

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2025
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Koppleberger at 7:00pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Koppleberger, Councilpersons James Andrew, Rob Endter, Clark Hubbard and Alison Jerome. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Additional staff present were City Treasurer Barb Fandell and Lt. Eric Leonard.

Absent were Mayor Brett Baublitz and Councilperson Kristyn Roethlisberger.

Audience in attendance was Fred Render and Kade Preston with Capital Steel & Wire, Kasey Zehner and Jim Wheeler with Greater Gratiot Development and Shannon McKnight.

Moved by Jerome, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to excuse Mayor Baublitz and Councilperson Roethlisberger. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the Agenda including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger asked for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to approve the consent agenda items as listed:

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on Speed Radar Signs, SRF Projects 2025, St. Charles Road, 2025 Events Calendar, Capital Improvement Plan & Strategic Planning and Ribbon Cutting.**
- **Ithaca Unit Report for December 2024.**
- **Financial Reports for November 2024.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #50351-50386 and Payroll Checks #17038-17040, DD #3143-3155, EFT #1934-1939 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was none.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Jerome, Koppleberger

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger stated that it was time for the public hearing on the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Capital Steel & Wire, Inc.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to enter into a public hearing to take comments on the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption application submitted by Capital Steel & Wire Inc. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger opened the public hearing at 7:pm.

Manager Conn turned it over to Kasey Zehner with Greater Gratiot Development. Ms. Zehner stated that Capital Steel and Wire, Inc. recently purchased a vacant industrial building in the South Ithaca Industrial Park and is completing significant renovations to better serve their manufacturing processes. These include new overhead doors, significant electrical work, and site modifications to accommodate the necessary truck traffic. Total of real property improvements is \$1,464,780. The company is also investing over \$1M in personal property, subject to ESA. They will employ a minimum of 10 new FTE positions within two years at the Ithaca location. The request is for a 12-year exemption.

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger asked for additional comments. None were offered.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger closed the public hearing at 7:05pm.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Capital Steel & Wire Inc. and authorize the City Clerk to sign. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger presented Resolution 2025-02: Approving an IFE Application of Capital Steel & Wire Inc.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to adopt Resolution 2025-02: Approving an IFE Application of Capital Steel & Wire Inc.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Endter, Hubbard, Jerome, Andrew, Koppleberger

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Committee/Department Reports

Lt. Leonard reported on the quarterly activity of the Ithaca Unit covering October through December 2024.

Moved by Jerome, second by Hubbard to receive the Ithaca Unit 4th Quarter 2024 verbal report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Fandell reported on the status of legislative bills currently within the House and Senate.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to receive the Treasurers verbal report. Motion carried.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn provided an update on the grant submission for speed radar signs.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Treasurer Fandell presented Resolution 2025-01: Public Act 152 Compliance.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to adopt Resolution 2025-01: Public Act 152 Compliance.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (5) Hubbard, Jerome, Andrew, Endter, Koppleberger

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (2) Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Public Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem Koppleberger asked for public comments. There was none.

Announcements

Clerk Cameron announced that the annual Strategic Planning Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th from 5pm-7pm.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Approved 2-4-2025

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk