

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Moment of Silence
- V. Adoption of Agenda
- VI. Proclamations
- VII. Public Participation
- VIII. Communications
 - Department Head Presentation:**
 - Susan Alibozek – City Clerk
 - Calvin Cline - Assessor
- IX. Old Business: Tabled Resolutions Nos. 35 & 42
- X. New Business:
 - (a) Resolutions
 - (b) Ordinances:
 - (c) Local Laws:
 - (d) Introduction of Ordinances
 - (e) Introduction of Local Laws:
 - (f) Committee Reports
 - (g) Other: Executive Session for Claims Committee
- XI: Adjournment

6:45 PM Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTIONS

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| .45. RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES | WILLS |
| 46. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT | WILLS |
| 47. RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID – TRANSIT GARAGE REHAB. | WILLS |
| 48. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS – POLICE | ISABEL |
| 49. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SNOW & ICE CONTROL (NYS) | MAYOR |
| 50. RESOLUTION SUSPENDING PROPERTY TAX & USER FEES | FULL COUNCIL |
| 51. RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT | ISABEL |
| 52. RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID – MARKET HILL WATER | MAYOR THANE |

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
AUGUST 16, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12- 35

RESOLUTION DIRECTING ONE PERCENT CUT IN ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS

BY: DEPUTY MAYOR ISABEL AND ALDERMAN WILLS

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Amsterdam to provide sound fiscal policies in this period of economic turmoil, and

WHEREAS, in light of the State mandated two percent tax cap to go into effect next year, and

WHEREAS, we must be diligent and conservative in our expenditures so as to not burden the taxpayers with costs beyond our means to pay now and in the future,

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby directs that all Department Heads including the Mayor to cut their respective budgets by one percent, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all cuts of one percent will be reviewed and verified by the City Controller and placed into the respective contingency account(s), and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any hardship that this resolution may cause to any City Department especially in the field of public safety that that respective Department Head may come before the full Council and request an exemption from this direction and policy and that any subsequent vote to exempt that Department based upon its request would require a majority vote of the entire Budget Committee.

MOTION TO TABLE by Alderman Isabel passed with Aye. Alderwomen Pierce and DeRossi were absent. (9/6/11)

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Pierce		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Wills		

Alderman Leggiero		

Controller		

Mayor Thane		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2010

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12-42

RESOLUTION APPROVING GASD RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

BY: MAYOR THANE

WHEREAS, the City of Amsterdam wishes to enter into an agreement with the Greater Amsterdam School District for a uniformed police officer at the Lynch Literacy Academy,

RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with the Greater Amsterdam School District for said resource officer.

MOTION TO TABLE by Alderman Wills passed with Aye. Alderwomen Pierce and DeRossi were absent. (9/6/11)

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderwoman Pierce		
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Wills		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12-45

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

BY: ALDERMAN WILLS

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of September 6, 2011, prepared by the Amsterdam City Clerk, are hereby adopted and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes made by a Council Member to their own remarks, and submitted within two (2) weeks of the passage of this Resolution, shall be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

_____ Alderman Isabel		
_____ Alderwoman Pierce		
_____ Alderwoman DeRossi		
_____ Alderman Wills		
_____ Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12-46

RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT

BY: ALDERMAN WILLS

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 Pierce	t	
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Wills		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12-47

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID – TRANSIT GARAGE REHABILITATION

BY: ALDERMAN WILLS

WHEREAS, bids were advertised, received and opened by the City Clerk for the transit garage rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from line item H-50-5630-4002, and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder,

RESOLVED, Harkins Mechanical & Construction LLC is hereby awarded the bid for the transit garage rehabilitation in the bid amount of \$187,500.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Pierce		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Wills		

Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #11/12-49

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SNOW AND ICE CONTROL – STATE OF NY

BY: MAYOR THANE

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the Rte 5 & 30 Traffic Reconfiguration and Signal Improvement Project in the City of Amsterdam (PIN#2805.02) within Montgomery County, and

WHEREAS, the State will be unable to do snow and ice control on the above mentioned section of highway with their equipment and the City of Amsterdam agrees to clear State Highway 30 southbound land only from Route 5 west to East Main Street from snow and ice, and

WHEREAS, the City shall sand and salt where dangerous driving conditions exists with abrasives and chemicals furnished by the City of Amsterdam and shall be on hand at all times to the extent necessary for immediate protection against any ice conditions that may occur, and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years and any modification shall be made upon mutual consent of both parties reduced to writing and signed by both parties,

RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents that may be become necessary to implement the agreement set forth above.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderman Pierce		
Alderman DeRossi		
Alderman Wills		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

RESOLUTION #11/12-50

RESOLUTION SUSPENDING PROPERTY TAX AND USER FEES

BY: FULL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, flooding from Irene has caused some of our residents and businesses were at least temporarily, if not permanently, put out of commission, and

WHEREAS, many if not all owners, will not receive any insurance recovery relief due to the declaration of cause or other non-applicable coverage language, and

WHEREAS, the following areas are those affected

South-Side

- Florida Avenue from C Street to Hover Street**
- A Street and B Street, inclusive**
- Hover Street, inclusive**
- Erie Terrace to Gilliland Avenue**

West-End

- West Main Street from Gardiner Street to West city line**
- Division Street from West of city line to Caroline Street (South Side ONLY)**
- Division Street from West of city Line to Steadwell, both sides**
- Steadwell Avenue between West Main Street and Division Street**
- Ann Street between West Main Street and Division Street**
- Henrietta Street between West Main Street and Division Street**
- Evelyn Street between West Main Street and Division Street**
- Caroline Street between West Main Street and Division Street**
- Carmichael Street between Caroline Street and Ann Street**

RESOLVED, all owners of properties deemed inhabitable by Code Enforcement as a result of flooding in the following areas, are suspended from paying City property tax and user fees until such properties are deemed habitable again by Code Enforcement

To All:

The forgiveness of real property taxes is not an authorized action. State action is necessary and appears to be under consideration. We may act with regard to user fees and I will draft an appropriate local law.

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COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderwoman Pierce		
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Wills		
Alderman Leggiero		

CONTROLLER & MAYOR as budget???

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #11/12-51

RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY: ALDERMAN ISABEL

WHEREAS, a reimbursement from NYS DOH for Amsterdam Fire Department personnel’s successful completion of Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Recertification has been received,

RESOLVED, the Controller is authorized to amend the budget as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A-14-3099	NYS Bldg & Code & Fire Aid	\$1,500.00
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

A-14-3410-4056	Training	\$1,500.00
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COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay

Alderman Isabel		

Alderwoman Pierce		

Alderwoman DeRossi		

Alderman Wills		

Alderman Leggiero		

Controller		

Mayor Thane		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY
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RESOLUTION #11/12-52

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID – MARK HILL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

BY: MAYOR THANE

WHEREAS, bids were advertised for, received and opened by the City Clerk for the Market Hill Water System Improvements, and

WHEREAS, John M McDonald Engineering PC has reviewed said bids and recommends awarding the bid to Tom Kubricky Company, Inc.,

RESOLVED, Tom Kubricky Company, Inc. is hereby awarded the bid for the Market Hill Water System Improvements in the amount of \$658,980.00.

COMMON COUNCIL
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Isabel		
Alderwoman Pierce		
Alderwoman DeRossi		
Alderman Wills		
Alderman Leggiero		

ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

Dated: _____, 2011