



CITY OF ONEIDA
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
109 N. MAIN ST., ONEIDA, NY 13421

AGENDA

Date:	November 4, 2026	Presiding:	Rick Rossi, Mayor
Time:	6:30 p.m.	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular ☒ Special ☐

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

PROCLAMATION: Extra Mile Day-David Stirpe (Recipient)

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the City of Oneida regarding the use of storage trailers and other containers in the City of Oneida

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to 3 minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

CITY MANAGER'S REMARKS:

Approval of the Minutes: October 20, 2026
October 27, 2026 (Budget Meeting)

Approval of Warrant: 21

Item	Title	Facilitator
1.	ADOPT LOCAL LAW: adopt a Local Law imposing a six (6) month moratorium on Commercial Free-Standing Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems within the City of Oneida (Roll Call Vote)	CITY MANAGER
2.	MISC. UTILITY BILLING: receive and place on file the City of Oneida Miscellaneous Utility Billing for unpaid service charges, water rents and sewer taxes; authorize the charges in the 2026 assessment roll to be re-levied onto the 2027 tax roll, and schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 17, 2025, at 6:30p.m. in Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main St. Oneida (Report will be provided prior to the meeting-not available until after October 31)	CITY MANAGER
3.	MASTER FEE SCHEDULE: adopt the Master Fee Schedule for 2027 for the Parks and Recreation Department	CITY MANAGER

Item	Title	Facilitator
4.	AGREEMENT: authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Gotta Do Contracting LLC for Organics Waste Management at the WWTP	CITY MANAGER

NEW BUSINESS:



CITY OF ONEIDA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Attendees

	Present	Absent	Arrived Late
Mayor Rossi	☐	☐	☐ : _____
City Manager Lovell	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor McHugh	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Cimpi	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Smith	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Jones	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Pagano	☐	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Simchik	☐	☐	☐ : _____

Also Present

City Attorney Bell	☐	Supervisor: _____	☐
Attorney (Other)	☐	Supervisor: _____	☐
Fire Chief Jones	☐	Other: _____	☐
Police Chief Lowell	☐	Other: _____	☐

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Proclamation
City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

EXTRA MILE DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida recognizes the value of individuals who go above and beyond through volunteerism, kindness, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages all citizens to contribute to their community, support one another, and make a positive difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Extra Mile Day celebrates those whose dedication, generosity, and actions strengthen our community and inspire others to do the same;

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida wishes to recognize Dave Stirpe for their outstanding dedication, generosity, and commitment to serving others, and for going above and beyond to make a positive difference in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, New York, do hereby proclaim **November 4, 2026**, as "**Extra Mile Day**" and encourage all citizens to recognize those who go above and beyond and to find ways to do the same in their own lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oneida proudly honors Helen Acker for embodying the spirit of going the extra mile.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 4th Day of November 2026.

Mayor Rick Rossi

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

**LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA REGARDING THE
USE OF STORAGE TRAILERS AND OTHER CONTAINERS IN THE CITY OF ONEIDA**

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on Local Law amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the City of Oneida regarding the use of storage trailers and other containers in the City of Oneida is hereby opened at ____pm.

Ayes: ____

Nays: ____

Absent: ____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

APPEARANCES

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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Ayes: ____

Nays: ____

Absent: ____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2026, are approved as presented.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (BUDGET MEETING)

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Budget meeting held on October 27, 2026, are approved as presented.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 21, including checks and ACH payments totaling \$83,174.47 as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

WARRANT	21
DATE:	November 3, 2026

FUND		PAYMENT NUMBER (\$)	AMOUNT
Capital	005		
DRI Fund	031	1046	\$ 1,817.75
Library Operating Fund	025		
ARPA Fund	030		
Current Funds		79932-79978	\$ 79,455.91
ACH			\$ 1,900.81

WARRANT #1 TOTAL	\$ 83,174.47
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Oneida, NY

Expense Approval Report

By Fund

Payable Dates 10/21/2026 - 11/3/2026

Vendor Name	Payment Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	79971	11/03/2026	TRANSACTION FEES 07/01/26	001.0023.2770.0000	613.75
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF P	79947	11/03/2026	IACNet Subscription 2027	001.3120.0407.0000	875.00
SANDRA LAPERA	79968	11/03/2026	MONTHLY CANVA CHARGE - O	001.1680.0403.0000	14.99
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	CENTIUM BALLAST LAMP	001.1620.0300.0000	122.76
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	CHANNELLOCKS & FOLDING S	001.3410.0317.0000	83.84
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	Whipple uniform socks	001.3410.0317.0000	128.40
CHRISTOPHER GROW	79939	11/03/2026	BOOT ALLOWANCE PER CSEA	001.5110.0403.0000	129.00
WILLIAM CLARK	79978	11/03/2026	BOOT ALLOWANCE PER CSEA	001.5110.0403.0000	179.99
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	REPLACEMENT CYLINDERS FO	001.1620.0300.0000	49.26
MITCHELL DRYER JR	79952	11/03/2026	PAYMENT UNDER 207A - NOV	001.3410.0401.0000	3,744.94
MITCHELL DRYER JR	79952	11/03/2026	PAYMENT UNDER 207A - NOV	001.9060.0805.0000	239.60
NYS ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHI	79957	11/03/2026	Mbrship renewal NYS Assoc o	001.3410.0413.0000	300.00
WAL-MART, INC.	DFT0007321	11/03/2026	Running PO	001.3120.0300.0000	95.32
HARBOR FREIGHT	DFT0007320	11/03/2026	parts and supplies for repairs	001.5110.0314.0000	21.97
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	Burkle uniform socks	001.3410.0317.0000	18.99
UTICA MACK INC	79974	11/03/2026	Eng 1 Pumper transfer control	001.3410.0200.0000	230.45
TYLER BUSINESS FORMS	79970	11/03/2026	2026 TAX FORMS	001.1989.0400.0000	534.97
ONEIDA OFFICE SUPPLY	79960	11/03/2026	BINDERS, LABEL SHEETS & LET	001.1410.0300.0000	133.79
ONEIDA OFFICE SUPPLY	79960	11/03/2026	BLANKET PO	001.7140.0300.0000	52.68
HOWLAND PUMP AND SUPPL	79944	11/03/2026	BLANKET PO	001.7140.0409.0000	43.56
HOWLAND PUMP AND SUPPL	79944	11/03/2026	BRASS PLUG	001.3410.0409.0000	12.32
HUMMELS OFFICE EQUIPMEN	79946	11/03/2026	paper products and cleaning s	001.1620.0300.0000	258.00
MYERS AND COMPANY, LLC	79954	11/03/2026	RECHARGE 20LB ABC EXTING	001.3410.0200.0000	30.00
BUELL FUEL LLC	79938	11/03/2026	DIESEL FUEL	001.1640.0402.0000	1,322.79
LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMEN	79950	11/03/2026	BLANKET PO	001.7140.0409.0000	82.46
