

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Proclamations
- VI. Communications and Presentations
*Department Head Presentations:
Susan Alibozek, City Clerk*
- VII. Public Participation
- VIII. Controller's Report
- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
 - (a) Resolutions
 - (b) Ordinances
 - (c) Local Laws
 - (d) Introduction of Ordinances
 - (e) Introduction of Local Laws
 - (f) Committee Reports
 - (g) Scheduling of Committee Meetings
 - (h) Other
- XI. Executive Session (if required)
- XII. Adjournment

Copies of agenda, resolutions and pertinent information are available in the city clerk at a cost of 25 cent per page. Request for copies need to be made prior to 4 pm on Tuesday on the day of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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| 63. RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES | DEROSS |
| 64. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT | LEGGIERO |
| 65. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
MICHAEL CIOTTO | ISABEL |
| 66. RESOLUTION PROVIDING LOCAL MATCH - WATERFRONT | MAYOR |
| 67. RESOLUTION PROVING MATCH – RIVERWALK | MAYOR |
| 68. RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
ROGINSKI | MAYOR |
| 69. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL | MAYOR |

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

RESOLUTION #12/13-63

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

BY: ALDERWOMAN DEROSI

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 4, 2012 are hereby approved.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderman Beekman		
Alderman DeRossi		
Alderman Dybas		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

RESOLUTION #12/13-64

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT

BY: ALDERMAN LEGGIERO

RESOLVED, the bills examined by the Common Council and reported herewith as correct and they are, allowed and ordered paid and the City Clerk is authorized and empowered to issue warrants in payment of same.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderwoman Beekman		
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Dybas		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

RESOLUTION #12/13-65

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS

BY: ALDERMAN ISABEL

RESOLVED that Michael Ciotto, residing at, Stamford Avenue, Amsterdam, NY is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Amsterdam, New York for two years effective September 20, 2012.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Beekman		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Dybas		

Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #12/13-66

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL MATCH - BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY
AREA GRANT WATERFRONT HERITAGE AREA**

BY: MAYOR THANE

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam was awarded a grant in the amount of \$87,982 on May 18, 2011 by the New York State Department of State for the Waterfront Heritage Area under the Brownfield Opportunity Area program; and,

WHEREAS, this grant required a local match of 10% of total project cost, in the amount of \$9,775; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council committed to providing the ten percent funding match by Resolution #9/10-53; and,

WHEREAS, said Resolution #9/10-53 did not specify the source of match funds, nor the account in which said match funds were to be placed,

RESOLVED, the City of Amsterdam appropriate \$9,775 to fulfill the match funding requirement; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, said funds are available from _____,
and shall be transferred into the Via Ponte Brownfield Account # H-8097-4002.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Beekman		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Dybas		

Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #12/13-67

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL MATCH - LOCAL WATERFRONT
REVITALIZATION GRANT**

BY: MAYOR THANE

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam was awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 on December 21, 2011 by the New York State Department of State for the a River Walk Feasibility Study; and,

WHEREAS, this grant required a local match of 50% of total project cost, in the amount of \$25,000; and,

RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam appropriate \$25,000 to fulfill the match funding requirement; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said funds are available through _____, and shall be transferred into an account to be created by the Controller, known as the River Walk Project account.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Beekman		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Dybas		

Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #12/13-68

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS

BY: MAYOR THANE

RESOLVED that Daniel Roginski, residing at, Austin Street, Amsterdam, NY is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Amsterdam, New York for two years effective September 20, 2012.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Beekman		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Dybas		

Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

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RESOLUTION #12/13-69

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL

BY: MAYOR THANE

RESOLVED the Mayor is authorized to contract with Delta Dental for employee and retiree dental insurance pursuant to the terms of the attached application for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.



COA Group
Application 10 1 12.d

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderwoman Beekman		
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Dybas		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012

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Ordinance Number 2012-C (to be known as Ordinance Number 2012-6 if adopted)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

The City of Amsterdam, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact as follows:

Chapter 206 of the code of the City of Amsterdam is hereby amended as indicated below: (Note: all underlined items are added material, all struck through items are to be deleted and all other unmodified wording is existing language that will remain in effect.)

ARTICLE VI, Sidewalk Construction [Adopted 4-19-1912]

§206-17. Permitted materials.

A. All sidewalks, curbs and gutters laid, made or constructed in the City of Amsterdam shall be either of stone or, concrete ~~or fine mixed macadam~~. [Amended 9-21-1954]

B. No sidewalk shall be less than five feet wide. When the total width of the sidewalk is more than six feet, the inner edge of the walk will be placed eight inches from the property line, unless otherwise directed by the Director of Public Works.

§206-18. Stone requirements.

When sidewalks, curbs and gutters are constructed of stone, they shall conform to the following specifications:

A. Foundation. There shall be put under all flagging laid a filling of sand, free from loam or other impurities, or clean gravel ~~or coal ashes~~, not less than two inches in depth.

B. Sidewalk. Flagging shall be of good stone, free from wanes and warping, not less than 2 1/2 inches thick. No stone shall be less than five feet in length, except that when building an eight-foot walk, two four-foot stones may be used.

