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AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2021

1. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2021 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON
2. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON
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9. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2021 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of amending Title VII, Sections 160, 161 and 162 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relative to Assessment and Levy of Taxes so as to bring such provisions into conformity with the Laws of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021, 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 legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 is hereby approved as to form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 20th, 2021, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021, 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.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of January, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<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				

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2021.

A Local Law to Amend Title VII,
Sections 160, 161 and 162 of the
Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New
York, Relative to Assessment and
Levy of Taxes

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 1 of 2021, and shall amend Title VII, Sections 160, 161 and 162 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relating to Assessment and Levy of Taxes. This Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Sections of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to update such Sections of the City Charter so as to be in conformity with the Laws of the State of New York.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby amends Title VII, Sections 160, 161 and 162 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, so as to read as follows:

§ 160. Tax Map.

Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 503, It shall be the duty of the County of Rensselaer, to prepare and maintain an Official Tax Map for the City of Rensselaer, and provide copies of same to the City Assessor. Every deed or other instrument whereby the ownership of real property within the city shall be changed shall, after the same is recorded by the County Clerk of the County of Rensselaer, be presented by the County to the City Assessor, who shall, without fee, note the transfer of title upon the records of the City Assessor. Every map or plot or subdivision map or plot of real property within the city showing a subdivision of such land into blocks or lots shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Rensselaer County, and a copy thereof filed in the office of the City Assessor and the office of the City Clerk. Any

reference to the lot, block, section or other identification numbers of any parcel of real property on the Tax Map shall be deemed sufficient description of such parcel in any assessment roll or in any notice relating to the assessment thereof.

§ 161. Taxable status date.

The taxable status of real property in the city shall be determined annually as of the first day of March. All real property shall be assessed in the city according to its condition and ownership as of such date, in compliance with Article 3, § 302, Subdivision 1, of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

§ 162. Assessment of county and city taxes.

On or before the first day of May in each year, the Assessor shall prepare an assessment roll of all parcels of real property in the city and forthwith give notice, as required by the Laws of the State of New York, that said roll has been completed and filed, and a copy of such assessment roll shall be also filed in the Office of the City Clerk, in addition to the office of the Assessor, and such roll may be seen and examined in the Office of the Assessor at such times and dates required pursuant to Section 526 of the New York State Real Property Law, and as scheduled by the City Assessor. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on the fourth Tuesday in May from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hear and determine complaints in relation to said assessment roll. Notice of the aforesaid times, dates and places shall be given by the Assessor on the City website and also by being published at least once in the official newspaper of the city at least 10 days before the fourth Tuesday in May in each year. The final assessment roll shall be filed on or before the first day of July in each year as per the Laws of the State of New York.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of amending Title IV, Section 80, Paragraph 23 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relative to General Legislative Powers of the Common Council, so as to require cooperation and assistance by City Employees to the Common Council Members in the performance of their duties as such Common Council Members, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021, 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 legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021 is hereby approved as to form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2021, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021, 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.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of January, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<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				

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2021.

**A Local Law to Amend Title IV,
Section 80, Paragraph 23 of the
Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New
York, Relative to General Legislative
Powers of the Common Council**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 2 of 2021, and shall amend Title IV, Section 80, Paragraph 23 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relating to General Legislative Powers of the Common Council. This Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Paragraph of such Section of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to specify that all employees of the City of Rensselaer are required to cooperate with and assist the Members of the City of Rensselaer Common Council in the performance of their duties as Common Council Members.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby amends Title IV, Section 80, Paragraph 23 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, so as to read as follows:

1. To manage and regulate the finances; to regulate, dispose and preserve the property, real and personal, of the city, except as otherwise provided in this Act; to perform such other and further duties and to confer such other and further powers and authority upon the several officers, boards and commissions of the city, as they deem proper to perform and execute all the powers, duties and authority conferred upon the Common Council by any of the provisions of this Act and provided for the carrying into effect thereof. It is specifically required that all Employees of the City of Rensselaer cooperate with and assist the Members of the City of Rensselaer Common Council in the performance of their duties as Common Council Members.

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2021 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of establishing a Local Law to Amend Title II, Section 11 of the City Charter to include an additional qualification for eligibility to hold an elective office in the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No.3 of the year 2021, 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 IS RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2021 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on January 20, 2021 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 2021; 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.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of January, 2021

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Rensselaer

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2021

A local law To Amend Article II, Section 11 of the City Charter to Include an Additional Qualification
(Insert Title)
for Eligibility to Hold an Elective Office.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Rensselaer

as follows:

1. No person shall be eligible to hold an elective office in the City of Rensselaer while at the same time holding any elective office of the County of Rensselaer or the State of New York.
2. This qualification shall be in addition to, but not in substitution of any other qualification to hold a City of Rensselaer elective office required by any State or Local law.
3. This local law shall become effective immediately upon filing the same with the Secretary of State of New York.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