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION	79955	11/03/2026	NFPA yearly membership rene	001.3410.0413.0000	225.00
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	Running PO	001.1640.0403.0001	217.09
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	PARTS FOR CARS AND TRUCKS	001.5132.0303.0000	306.97
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	PARTS FOR CARS AND TRUCKS	001.5132.0303.0000	35.41
WAL-MART, INC.	DFT0007321	11/03/2026	SUPPLIES FOR HALLOWEEN P	001.7140.0403.2014	283.62
CINTAS CORP	79940	11/03/2026	UNIFORM	001.5132.0403.0000	357.92
QUILL CORPORATION	79963	11/03/2026	OFFICE SUPPLIES	001.1660.0300.0000	35.09
UNITED UNIFORM CO INC	79973	11/03/2026	Jones promotional items	001.3410.0417.0000	447.99
UNITED UNIFORM CO INC.	79973	11/03/2026	Burkle uniform items	001.3410.0317.0000	32.00
RELIABLE PRODUCTS	79966	11/03/2026	SALT	001.1620.0300.0000	675.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	79976	11/03/2026	MODEMS	001.1680.0403.0000	76.18
NORTHLAND COMMUNICATI	79956	11/03/2026	PHONE & INTERNET	001.1680.0403.0000	447.43
COOPER ELECTRIC	79942	11/03/2026	ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	001.1620.0300.0000	35.72
RELIABLE PRODUCTS	79965	11/03/2026	BUILDING SUPPLIES	001.1620.0300.0000	163.00
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	misc as needed for equipmen	001.3410.0200.0000	50.71
HUMANA INS CO OF NY	79945	11/03/2026	MONTHLY INSURANCE - HUM	001.9060.0805.0000	34,272.20
RALPH'S DIESEL	79964	11/03/2026	FUEL ADDITIVE	001.5132.0300.0000	540.00
HAIX NORTH AMERICA, INC.	DFT0007319	11/03/2026	Lt Relyea duty boots	001.3410.0317.0000	474.95
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	79937	11/03/2026	Running PO- medical supplies	001.3410.0300.0000	277.98
UTICA SPRAY AND CHEMICAL	79975	11/03/2026	BUILDING SUPPLIES	001.1620.0300.0000	538.80
KIME HARDWARE	79948	11/03/2026	BLANKET PO	001.7140.0409.0000	58.13
BME	79936	11/03/2026	SEALIT SOLUTION FOR POSTA	001.1620.0404.0000	48.00
ALIEN GEAR HOLSTERS	79933	11/03/2026	Light Bearing Duty Holster - L	001.3120.0317.0000	350.18
ALIEN GEAR HOLSTERS	79933	11/03/2026	Light Bearing Duty Holster - Ri	001.3120.0317.0000	700.36
ALIEN GEAR HOLSTERS	79933	11/03/2026	Light Bearing Concealed Holst	001.3120.0317.0000	169.98
ALIEN GEAR HOLSTERS	79933	11/03/2026	Shipping	001.3120.0317.0000	47.94
ALIEN GEAR HOLSTERS	79933	11/03/2026	Light Bearing Concealed Holst	001.3120.0317.0000	339.96
ROME SENTINEL COMPANY	79967	11/03/2026	2024 TAX SALE LIST (PARTIAL	001.1989.0400.0000	126.50

