

SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

for
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Room 110

The Council President reserves the right to add or delete any agenda item prior to Committee Meeting.

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| 1 | Reminder - Chapter 183 of the Schenectady City Code Entitled "Nuisances" (PH will be on 02-23-2026) | Maxine Barasch |
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City Development & Planning

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| 1 | Reminder - Adding the Definition of Battery Energy Storage Facilities to Section 264-2 of the Schenectady City Code to Allow Battery Energy Storage Facilities in Designated Districts (PH was held on 12-22-2025) | Alexandria Carver |
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| 3 | CR - Marsha Mortimore | Carl Williams |
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Claims

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| 1 | Charter Communications vs. City of Schenectady | Maxine Barasch |
| 2 | TGS Partnership, Schenectady Anesthesia, 1201 Nott Street Associates, Nott Street 303 LLC v. City of Schenectady | Maxine Barasch |
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| 4 | Dittmar vs. City of Schenectady | Maxine Barasch |
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**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Development and Planning

DATE: 02/12/2026

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Alexandria Carver, Director of Development

SUBJECT: Hamilton Hill Arts Center ARPA Budget Amendment

Background Information:

Hamilton Hill Arts Center (HHAC) is the recipient of a \$1,200,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) award for Phase 2 of its Cultural Campus project at 412 Schenectady Street. HHAC has requested an amendment to the approved ARPA project scope and budget to allow eligible ARPA funds to support work at 409 Schenectady Street in addition to the approved work at 412 Schenectady Street.

Due to procurement and construction timelines, HHAC has identified a risk that limiting ARPA-funded work solely to 412 Schenectady Street may prevent full expenditure of ARPA funds by the required deadline. Expanding the eligible scope to include work at 409 Schenectady Street will allow HHAC to advance both sites simultaneously, maintain project momentum, and ensure timely expenditure of ARPA funds. No additional ARPA funding is requested; this amendment is within the existing approved award.

Evaluation/Analysis:

Approval of this request will allow the City to support timely and compliant expenditure of ARPA funds while reducing schedule risk associated with the Cultural Campus project. The proposed scope amendment aligns with ARPA eligibility requirements and supports continued progress on both project sites without increasing the City's total ARPA commitment.

Recommendation:

Approval of this request will allow the City to support timely and compliant expenditure of ARPA funds while reducing schedule risk associated with the Cultural Campus project. The proposed scope amendment aligns with ARPA eligibility requirements and supports continued progress on both project sites without increasing the City's total ARPA commitment.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY_____



The African – American Cultural Arts Center of the Capital Region

THE HAMILTON HILL ARTS CENTER

Alexandria Carver
Department of Development
City of Schenectady
105 Jay St #14
Schenectady, NY 12305

Dear Alex,

Hamilton Hill Arts Center respectfully requests an amendment to our approved ARPA project scope and budget to allow eligible ARPA funds to support work at 409 Schenectady Street, alongside the work planned at 412 Schenectady Street (Phase 2: Museum/Gallery & Performance Center). Our intent is to advance both sites simultaneously, continuing progress at 412 while initiating the next necessary steps at 409, so that the overall Cultural Campus project stays on schedule and ARPA funds can be expended within the required deadline.

Given current timelines, we anticipate receiving notification of additional funds for the Museum/Gallery & Performance Center at 412 on a schedule that may not allow sufficient time to complete procurement and construction quickly enough to fully spend the ARPA allocation by the deadline. Expanding eligible ARPA use to include 409 will allow HHAC to continue moving the full project forward and spend down ARPA funds efficiently while maintaining momentum on the Cultural Campus implementation.

Summary of Requested Amendment

Current ARPA Award: \$1,200,000

Request: Amend the approved scope/budget to permit ARPA reimbursement for eligible costs at 409 Schenectady Street, in addition to work at 412 Schenectady Street

Project Approach: Proceed with 412 and 409 simultaneously to maintain the schedule and ensure timely ARPA expenditure

No additional ARPA funds requested: This request is a scope/budget amendment within the existing award, as permitted by program requirements

Proposed Work at 409 Schenectady Street (Initial Scope)

Work at 409 would begin immediately with:

Empty the building and store items

Demolition associated with preparing the site for safe and compliant use and/or next-phase construction activities

Architectural drawings and design development to establish a clear scope and bid pathway

Asbestos abatement (as required and in compliance with all applicable regulations)

Roof building and rooftop units

Core systems -Plumbing, electricity,

409 Schenectady Street

Schenectady, NY 12307

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The benefit of advancing 412 and 409 together advancing both sites at once will:

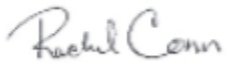
Maintain forward progress on the overall Cultural Campus implementation

Reduce schedule risk by ensuring preparatory work at 409 does not delay later phases

Create a realistic pathway to expend ARPA funds by the deadline, given procurement and construction sequencing realities

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We would welcome the opportunity to meet this week to review the proposed scope adjustment and confirm the quickest path to approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Conn".

Rachel Conn
Executive Director



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: 1/16/2026

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Chief George Burns

SUBJECT: Request to accept Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Background Information: The Schenectady Fire Department is currently challenged by the consistent difficulty in providing the necessary annual training requirements, which subsequently prevents the delivery of any supplemental professional development courses.

To address this critical need and enhance our personnel's professional capabilities, the Schenectady Fire Department has applied for Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding.

The funding is essential, as it will facilitate crucial additional training by covering personnel's salary costs for attending the **Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)**. Furthermore, Captains and all superior ranks will be provided with the **Fire Instructor II (FI II)** and **Fire Officer II (FOII)** courses.

The acquisition of the FI II and FO II certifications is pivotal for SFD, as it will enable us to initiate a comprehensive Professional Development plan. This plan is designed to equip our officers with the necessary leadership competencies for advancement.

Additionally, the FI II certifications will significantly aid in closing existing gaps in our mandated training schedule. By certifying additional officers as instructors, we will be able to develop and integrate new lesson plans into the annual training curriculum, substantially improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our ongoing training program.

Evaluation/Analysis: Realizing that funds would not be available to cover the salary cost and backfill for personnel attending training courses, the Fire Department applied and received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding. \$201,933.85 was secured with federal AFG Funding with a \$20,193.39 matching fund from the City of Schenectady for a total of \$222,127.24.

Recommendation: Training is mission-critical for the fire department and directly impacts public safety, operational readiness, and personal well-being. Investing in our most valuable resource, our people, is essential. I recommend that the City Council accept the funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY _____



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: 1/16/2026

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Chief George Burns

SUBJECT: Request to accept Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER)

Background Information: The fire department is currently addressing a significant challenge in maintaining adequate staffing levels, primarily due to a merging of anticipated retirements and a broader decline in interest in emergency services careers within the current employment market. Several years ago, the department proactively initiated a comprehensive recruitment plan to address this deficit. While the plan has been successful in attracting new talent, a key challenge remains: the extensive training and certification process for recruits requires approximately 15 months to complete. During this training period, the department regrettably continues to experience personnel losses. In 2026, the department has five known retirements confirmed, and an additional five to six potential retirements. To effectively mitigate this constant staffing deficit and preempt the impact of the 15-month certification process, the department must hire new personnel in advance of the projected retirement dates. This strategic pre-hiring is essential to ensure a continuous and compliant workforce.

Evaluation/Analysis: Personnel are costly. Contractual obligations equate to approximately 96% of the department's budget. The strategy of proactive hiring – engaging new recruits before pending retirements to offset the certification lag – requires adding temporary, unrealized personnel costs to the department's total budgeted figure. This is a necessary financial challenge required to maintain consistent service levels.