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By Alderperson : Van Vorst

Seconded by Alderperson : Council as a Whole

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FOIL POLICY OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of amending the FOIL Policy of the City of Rensselaer in light of changes made to New York State Civil Rights Law by the repeal of Section 50-a, and

WHEREAS, The Common Council has reviewed the information provided by Labor Law Counsel as to recommended changes to the FOIL Policy of the City regarding FOIL Requests concerning Fire Department and Police Department Union Personnel, and

WHEREAS, The Common Council believes such recommended changes are reasonable in nature and effect,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Policy shall apply to FOIL Requests involving Union Members of the City of Rensselaer Fire and Police Departments, and shall take effect immediately:

1. The municipality will notify the Local President and the affected individual(s) of a FOIL inquiry within seven (7) calendar days of receipt (date of receipt does not count).
2. The municipality will provide the proposed response to the same individual(s) fourteen (14) calendar days before sending the response. If there is no objection to the response, the individual(s) will notify the municipality as soon as possible so the response can be sent. Nothing prevents the individual(s) and the municipality from discussing the proposed response during the 14-day period.
3. If there is an objection to the proposed response, affected individual(s) may bring a legal action and seek injunctive relief prior to the expiration of the 14-day period.

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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole
Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION OF SENIOR AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES - OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 state disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices and rendered seniors and individuals with disabilities homebound; and

WHEREAS, many seniors and individuals with disabilities do not have the ability to file their real property tax exemption applications in person due to safety precautions and lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Order 202.83, which grants local governments the ability to adopt a resolution extending the exemption status for those seniors and individuals with disabilities entitled to certain real property tax exemptions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rensselaer Assessor shall extend the 2020 exemption status for those individuals receiving the senior exemption and the persons with disabilities and limited income exemption through 2021 without a renewal application except in the circumstances elucidated below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Rensselaer Assessor may require a renewal application if she believes that an owner that qualified for the 2020 exemption has since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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State of New York

Executive Chamber

No. 202.83

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, or to provide any directive necessary to respond to the disaster, do hereby continue the suspensions and modifications of law, and any directives not superseded by a subsequent directive, contained in Executive Orders 202.36, 202.37, 202.46, 202.47, 202.54, 202.58, 202.59, 202.65, and 202.70, as continued and contained in Executive Order 202.76, for another thirty days through January 17, 2021, and hereby temporarily suspend or modify the following from the date of this Executive Order through January 17, 2021:

- Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, to the extent necessary to permit the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons. Provided however, that the governing body may, at its option, include in such resolution procedures by which the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died;
- Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, health care providers are relieved of recordkeeping requirements to the extent necessary for health care providers to perform tasks as may be necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, including, but not limited to requirements to maintain medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients, or requirement to assign diagnostic codes or to create or maintain other records for billing purposes. Any person acting reasonably and in good faith under this provision shall be afforded absolute immunity from liability for any failure to comply with any recordkeeping requirement. In order to protect from liability any person acting reasonably and in good faith under this provision, requirements to maintain medical records;
- Executive Order 202.76, which provided that all suspensions of the Family Court Act shall remain in effect until December 18, 2020, is hereby modified to provide that all suspensions of the Family Court Act shall remain in effect until the expiration of this Executive Order, as extended or modified by future Executive Order.

- Chapter 125 of 2020 enacting the COVID-19 Rent Relief Act to the extent necessary to authorize the payment of rent relief as otherwise provided in such Act, without requiring that a tenant provide proof that they were paying more than 30 percent of gross monthly income towards rent prior to March, 2020.

· IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to issue any directive during a disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster, I hereby issue the following directive for the period from the date of this Executive Order through January 17, 2021:

- The authority of the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to abate late filing and payment penalties pursuant to section 1145 of the Tax Law is hereby modified as necessary to expand the Commissioner's authority to also authorize the abatement of interest by the Commissioner, for a period of 91 days, for restaurants and other food service establishments that are required to file returns and remit sales and use taxes by December 21, 2020, for the sales tax quarterly period that ended November 30, 2020, and that were required to cease indoor dining by Executive Order 202.81 or by Executive Order 202.68 because they are located in an area that was designated an "orange zone" on December 18, 2020.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
in the City of Albany this eighteenth day
of December in the year two thousand
twenty.

BY THE GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. C.", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Andrew Cuomo", written over a horizontal line.

By Alderperson : Eric Endres

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Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 24TH TO JANUARY 30TH, 2021 AS “SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER – YOUTH BUREAU

WHEREAS, the Youth of our Rensselaer Community are our future, and

WHEREAS, the children of today are facing greater challenges that ever to safely reach adulthood while still learning all the important lessons necessary to be responsible and productive adults, and

WHEREAS, all children in the City of RENSSELAER should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS, the City of RENSSELAER recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in RENSSELAER to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the City of RENSSELAER; and,

WHEREAS, the City of RENSSELAER is home to high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of RENSSELAER has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of

students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer hereby declares January 24th to January 30th, 2021 as "School Choice Week" in the City of Rensselaer, and calls this observance to the attention of all our citizens!

