



**April 21, 2026
CITY OF AMSTERDAM
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Notice of Public Hearing

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No one from the public spoke.

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CITY OF AMSTERDAM COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cinquanti called the April 21, 2026, meeting of the City of Amsterdam Common Council to order at 5:59pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Cinquanti led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated five (5) members were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Alderswoman Collins made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of five (5) consent resolutions.

PROCLAMATIONS

None at this time

COMMUNICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

None at this time

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chet Watroba of Austin Street spoke regarding the following topics: WCSS Radio providing national news and not local news, the appointment of Rory Christian as the Chair & CEO of NYSERDA, the cost of cable, electricity and utility bills being 50% more than other states, the increase of cable three times in one year, and his concern with a 65% graduation rate for the Greater Amsterdam School District, asking for an explanation as a tax payor as to why this rate is so low.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Attached to minutes.

Additional Discussion: City Engineer, Mike Clark, advised the Council the 2026 Street Paving Program should begin early May 2026. The field and asphalt adjustment costs could increase a little. The targets are \$2 million in paving and \$156,000 Crescent Avenue Bridge, which is the City's 5% match to the federal funding of the project. This would bring the total to just under \$2.2 million, leaving \$500,000 in CHIPS money in reserve. \$100,000 would be contingency monies for additional work for any unforeseen conditions. Alderswoman Quist-Demars asked if there was a final list of streets for the paving project. Mike printed copies and provided them to the Council members. Mayor Cinquanti stated the list was finalized by Mike and his assistant Alyssa, as they drove around the City and came up with their final recommendations.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Attached to minutes.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Attached to minutes.

Additional Discussion: City Controller, Louise Biron, stated the report showed nine months of spending and added everything is "on track" and the Contingency Fund still looks healthy. Louise stated she is actively working on the budget. Mayor Cinquanti added he is hoping to have the budget done this week. The delay in the State budget is contributing to the City budget being up in the air. Assumptions are being made for the budget to be finalized.

Louise let everyone know that Bonadio will be at the May 5th meeting to present their audit findings.

Mayor Cinquanti advised that the \$1.1 million reimbursement from the State Restructuring Program was received which will pay off the bond, which was taken out while waiting for the reimbursement.



Alderman Holoday stated if all of the funds on the report were totaled, the result would be -\$11,659 and asked Controller Biron what "name" she would give to said total. Louise stated this would be the total revenue deficit. Alderman Holoday asked if this should be added to the report each month. Louise stated this was "tough" as this is every month. This is not ideal for this report format. She added that this number is what will be recorded at the end of the year. Mayor Cinquanti stated this is a summary and the total revenue deficit doesn't mean anything until the end of the fiscal year.

Alderman Martuscello asked Controller Biron, for the interpretation of the General Fund: 82% revenue and 87% expenditures which are within a 5% difference, however the difference shows -\$1,134,726. Louise stated this will change quite a bit and the expenditures show encumbrances. She stated she has no cause for concern and will end the year as expected.

WARD UPDATES

None at this time

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES FROM LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING** **COLLINS**
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 2. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE REGISTERED AGENT PENALTIES FOR 366 WEST MAIN STREET** **MARTUSCELLO**
Discussion: Alderman Martuscello stated this property is owned by the Canal Corporation and is located across from Russo's Restaurant. Controller Biron advised this property should never have been placed on the Registered Agent list. Mayor Cinquanti added City Assessor, Dan Maxwell, is putting together a list of properties which should not be on the Registered Agent list.
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS – POST UV SODA ASH PUMPS** **CARPENTER**
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 4. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT** **COLLINS**
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 5. RESOLUTION TO WRITE OFF PROPERTY TAXES FOR 123 N. MATHIAS AVENUE** **CARPENTER**
Discussion: Alderman Carpenter stated this was an administrative error and the City is working with the homeowner to transfer the property back to them.
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 6. RESOLUTION WAIVING 30-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE – DAN'S BACKYARD BBQ LLC dba RIVER'S EDGE 2.0** **MARTUSCELLO**
This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

