

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 17, 2022**

**6:00PM**

**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
- 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
- XII: Adjournment
  - 5:00 BRIDGE NY PROJECTS PUBLIC INFO MEETING**
  - 5:30PM COW**
    - 1. Review of Agenda Items
    - 2. Any other business to come before the Council
  - 5:50PM PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG GRANT**

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*OLD BUSINESS*

*NEW BUSINESS*

<b>206. RESOLUTION APPROVING MINUTES</b>	<b>MARTUSCELLO</b>
<b>207. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA REVIEW PURPOSES FOR PROPOSED ZONING MODIFICATIONS OF 19 VROOMAN AVE/ 21-23VROOMAN AVE</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>208. RESOLUTION MAKING REFERRAL TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROPOSED ZONING MODIFICATIONS OF 19 VROOMAN AVENUE AND 21-23 VROOMAN AVENUE</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>
<b>209. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY OF AMSTERDAM PHASE II BOA ASSESSMENT CFA APPLICATION</b>	<b>S. GOMULA</b>
<b>210. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- DPW/ENGINEERING VOLVO LOADER</b>	<b>QUIST-DEMARS</b>
<b>211. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF GOODS- GOLF</b>	<b>S. GOMULA</b>
<b>212. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- ENGINEERING CREATIVE CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>QUIST-DEMARS</b>
<b>213. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT</b>	<b>COLLINS</b>

*INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE A OF 2022 (to be known as Ordinance 1 of 2022 if adopted) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMSTERDAM CITY CODE SECTION 250-6 TO RE-ZONE PARCELS KNOWN AS 19 VROOMAN AVENUE AND 21-23 VROOMAN AVENUE FROM ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF "MEDIUM DENSITY NEIGHBORHOOD" TO "COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR"*

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-206**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**BY: ALDERMAN MARTUSCELLO**

**RESOLVED**, the minutes of the last Common Council Meeting of May 3, 2022 are hereby adopted.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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MICHAEL CINQUANTI, MAYOR

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-207**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA REVIEW PURPOSES FOR PROPOSED ZONING MODIFICATIONS OF 19 VROOMAN AVENUE AND 21-23 VROOMAN AVENUE**

**BY: MAYOR CINQUANTI**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed zoning modifications of 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue having been introduced as Ordinance A of 2022 at the Amsterdam Common Council Meeting held on May 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the prospective adoption of said zoning amendments require review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (6 NYCRR Part 617); and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Amsterdam hereby declares itself lead agency for SEQRA review purposes of said unclassified action; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Amsterdam declares a negative declaration to SEQR on the 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue rezoning project; and

**RESOLVED**, that a Short Environmental Assessment Form be completed for consideration by the City of Amsterdam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held on June 7, 2022 at 5:50 p.m.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-208**

**RESOLUTION MAKING REFERRAL TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 239-m REGARDING PROPOSED ZONING MODIFICATIONS OF 19 VROOMAN AVENUE AND 21-23 VROOMAN AVENUE**

**BY: MAYOR CINQUANTI**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amsterdam having declared itself as lead agency for SEQRA review purposes for a proposed zoning modification for the parcels known as 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue in connection with a prospective expansion of the Creative Connection Clubhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed zoning modifications herein having been introduced as Ordinance A of 2022 at the Amsterdam Common Council Meeting held on May 17, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, referral of this matter to the Montgomery County Planning Board being required pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 239-m; be it

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that referral of this matter is hereby respectfully made to the Montgomery County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law 239-m.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-209**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY OF AMSTERDAM PHASE II BOA ASSESSMENT  
CFA APPLICATION**

**BY: ALDERMAN S. GOMULA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amsterdam, herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable; and

**WHEREAS**, §970-r of the General Municipal Law authorizes State assistance to eligible parties for Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program grants by means of a State Assistance Contract (the contract); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amsterdam deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to enter into a contract therewith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That Amanda Bearcroft is the representative authorized to act in behalf of all applicants in all matters related to State assistance under §970-r of the General Municipal Law for the Project. The representative is also authorized to: sign and submit the application; execute the contract; request payment advances and reimbursements; redistribute contract reimbursements as appropriate; submit Project documentation; and otherwise act for all applicants in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance;
2. That the Applicant intends to complete Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Activities to advance development of DeGraff Street complex: 16 DeGraff Street, SBL 56.13-3-2, Elk Street, SBL 56.13-3-1; Paper Mill Site, 58-62 Forest Avenue, SBL 56.5-3-7; 5 Corners Site, Church Street, SBL 56.5-3-70 & 56.5-3-44; and the Front Street building, front Street, SBL 55.12-1-10.1 identified and described within the East End BOA, Northern Neighborhood BOA, and Waterfront Heritage BOA respectively.
3. That the Applicant requests funds in the amount of \$300,000, representing no more than 90% of the total Project cost;

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4. That the Applicant agrees that it will fund the Applicant's 10% share of the Project;
5. That this Authorization take effect immediately.