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<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
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By Alderperson:

Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF VACANT CITY PROPERTIES
TO ABUTTING LANDOWNERS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION
57-1. - CITY TREASURER**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 57-1 the attached list vacant City Properties were offered for sale to the abutting Landowners, and the attached bids were received by the City, and

WHEREAS, such bidding was concluded on December 29th, 2020, and

WHEREAS, a list of properties sold with successful bid amounts and bidder information is attached hereto, it is

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents so as to convey the aforementioned properties to the successful bidders, subject to the terms and conditions of the Bid sale specifications.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this day of January, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

Mayor

PROPERTY BIDS

Tax Map #	Address	Name of adjoining property owner	Tax Map #	Paid	Property Price
133.78-11-6.2	1619 Fifth St (rear)	Thomas E Carney Jr.	133.78-11-11		\$400
133.69-3-2	68 Belleview Terr	Thomas E Carney Jr.	133.69-3-1		\$800
143.44-3-12	914 Broadway	Patrick Carney	143.44-3-11	\$1,750	\$1,000
143.75-3-4	25 Second Ave	Wigas Ahmed	143.75-3-2 & 3		\$4,000
143.75-6-16.2	18 Green (rear)	Mico R. Delosstantos	143.75-6-17.1		\$300
144.45-7-7	825 Fifth Street	Judith A. Hodgkinson	144.45-7-8		\$2,600
144.53-2-8	Gaines Place	David Mink	144.53-2-10		\$600
144.21-4-32	1468 First St	Rensselaer Housing Authority	144.21-4-28		\$1,000
144.21-4-40	1512 First St	Rensselaer Housing Authority	144.21-4-41		\$600
144.29-3-42 (portion)	1354 Broadway	Jacqueline Thomas	144.29-3-40		\$700
144.61-1-9	Summit Street	Robert J. Reilly	144.61-1-7		\$2,500
				total	14,500

§ 57-1. Offer to abutting landowners.

It henceforth shall be the policy of the City of Rensselaer to offer for sale vacant land acquired by in rem foreclosure to abutting landowners at fair value, subject to such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate on a case-by-case basis by the Common Council, as long as such abutting landowners are in good standing with the City, meaning, more specifically, that such abutting landowners are not delinquent on their property taxes or in violation of any applicable codes, rules and regulations of the City of Rensselaer. Such offer of sale to abutting landowners must be accepted in writing to the City Clerk within two weeks of the date of offer, and sale must be completed within 60 days of the date of offer. In the event that more than one abutting landowner files a timely written acceptance, the City shall conduct a limited bidding process consisting of the interested abutting landowners, with sale to be to the highest bidder thereat. In the event that no written timely acceptance is filed by any abutting landowner, the Common Council may thereafter administer and/or sell such vacant land in such manner as the Common Council deems to be in the best interests of the City of Rensselaer. This article shall not apply to any properties containing a structure thereon. Any properties containing a structure thereon shall not be required to be offered to abutting landowners prior to administration and/or sale thereof.

By Alderperson:

Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS AND INCREASING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of increasing the Christmas in the City Revenue line by \$200.00 (Two Hundred dollars) and the Christmas in the City Expenditure line by the same amount, and

WHEREAS, the \$200.00 (Two hundred dollars) is a collective donation from the generous groups on the list attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer authorizes the City Treasurer to make the following increase in the 2020-2021 budget.

Increase Revenue Line:

<u>REVENUE LINE:</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.0000.2705	Gifts and Donations	\$200.00
	Total	\$200.00

Increase Expenditure Line:

<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.7550.7405	Christmas in the City	\$200.00
	Total	\$200.00

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
James Casey	<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
Margaret Van Dyke	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John DeFrancesco	<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 6th day of January, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

Mayor

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY DONATIONS

Friends of the Rensselaer Library	\$100.00
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Curtis Printing	\$100.00
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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

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Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title IV, Section 66 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, the Regular Common Council Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, and

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of the Common Council to conduct Workshop Meetings at 6:30 pm on the Monday Evening before such Regular Meeting, and

WHEREAS, during Calendar Year 2021, certain Workshop Meeting Dates fall on Holidays and therefore should be moved to the Tuesday Evening before the Regularly Scheduled Wednesday Council Meeting, and the Common Council believes such changes are reasonable in nature and effect,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council Workshop Meetings scheduled for 6:30 pm on Monday, January 18th, February 15th, May 31st, and July 5th, 2021 shall be moved to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 19th, February 16th, June 1st and July 6th, 2021.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of _____, 2021

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<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
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John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				