- 7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH DAN'S BACKYARD BBQ, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES AT RIVERLINK PARK** **MARTUSCELLO**
Discussion: Alderman Martuscello advised after the last meeting, a couple of things needed to be modified to the contract, including removing the tent. Alderwoman Quist-Demars stated she noticed in Part 3, the Concessionaire Review. Alderwoman Quist-Demars also stated she liked #8, regarding the equipment. Mayor Cinquanti stated the equipment which was currently leased will not be needed. Alderwoman Quist-Demars asked if the previous concessionaire would be removing their equipment. Mayor Cinquanti stated "yes." Alderwoman Quist-Demars asked what is the City's equipment. Mayor Cinquanti stated all that is left is the City's. Dan will be bringing his own equipment. Alderwoman Quist-Demars stated she was pleased to see "Attachment A" to the contract showing the list of equipment owned by the City. Mayor Cinquanti elaborated on the performance review stating this would be done after one year. The contract can be terminated with proper notice. Issues would



be discussed and the decision would always come back to the Council.

This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

8. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR STIPEND TO CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM IN COURTS AND COURT MATTERS OTHER THAN AMSTERDAM CITY COURT

COLLINS

Discussion: Mayor Cinquanti stated this resolution is regarding State Supreme Court Cases. These have increased over the years and additional time is needed. This is a solution to handle these cases without having to hire additional counsel. Alderman Carpenter asked if there was an “up to amount.” Mayor Cinquanti advised the following resolution states the amount is up to \$10,000 and that Corporation Counsel would show documentation of additional work. Alderwoman Quist-Demars asked what would happen if the amount goes above \$10,000. Mayor Cinquanti advised the matter would be brought before the Council. He also advised this a guess as to how much will be needed. Corporation Counsel is working on coming up with documentation as to why there has been an increase of cases. Alderman Holoday asked if \$250 per hour is the going rate. Mayor Cinquanti advised the going rate is \$300 per hour. Alderwoman Quist-Demars stated the Union pays \$500 per hour. Alderman Carpenter asked how many times Corporation Counsel went to Supreme Court last year. Corporation Counsel stated he did not know.

This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

9. RESOLUTION 2025-26 BUDGET TRANSFER – CORPORATION COUNSEL STIPEND

COLLINS

Discussion: Alderman Carpenter asked if these would be billable hours. Mayor Cinquanti advised \$250 per hour, billable.

This resolution was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

**10. ORDINANCE “A” OF 2026 (to be known as Ordinance #1 of 2026 if adopted) – Voted Upon
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 73-32A OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY CODE PERTAINING TO DOG
LICENSING FEES**

COLLINS

This Ordinance was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

**11. ORDINANCE “B” OF 2026 (to be known as Ordinance #2 of 2026 if adopted) – Voted Upon
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING AMSTERDAM CITY CODE SECTION 228-48: SCHEDULE XIV: NO STOPPING –
SOUTH SIDE OF NORTHERN BLVD AT CLIZBE AVE**

HOLODAY

This Ordinance was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

**12. ORDINANCE “C” OF 2026 (to be known as Ordinance #3 of 2026 if adopted) – Voted Upon
AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING AMSTERDAM CITY CODE SECTION 228-47: SCHEDULE XIII: PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES: CLIZBE AVENUE, BOTH SIDES BETWEEN 133 CLIZBE AVENUE AND 2ND
STREET**

HOLODAY

This Ordinance was passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS UPDATE/SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

None at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Alderman Carpenter to go into Executive Session at 6:29pm. Alderwoman Collins made a motion to end Executive session at 6:53pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Collins made a motion to end the meeting at 6:55pm which passed with ayes from all five (5) Council members present.