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	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-210**

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- DPW/ENGINEERING VOLVO LOADER**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN QUIST-DEMARS**

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds is necessary in order to pay for labor and materials/supplies to repair the Volvo Loader at the DPW; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Controller is authorized to transfer funds from the 21-22 FY budget as follows:

**DECREASE EXPENSE:**

A.1990.4036	Contingency	\$10,707.24
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**INCREASE EXPENSE:**

A.5110.4000	Contractual	\$10,707.24
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City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-211**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF GOODS- GOLF**

**BY: ALDERMAN S. GOMULA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amsterdam golf course has various pieces of equipment that have reached the end of their useful life, and

**WHEREAS**, the general manager at the golf course wishes to dispose of these items and sell anything which still has value, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the common council authorizes the general manager to dispose of the attached list of items located at the golf course.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderwoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderwoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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Potential scrap list

- 1) Troy bilt residential lawn mower



- 2) Ransomes rotary mower



- 3) Craftsman residential lawn mower



- 4) Cushman turf trickster (caught on fire)



- 5) Sand rake machine (carcass)



- 6) Miscellaneous (fridge, oil tanks, hot water heater)



7) Ford Jubilee Tractor - photo attached

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**RESOLUTION #21/22-212**

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS- DPW/ENGINEERING CREATIVE CONNECTIONS ROOF**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN QUIST-DEMARS**

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds is necessary in order to pay for repairs to the roof at Creative Connections Building on East Main Street using funds received from the HFM Prevention Council; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Controller is authorized to transfer funds from the 21-22 FY budget as follows:

<b>DECREASE EXPENSE:</b>		
A.2.705	Gift/Donation	\$16,485.00
<b>INCREASE EXPENSE:</b>		
A.5110.4000	Contractual	\$16,485.00

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
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Alderman Quist-Demars		
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Alderman D. Gomula		
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Alderman Collins		
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**RESOLUTION #21/22-213**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN COLLINS**

**RESOLVED**, the bills and documentation of same presented in “Pre-Check Writing Report Parameter” dated May 17, 2022 to the Common Council and affirmed by the Controller as correct and to be paid, the City Clerk is authorized and empowered to issue warrants in payment of same.

City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderswoman Quist-Demars		
Alderman D. Gomula		
Alderswoman Collins		
Alderman S. Gomula		
Alderman Martuscello		

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**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE A OF 2022 (to be known as Ordinance 1 of 2022 if adopted)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMSTERDAM CITY CODE SECTION 250-6 TO RE-ZONE PARCELS KNOWN AS 19 VROOMAN AVENUE AND 21-23 VROOMAN AVENUE FROM ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF “MEDIUM DENSITY NEIGHBORHOOD” TO “COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR”**

**BY: MAYOR CINQUANTI**

Part 1: Legislative Intent: The City having been recently contacted by Creative Connections Clubhouse, the owner and operator of the building located at 303-305 East Main Street, which is contiguous, with said owner presently in the process of pursuing the purchase of 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue, which is presently zoned “Medium Density Neighborhood” (MDN), with the request being to re-zone said parcel as “Commercial Corridor” (CC) the purpose of the instant ordinance is to modify the zoning map of the City of Amsterdam to re-zone the parcels known as 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue from a zoning designation of “MDN” to a zoning designation of “CC”

Part 2: Modification – Amsterdam City Code, Section 250-6, which is the section that pertains to the zoning map of the City of Amsterdam, is amended to classify the parcels known as 19 Vrooman Avenue and 21-23 Vrooman Avenue to be inclusive of the “CC” zoning classification.

Part 3: Effectiveness: Following a public hearing, an adoption of a negative declaration for SEQRA review purposes and upon ratification by the Common Council, the instant Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to Section C33 of the Charter.