Recognizing the financial impact of this critical strategy, the department successfully applied for and was awarded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

This crucial federal funding will enable the department to proactively hire 10 new firefighters, thereby mitigating the anticipated staffing deficit without solely relying on municipal funds during the initial training phase. The federal financial allocation over the first 3 years equals \$2,008,304.50, and the City of Schenectady's financial allocation over the first 3 years equals \$1,248,710.00. A further breakdown of the allocations is: year 1, federal 75%, city 25%; year 2, federal 75%, city 25%; and year 3, federal 35%, city 65%.

Recommendation: Personnel are our most valuable resource. With inadequate staffing and an extremely high call volume of approximately 19,500 incidents per year, we are realizing the strain this is placing on our workforce.

The decision to proactively hire the proposed 10 recruits, facilitated by the SAFER Grant, is a strategic imperative. It directly addresses the staffing deficit and, equally important, serves as a crucial measure of support and investment in the existing personnel who continue to manage the daily high-demand call volume.

The hiring of these 10 personnel represents a necessity that would eventually have to be undertaken regardless of external funding. The SAFER Grant provides the essential financial bridge required to initiate hiring immediately, circumventing the 15-month training lag. Therefore, I recommend that the City Council accept the SAFER Grant funds. This will allow the fire department to continue our staffing plan, ensure long-term operational readiness, and support the well-being of its dedicated personnel.

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**CITY COUNCIL
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK**

Councilmember

Offered the Following:

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 183, of the Schenectady City Code to reflect the updates in the New York State Penal Law.

The Council of the City of Schenectady in regular meeting convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose: To amend the Schenectady City Code to reflect the changes in the New York State Penal Law.

Section 2. Section 183-1(B)(1) of the Schenectady City Code is amended as follows:

Article I. Nuisance Abatement

Section 183-1. Legislative findings; nuisances enumerated; abatement.

A. Declaration of legislative findings.

(1) The Council finds that public nuisances exist in the City of Schenectady in the operation of certain establishments and the use of property in flagrant violation of certain **Penal Law** and Municipal Code provisions, which nuisances substantially and seriously interfere with the interest of the public in the quality of life and total community environment, commerce in the City, property values and the public health, safety and welfare.

(2) The Council further finds that the continued occurrence of such activities and violations is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Schenectady and of the businesses thereof and the visitors thereto. It is the purpose of the Council to authorize and empower the Mayor to impose sanctions and penalties for such public nuisances, and such powers of the Mayor may be exercised either in conjunction with or apart from the powers contained in other laws without prejudice to the use of procedures and remedies available under such other laws.

(3) The Council further finds that the sanctions and penalties imposed by the Mayor pursuant to this chapter constitute an additional and appropriate method of law enforcement in response to the proliferation of the above-described public nuisances. The sanctions and penalties are

reasonable and necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the people of the City and to promote the general welfare.

B. Public nuisances defined. For purposes of this section, a public nuisance shall be deemed to exist whenever through violations of any of the following provisions resulting from separate incidents at a building, erection or place, 12 or more points are accumulated within a period of 12 months, or 18 or more points within a period of 24 months, in accordance with the following point system. Where more than one violation occurs during a single incident, the total points for the incident shall be the highest point value assigned to any single violation.

(1) The following violations shall be assigned a point value of six points:

(a) Article 220 of the Penal Law (controlled substances offenses).

(b) Article ~~221~~ 222 of the Penal Law (offenses involving marijuana).

(c) Article 225 of the Penal Law (gambling offenses).

(d) Article 230 of the Penal Law (prostitution offenses).

(e) Sections 165.40, 165.45, 165.50, 165.52 and 165.54 of the Penal Law (criminal possession of stolen property).

(f) The **Alcoholic Beverage Control Law**.

(g) Article 265 of the Penal Law (firearms and other dangerous weapons).

(h) Sections 260.20 and 260.21 of the Penal Law (unlawfully dealing with a child).

(i) Article 263 of the Penal Law (sexual performance by a child).

(j) Section 415-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law (vehicle dismantlers).

(k) Section 175.10 of the Penal Law (falsifying business records).

(l) Sections 170.65 and 170.70 of the Penal Law (forgery of and illegal possession of a vehicle identification number).

(m) Possession, use, sale or offer for sale of any alcoholic beverage in violation of Article 18 of the Tax Law, or of any cigarette or tobacco products in violation of Article 20 of the Tax Law.

(n) Article 158 of the Penal Law, (welfare fraud).

(o) Article 178 of the Penal Law (criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions).

(p) Section 147 of the Social Services Law (food stamp program fraud).

(q) Any other felony under New York State law.

(r) Chapter 182 of the Code (noise).

(2) The following violations shall be assigned a point value of four points:

(a) Chapter 167 of the Code (housing standards and property maintenance).

(b) Operating a business during hours which the business is required to be closed pursuant to Chapter 264 of the Code (Zoning Ordinance).

(c) Allowing persons on the premises in excess of occupancy limits.

(d) Any other misdemeanor under New York State law.

(3) The following violations shall be assigned a point value of three points:

(a) Chapter 192 of the Code (peace and good order).

(b) Chapter 144 of the Code (dogs and other animals).

(c) Chapter 260 of the Code (weights and measures; trade practices).

(d) Chapter 126 of the Code (alcoholic beverages).

(e) Suffering or permitting the premises to become disorderly, including suffering or permitting fighting or lewdness.

(f) Any other violation under New York State Law or under the City Code of Schenectady.

(4) For purposes of this section, a conviction for an offense in a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative bureau shall not be required. Instead, the City shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the violations have occurred. However, a conviction, as defined and applied in accordance with the provisions of § **1.20** of the Criminal Procedure Law, in any court of competent jurisdiction, or a written acknowledgment of violation in a civil compromise proceeding in the Bureau of Consumer Protection, shall constitute conclusive proof of a violation. Conviction of an attempt to commit a violation of any of the specified provisions shall be considered a conviction for a violation of the specified provision.

C.

Abatement. For the purposes of this chapter, "abatement" shall mean a concerted effort by a person with an interest in a licensed business to severely diminish or eliminate the activity or activities constituting the nuisance found to exist at or within the premises. Abatement may include, by way of example and not exclusion: hiring of security personnel, lighting changes, video or audio monitoring equipment, signage, cooperation with police and other enforcement agencies, bureaus, departments and authorities, eviction or court action.

§ 183-2 Powers of Mayor with respect to public nuisances.

A. In ~~in~~ the event that a licensee does not abate the nuisance, the Mayor may by written order decide to hold a hearing at which he or his designee shall preside. The hearing shall be open to the public, and shall be upon at least five days' notice. At any such hearing or continuation thereof, the licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, and all persons shall have the right to present evidence, witnesses or proof, not limited to that evidence, witnesses or proof entitled to be introduced into courts.

B. In addition to the enforcement procedures established elsewhere, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, after notice and opportunity for a hearing with respect to a public nuisance, shall be authorized:

- (1)** To order the closing of the building, erection or place to the extent necessary to abate the nuisance;
- (2)** To suspend for a period not to exceed six months or revoke for a period of one year a certificate of use issued for such premises, and to prevent the operator from obtaining a new certificate of use for another location for the period of suspension or revocation;
- (3)** To suspend for a period not to exceed six months or revoke for a period of one year any occupational license or permit issued by the City related to the conduct of a business or trade at the premises, which suspension or revocation shall also apply to any other locations operated by the holder for which the license or permit is required; or
- (4)** Any combination of the above.

C. Service of notice.

(1) Prior to the issuance of orders by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee pursuant to this section, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall give notice and opportunity for a hearing to the owner, lessor, lessee and mortgagee of a building, erection or place wherein the public nuisance is being conducted, maintained or permitted. Such notice shall be served upon an owner pursuant to Article 3 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, upon a lessor or lessee pursuant to § 735 of the Real Property

Actions and Proceedings Law, and upon a mortgage means of certified mail, return receipt requested, sent to the mortgagee's last known address, or by service upon the Clerk of the City if a rental certificate for the building has been issued, provided that any service other than delivery to the person to be served shall be complete immediately upon delivery, mailing or posting without the necessity of filing proof of service with the clerk of any court or agency before the hearing. The person in whose name the real estate affected by the orders of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee as recorded in the office of the County Clerk shall be presumed to be the owner thereof. Proceedings shall be commenced by service of the notice and opportunity for a hearing within 60 days after the occurrence of the most recent violation cited in the notice.

(2) The lack of knowledge of, acquiescence or participation in or responsibility for a public nuisance on the part of the owners, lessors, lessees, mortgagees and all those persons in possession or having charge of as agent or otherwise, or having any interest in the property, real or personal used in conducting or maintaining the public nuisance, shall not be a defense by such owners, lessors and lessees, mortgagees and such other persons.

D. Orders of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee issued pursuant to this section shall be posted at the building, erection or place where a public nuisance exists or is occurring in violation of law and shall be mailed to the owner of record thereof within one business day of the posting.

E. Five business days after the posting of an order issued pursuant to this section and upon the written directive of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, officers of the Schenectady Police Department are authorized to act upon and enforce such orders.

F. Where the Mayor or the Mayor's designee closes a building, erection or place pursuant to this section, such closing shall be for such period as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee may direct, but in no event shall the closing be for a period of more than one year from the posting of the order pursuant to this section. If the owner, lessor or lessee shall file a bond in an amount determined by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee but which may not exceed the value of the property ordered to be closed and submit proof satisfactory to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee that the nuisance has been abated and will not be created, maintained or permitted for such period of time as the building, erection or place has been directed to be closed by the order of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, then the Mayor or the Mayor's designee may vacate the provisions of the order that direct the closing of the building, erection or place.

G. A closing directed by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee pursuant to this section shall not constitute an act of possession, ownership or control by the City of the closed premises.

H. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to use or occupy or to permit any other person to use or occupy any building, erection or place or portion thereof ordered closed by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. Mutilation or removal of a posted order of the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or both, provided that such order contains therein a notice of such penalty.

I. Intentional disobedience or resistance to any provision of the orders issued by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee pursuant to this section, in addition to any other punishment prescribed by law,

shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

J. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out and give full effect to the provisions of this section.

K. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this section and the application of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be rendered invalid thereby.

L. The Mayor shall prepare a quarterly report to be submitted to City Council summarizing the actions taken under this section and indicating the results of such actions.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately

Approved as Form

__day December 2025

Maxine Barasch, Esq.

Corporation Counsel

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**CITY COUNCIL
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK**

ORDINANCE NO.

Councilmember

offered the following:

An Ordinance Adding the Definition of Battery Energy Storage Facility to Section 264-2 of the Schenectady Zoning Code and Amending Schedule B of Chapter 264 of the Zoning Code to Allow Battery Energy Storage Facilities in the C-5, M-1 and M-2 Zoning Districts by Special Use Permit.

The Council of the City of Schenectady in regular meeting ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The City of Schenectady Zoning Code, Chapter 264, needs to be updated to include the developing technology of Battery Energy Storage Facilities.

Section 2. Section 264-2 is to be amended to add the following definition: **BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**—One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy in order to supply electrical energy at a future time, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle, or as defined by the New York State Energy Development Authority (NYSERDA). A Battery Energy storage system is classified as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System as follow:

- A. Tier 1 B Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity less than or equal to 600kWh, and, if in a room or enclosed area, consist of only a single energy storage system technology. This definition is intended to mirror the NYSERDA definition for Tier 1 Battery Energy Storage Systems and will change to conform with any future NYSERDA definition changes.
- B. Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600kWh or are comprised of more than one storage technology in a room or in enclosed or exterior area. This definition is intended to mirror the NYSERDA definition for Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems and will change to conform with any future NYSERDA definition changes.

Section 3. Schedule B, Attachment 2, of Chapter 264 is amended to add to the Table of Uses for Non-Residential Districts: Tier 1 Battery Energy Storage Facilities, in all residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts subject to a building permit. Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Facilities, in the C-5, M-1 and M-2 Districts by Special Use Permit with a reference note to the NYSERDA standards for such facilities. Special Use Permit application must be in conformance with current NYERDA standards.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this
__day of January 2026.

Maxine Barasch, Esq.
Corporation Counsel

New language underlined and highlighted.

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**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Development and Planning

DATE: 02/12/2026

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Alexandria Carver, Director of Development

SUBJECT: NRSA Renewal Call for Public Hearing

Background Information:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved the City of Schenectady's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) renewal. HUD regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan require a public hearing to allow residents and stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on the NRSA Plan during the 30-day public comment period.

Evaluation/Analysis:

Approval of this request allows the City to meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) public participation requirements associated with the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) renewal. Holding the public hearing ensures transparency, provides an opportunity for public input, and allows the City to proceed with implementation of the approved NRSA designation without delay.

Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the request to call a public hearing on March 9, 2026, during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in Room 209, to receive public comment on the NRSA renewal.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY _____



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Buffalo Field Office
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Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 551-5755

February 9, 2026

Ms. Alexandria T. Carver
Director of Development
City of Schenectady
City Hall - Room 206
105 Jay Street
Schenectady, NY 12305-1970

Dear Ms. Carver:

SUBJECT: Approval of Renewal of Existing Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan

During the past couple of months, the City of Schenectady has been working on renewing its NRSA plan in light of the previously approved one that concluded. HUD encourages jurisdictions to adopt Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSA) as a way to target CDBG resources in support of community revitalization efforts. Schenectady submitted a renewal of their NRSA plan for HUD's approval, via email on August 14, 2025. HUD must approve an NRSA prior to it being entered in the IDIS as an amendment and prior to implementation.

The NRSA Plan submitted by the City of Schenectady has been reviewed and determined to be approved based on CDBG and Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.15. The NRSA designation is approved for a five-year period starting March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2031. The next Con Plan submitted by the City should include the NRSA. Reporting on the NRSA should be included in each year of the City's CAPER for program year ending June 30th.

We congratulate the City on the renewal of their targeted strategy to revitalize a neighborhood(s) in collaboration with the residents and local partners. We look forward to working with the City of Schenectady and learning of the results of this effort.

Based on this approval of the NRSA, Schenectady must enter an amendment in the 2025 Consolidated Plan in IDIS for HUD review and approval as well. If you have any questions please contact Jermaine Jackson, Community Planning and Development Representative, on 716-646-7009, or at jermaine.q.jackson@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. McClam
Acting Director
Community Planning and
Development Division



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Councilman Carl Williams

SUBJECT: Ceremonial resolution for Marsha Mortimore

Background Information:

Marsha Mortimore, a beloved community leader and historian of Black history, passed away on December 27, 2025. Mrs. Mortimore was a long-time resident of Schenectady and highly involved in the community. She is an author and has made numerous contributions to the City of Schenectady

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

The Schenectady City Council pass a resolution in honor of Marsha Mortimore.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY _____



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of Vacant lot, Willowcreek Avenue (60.40-2-20)

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY Development



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of Vacant lot, 274 Duane Avenue

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY Development



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of Vacant lot, 405 Duane Avenue

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY Development



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of 814 Bedford Road

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY Development



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of 942 Emmett Street

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

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**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: City Development & Planning

DATE: 02/17/26

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Development

SUBJECT: Sale of 1013 Delamont Avenue

Background Information:

Evaluation/Analysis:

Recommendation:

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