City of Amsterdam

Engineering Department

61 Church Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Engineering – 518-841-4331
Permits/Inspections – 518- 841-4319
Plumbing Inspector – 518- 841-4330
Fax – 518- 841-4310

Michael A. Clark, P.E., City Engineer

Report of the City Engineer

To: Common Council
Date: April 21, 2026
Cc: Mayor, City Clerk

- **2026 Street Paving Program is anticipated to begin early May 2026.**
- Broadway Hill sanitary sewer improvements –construction to start early May 2026.
- CDBG Demolition project is **SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE**. All 23 of the base bid properties have been demolished. The Edson Street debris pile has been hauled out. The added 2nd Avenue property Ris also complete.
- Crescent Avenue Bridge – **Bridge is closed to traffic. Demolition is completed. Pile driving is completed. Concrete integral abutments are in place. Steel superstructure is in place.**
 - Construction Schedule:
 - Concrete deck - May-June 2026
 - Railings, approach work - June-July 2026
 - Substantial Completion - July 2026
- Work on the Filters at the water plant is complete for filter#5 with the next in line for replacement. Three remain to be replaced.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project is at 95% design. Engineering staff reviewed and met with ARCADIS. Schedule is tentative until design approval is issued.



City of Amsterdam
Monthly Clerk's Report
April 2026

<u>Task</u>	<u>March</u>			<u>March</u>	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>New 2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Birth Certificates	160	157	3	34	30
Death Certificates	151	150	1	31	32
Dog Licenses	77	80	-3	32	38
Marriage Certificates	18	25	-7	6	5

<u>Total Foils Processed</u>		<u>72</u>
Accident	10	
Police Incidents	27	
Misc	5	
Property Inquiries	30	

<u>Handicap Placards</u>		<u>43</u>
Permanent	39	
Temporary	4	

Notary Requests	17
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Updates:

Forward movement on NextRequest by CivicPlus; expected "Go Live" date 04.29.26

- Training for all users was today: everyone who currently provides information for FOIL requests should be trained
- Emails being sent to those who frequently request property information on 4.24
- Flyer with QR Code has been created for walk-ins
- Link to be posted on website on 4.29

City of Amsterdam - Controller's Report

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance

GENERAL FUND	Adjusted 2026 Budget	Actual as of 3/31/2026	%
REVENUE	22,173,552	18,077,942	82%
EXPENDITURES	22,172,552	19,212,668	87%
Difference:		(1,134,726)	
<i>Interfund transfer to Golf (included in expenses):</i>		(305,673)	
WATER FUND	Adjusted 2026 Budget	Actual as of 3/31/2026	%
REVENUE	6,672,428	5,285,960	79%
EXPENDITURES	6,672,428	4,898,429	73%
Difference:		387,531	
SEWER FUND	Adjusted 2026 Budget	Actual as of 3/31/2026	%
REVENUE	6,366,758	5,678,655	89%
EXPENDITURES	6,366,758	5,003,849	79%
Difference:	-	674,806	

SANITATION FUND	Adjusted 2026 Budget	Actual as of 3/31/2026	%																		
REVENUE	3,140,816	2,314,111	74%																		
EXPENDITURES	3,140,816	2,559,044	81%																		
Difference:		(244,933)																			
GOLF FUND	Adjusted 2026 Budget	Actual as of 3/31/2026	%																		
REVENUE	940,373	726,240	77%																		
EXPENDITURES	940,373	627,295	67%																		
Difference:		98,945																			
<i>Interfund transfer from General Fund (included in revenue):</i>		305,673																			
<p>These statements reflect 9 months of activity for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Contingency balances as of 3/31/2026 are as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Budgeted:</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Available:</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">530,300</td> <td style="text-align: right;">390,430</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">430,882</td> <td style="text-align: right;">287,780</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sewer Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">413,350</td> <td style="text-align: right;">233,350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sanitation Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">223,495</td> <td style="text-align: right;">223,495</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Golf Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>Budgeted:</u>	<u>Available:</u>	General Fund:	530,300	390,430	Water Fund:	430,882	287,780	Sewer Fund:	413,350	233,350	Sanitation Fund:	223,495	223,495	Golf Fund:	30,000	25,000
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