to discuss implications of new projects as they relate to Complete Streets.

- b. For private development projects, the City of Rensselaer shall review and evaluate site plan applications and designs in order to ensure that all new development in the city consider the incorporation of Complete Streets design elements. The City of Rensselaer shall reduce each review to writing and file it with appropriate supporting documentation.
 - c. The City of Rensselaer endeavors to identify and mitigate unintended consequences, such as involuntary displacement due to the cost of living, to the greatest extent possible. It will consider community context as well as how transportation intersects with broader land use decision. As a result, all new or revised land use policies, plans, zoning ordinances and other documents shall be required to specify how they will support Complete Streets.
- D. The inclusion of complete street facilities shall be mandated in all new street construction, street reconstruction, and street maintenance projects undertaken by the City of Rensselaer unless one of the following conditions exists:
- a. Bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law from using the facility. In this case, alternative facilities and accommodation for pedestrians and bicyclists shall be provided within the same transportation corridor as determined by the City of Rensselaer. If the City of Rensselaer makes said determination, they shall reduce it to writing and file it with appropriate supporting documentation with the Planning Commission for its information and review.
 - b. The cost of establishing Complete Streets would be disproportionate to the need **or probable use** for complete streets facilities, **especially if it causes financial hardship for the City of Rensselaer**. Costs shall be considered disproportionate for purposes of this section if the cost of including complete streets facilities exceeds 40% of the cost of the larger project. If the City of Rensselaer makes said determination, they shall reduce it to writing and file it with appropriate supporting documentation with the Planning Commission for its information and review.
 - c. Where the existing right-of-way does not allow for sidewalks, bike lanes, paths or other improvements. In this case, the City of Rensselaer shall explore alternatives including but not limited to: crosswalks, additional lighting, streetscaping, curb bump-outs, or bicycle parking to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, and persons with disabilities. If the City of Rensselaer makes said determination, they shall reduce it to writing and file it with appropriate supporting documentation with the Planning Commission for its information and review.

- d. Where the City of Rensselaer determines that the inclusion of complete streets facilities on a roadway could constitute a threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare to the motorists and/or pedestrians and bicyclists of the City of Rensselaer. If the City of Rensselaer makes said determination, they shall reduce it to writing and file it with appropriate supporting documentation with the Planning Commission for its information and review.

If the City of Rensselaer determines any of the above exceptions exist, they shall be filed with appropriate supporting documentation with the Planning Commission for its information and review. Public notice of the exception will be provided at a public meeting and/or online posting with opportunity to comment.

147-17. Planning, design, maintenance and measured success of facilities.

- A. Complete Street facilities shall be planned, designed, developed, and maintained in accordance with guidelines adopted by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) or other guidelines approved by the City of Rensselaer. Recommended design guidelines include: Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach: An ITE Recommended Practice (ITE); Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) (United States Access Board); Urban Bikeway Design Guide (NACTO); and Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities (AASHTO). Internal design policies and guides will be reviewed for efficacy once a year. See "*Rensselaer Complete Streets Checklist*," for current criteria as of 2026.
- B. Performance measures shall be developed and used to track project implementation, prioritize projects, and evaluate designs. These include Safety and Public Health (i.e. number and location of fatalities, serious injuries by road type and mode of travel), Economy (access to opportunities, retail vibrancy) and Access (pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure elements).

The City of Rensselaer will develop comprehensive measures within 12 months of policy implementation using Smart Growth America's *Evaluating Complete Streets Projects* as a guide. The data collected from these measures will be shared with the public once per quarter at minimum during Planning Commission meetings.