C. Curbs. [Amended 3-6-1917]

(1) Curbing shall be of good quality stone axed to true lines and shall be six inches in thickness, not less than three feet in length and 18 inches in depth.

(2) Granite curbs shall be of dimensions specified above or, if set in a concrete base, shall have a depth of not less than 12 inches. The concrete base shall be of 1:2 and 1/2:5 mixture and shall be at least 12 inches in width at the bottom, extending on the back to within six inches of the top of the curb and shall be of such a depth as to give a bed of at least four inches under any part of the stone or a total depth from the top of the curb of at least 18 inches.

D. Gutters. Gutters shall be constructed by paving next to the curb three feet in width, with cobblestone, vitrified brick, dimension granite block or concrete. Gutter stones must be laid in six inches good sand, gravel or cinders and thoroughly rammed to an even surface.

§206-19. Concrete requirements.

When sidewalks, curbs and gutters are constructed of concrete, they shall conform to the following specifications:

A. Subgrade for walk. The soil shall be excavated to the proper grade and of sufficient depth to receive the sidewalk and the surface rammed solid and graded to conform to finished work. Where soft spots are found, the earth shall be excavated and filled with stone, gravel or hard mill cinders, which shall be wet and thoroughly tamped.

B. Concrete for base. The concrete for base shall consist of one part of portland cement of standard test, two parts of sand and four parts of crushed stone, free from dust, or clean gravel, the aggregates not to exceed 3/4 inch in size.

C. Top finish. The wearing surface shall consist of one part of portland cement and two parts of clean, sharp sand or hard-crushed stone or gravel, not to exceed 1/4 inch in size.

D. Mixing. The sand, cement and aggregate shall be thoroughly mixed dry, when water shall be added to bring the material to proper consistency, and placing the concrete in the forms shall be done within 30 minutes from the time the mixing is completed. All concrete shall be made and mixed after positive measurement of constituent elements so that proper proportions can be obtained.

E. Size and thickness of blocks. Where the width of the walk does not exceed five feet, the slabs shall be divided in sections not to exceed 25 square feet; they shall be four inches thick and shall consist of three-inch concrete base and one-inch top or wearing surface. Where walks are to be six feet in width, not more than 36 square feet shall be contained in each section, and shall be made five inches in thickness, allowing 3 1/2 inches for base and 1 1/2 inches for wearing surface. All walks above six feet shall be of thickness in proportion to the above sizes. [Amended 9-21-1954]

F. Finishing. All top surfaces shall be finished with brush or wooden float and all edges and joints shall be rounded with suitable edging and jointing tools.

G. Joints. One-quarter-inch dividing strips shall be placed at right angles with street line and shall not be removed until after top finish has been struck off, leaving each section separate when finished.

H. Curbs. The subgrade and materials for curbs shall be as per specifications for sidewalks and shall be set to the proper line and grades as established by the City Engineers and shall be built in proper forms and shall be 12 inches in height and six inches in thickness and shall be placed on a subbase six inches thick and one foot wide. The sections shall not be more than six feet in length and shall be separated by a one-fourth-inch joint cut through to the subbase. The outside edge shall be rounded with a suitable tool. The front shall be set plumb and floated to a true surface. The top of curb and sidewalk shall conform to each other and shall be graded towards street 1/4 inch to the foot and finished to a true surface. The base and curb shall be placed in one pouring. [Amended 9-21-1954]

I. Gutters. The gutter shall be six inches thick and one foot wide with the outside edge rounded and shall be of the same specifications as the sidewalk and shall be placed after the curb has been constructed or may be made solid with the curb and shall be brought up to within six inches of top of curb. The top shall be finished with brush and wooden float and the joints shall be 1/4 inch and cut entirely through and to conform as to the length with curb joints. Top graded toward the curb 1/2 inch: Cobblestone, vitrified brick or granite gutters two feet wide shall be constructed next to the concrete gutter herein specified. Gutter stones must be laid in six inches good sand, gravel or cinders and thoroughly rammed to an even surface. [Amended 6-18-1912]

J. Protection. All work shall be sprinkled after initial set and protected from traffic for three days after completion.

K. All dirt and rubbish shall be removed and the premises left clean and in order.

L. All city and state laws and regulations pertaining to work in progress shall be observed.

~~§206-20. Macadam requirements. [Added 9-21-54]~~

~~A. Upon a suitable prepared base, there shall be placed four inches of stone base, compacted and finished to grade, to receive the macadam mix. Upon the rolled base there shall be placed 1-1/2 inches of fine mix macadam to the finished grade.~~

~~B. Rubbish. All dirt and rubbish shall be removed and the premises left clean and in order.~~

§206-21. Directions and supervision.

A. All sidewalks, curbs and gutters shall be made, laid or constructed under the directions and supervision of the Director of Public Works, who shall supervise and determine the width, grade and location of said sidewalks, curbs and gutters where the same shall not have been otherwise determined.

B. No person shall remove a sidewalk or curb adjacent to a city street without written permission of the Director of Public Works.

§206-22. Penalties for offenses.

Any person violating any of the provisions of the foregoing article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of up to one year or both such fine and imprisonment.

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2012