#7

Motion By: _____

Seconded By: _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAPITAL ROOTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM
TO PLANT TREES IN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer has had good experiences while previously participated in various Capital Roots Programs; and

Whereas, representatives from Capital Roots recently met with Mayor John DeFrancesco and other city staff to discuss the Urban Greening Program; and

Whereas, the Capital Roots Urban Greening Program arranges for free trees to be planted on properties with the owner's permission; and

Whereas, the City of Rensselaer recognizes the importance of planting trees and other urban greening initiatives that improve neighborhoods, enhance livability, improve air quality, help manage stormwater, create welcoming greenspaces, and provide shade that helps to cool our city and reduce energy use; and

Whereas, the City of Rensselaer would like to participate in the Urban Greening Program by working with Capital Roots to plant trees in public areas (streets and parks) and, with property owner approval, on the property of residents and businesses; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor John DeFrancesco is hereby authorized to direct staff to work with Capital Roots on the Urban Greening Program on the identification of locations for tree plantings within the City of Rensselaer.

Passed by the following vote of Common
Members with voting recorded as follows:

Approved as to form and sufficiency this
_____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – DPW

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to fund a budget line to further the efficient running of the Department, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requested the movement of funds from the Maintenance of Roads – Contracted Services to Snow Removal – Contractual Services to cover services provided for snow removal from an external company.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2024-2025 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S) Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.5010.7440	Maint of Roads-Contracted Services	60,000.00	-9270.00	50,730.00
A.5142-7250	Snow Removal – Contractual Services	0.00	+9270.00	5,000.00

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

#9

BY ALDERPERSON(s): Kretzschmar

SECONDED BY: Hover

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF VARIOUS CITY PARKS BY THE RENSSELAER LITTLE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer Little League is desirous of utilizing certain City of Rensselaer parks for team practices during the 2026 baseball season; and

WHEREAS, such practices are anticipated to take place during the months of April through June 2026; and

WHEREAS, the parks to be utilized include Plum Street Park, River Front Park, Eastland Park, and 8th Street Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Rensselaer Little League be authorized to use Plum Street Park, River Front Park, Eastland Park, and 8th Street Park for practice purposes only during the months of April through June 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such practices shall take place Monday through Thursday, with park access granted from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to allow for practice time as well as setup and cleanup; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rensselaer Little League shall submit evidence of liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 naming the City of Rensselaer as additionally insured prior to use of the parks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that managers and coaches of the Rensselaer Little League shall be responsible for cleanup following each use of the parks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rensselaer Little League agrees to hold the City of Rensselaer harmless from any damages or liability arising from their use of said parks.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
This 18th day of February, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Andrew P. Kretzschmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Diane Dwyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anne E. Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel
Ian H. Silverman, Esq.

Approved by:

Mayor
John A. DeFrancesco

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Motion By: _____

Seconded By: _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION
TO THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION
TIMBER FOR TRANSIT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026 program materials became available for the Northern Border Regional Commission’s (NBRC) Timber For Transit Program (TFT) which will provide up to 80% in funding to advance the use of wood-based materials and composites (advanced wood materials) through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials to transportation and transportation adjacent infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the NBRC TFT grant program requires pre-applications by February 27, 2026 and full applications by April 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously received Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$2,456,000.00, that requires a 20% match in the amount of \$614,000.00, for a trail through The Hollow that will connect several neighborhoods in the city to the Rensselaer Schools Campus; and

WHEREAS, the TAP grant is not sufficient to fully construct the trail and the bridge(s) that are needed to cross the Quackenderry Creek along the trail; and

WHEREAS, bridge design and construction is an eligible use of funds for the NBRC TFT Program; and

WHEREAS, Department of Public Works and Volunteer Labor can be used as match for both the TAP and NBRC TFT Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor John DeFrancesco is empowered to act on behalf of City of Rensselaer as the Authorized Official in an application to the Northern Border Regional Commission for Timber For Transit funding for the bridge(s) needed for The Hollow Trail Project.

Passed by the following vote of Common
Members with voting recorded as follows:

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_____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – COMPTROLLER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund certain Mayor Professional Technical as follows to further the efficient running of the City government, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund budget line A.1210.7120, representing an increase in hours to 15 hours per week for the Computer Technician, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S)			
Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.1210.7120	Professional/Technical	34,972.00	+17485.00	52457.00
A.1210.7150	Clerical	47,583.00	-9000.00	38,583.00
A.3120.7191	PD – Vacation Buy Back	102,850.00	-8485.00	94,365.00

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this ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Approved By:

Mayor