Expense Approval Report

Payable Dates: 10/21/2026 - 11/3/2026

Vendor Name	Payment Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
ONEIDA HEALTHCARE CENTER	79958	11/03/2026	PHARMECEUTICLES	001.3410.0300.0000	23.09
				Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:	50,196.83
Fund: 002 - WATER					
CAMDEN CENTRAL SCHOOLS	79930	10/21/2026	TAXES	002.8300.0431.0000	4,525.63
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	79971	11/03/2026	UTILITY BILLING NOTIFICATIO	002.8300.0444.0000	0.90
CITY OF SHERRILL	79941	11/03/2026	TRANSMISSION BILLING	002.8300.0403.0000	1,076.71
ONEIDA INDIAN NATION	79959	11/03/2026	2026 WATER AND PENALTIES	002.0017.2140.0000	1,552.91
ANDREW SHELDON	79934	11/03/2026	CDL RENEWAL FEES PER CSEA	002.8300.0403.0000	202.50
PAUL HUMMEL	79962	11/03/2026	TRACTOR SUPPLY REIMBURSE	002.8300.0319.0000	152.04
ONEIDA OFFICE SUPPLY	79960	11/03/2026	MASKING TAPE	002.8300.0300.0000	6.00
UNITED AUTO SALES	79972	11/03/2026	RUNNING PO (CG)	002.8300.0319.0000	91.99
SILVER CITY TIRE INC	79969	11/03/2026	VEHICLE MAITENANCE	002.8300.0302.0000	139.00
MADISON COUNTY TREASURE	79951	11/03/2026	ENVELOPES - WATER DEPT.	002.8300.0300.0000	330.10
SILVER CITY TIRE INC	79969	11/03/2026	VEHICLE MAITENANCE	002.8300.0302.0000	700.04
PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES I	79961	11/03/2026	PACE LABS BID - CC RES 1/20/	002.8300.0415.0000	30.00
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	RUNNING PO (CG)	002.8300.0319.0000	63.44
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	RUNNING PO (CG)	002.8300.0319.0000	145.29
MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUT	79953	11/03/2026	BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING/L	002.8300.0415.0000	3,980.00
HUMANA INS CO OF NY	79945	11/03/2026	MONTHLY INSURANCE - HUM	002.9060.0805.0000	3,607.60
HOLLAND CO. INC.	79943	11/03/2026	LIQUID ALUM BID - CC RES 1/	002.8300.0310.0000	7,812.18
				Fund 002 - WATER Total:	24,416.33
Fund: 003 - SEWER					
EBAY.COM	DFT0007318	11/03/2026	FERRIS TIRES	003.8110.0300.0000	302.08
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, LLC.	DFT0007317	11/03/2026	CALIBRATION GAS	003.8110.0300.0000	319.62
BARTON & LOGUIDICE,DPC	79935	11/03/2026	I&I STUDY	003.8110.0400.0002	2,000.00
BARTON & LOGUIDICE,DPC	79935	11/03/2026	I&I STUDY IMPROVEMENTS	003.8110.0400.0002	1,000.00
ADIRONDACK ENVIRONMENT	79932	11/03/2026	Lab Testing for PFAS	003.8110.0400.0001	1,045.50
VOLO'S AUTO PARTS	79977	11/03/2026	truck parts	003.8110.0411.0000	35.48
NORTHLAND COMMUNICATI	79956	11/03/2026	PHONE & INTERNET	003.8110.0400.0000	267.84
HUMANA INS CO OF NY	79945	11/03/2026	MONTHLY INSURANCE - HUM	003.9060.0805.0000	1,443.04
LAKESIDE EQUIPMENT	79949	11/03/2026	Shear pins for Clarifler	003.8110.0200.0000	330.00
				Fund 003 - SEWER Total:	6,743.56
Fund: 031 - DRI					
MRB GROUP	1046	11/03/2026	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - AD	031.8020.0400.0000	1,817.75
				Fund 031 - DRI Total:	1,817.75
				Grand Total:	83,174.47

Report Summary

Fund Summary

Fund	Payment Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	50,196.83
002 - WATER	24,416.33
003 - SEWER	5,743.56
031 - DRI	1,817.75
Grand Total:	83,174.47

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Payment Amount
001.0023.2770.0000	MISCELLANEOUS	613.75
001.1410.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	133.79
001.1620.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	1,842.54
001.1620.0404.0000	POSTAGE	48.00
001.1640.0402.0000	CENTRAL DIESEL	1,322.79
001.1640.0403.0001	CENTRAL VEHICLE -POLI	217.09
001.1660.0300.0000	Central Office Supplies	35.09
001.1680.0403.0000	CONTRACTS	538.60
001.1989.0400.0000	PRINTING	661.47
001.3120.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	95.32
001.3120.0317.0000	CLOTHING	1,608.42
001.3120.0407.0000	CHIEF'S EXPENSE	875.00
001.3410.0200.0000	FIRE EQUIPMENT	311.16
001.3410.0300.0000	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	301.07
001.3410.0317.0000	CLOTHING	738.18
001.3410.0401.0000	207A	3,744.94
001.3410.0409.0000	EQUIPMENT REPAIR &	12.32
001.3410.0413.0000	TRAINING	525.00
001.3410.0417.0000	PROMOTIONAL CLOTHIN	447.99
001.5110.0314.0000	ROAD MATERIALS	21.97
001.5110.0403.0000	CONTRACTS	308.99
001.5132.0300.0000	DPW MAINTENANCE- RE	540.00
001.5132.0303.0000	GENERAL MATERIALS	342.38
001.5132.0403.0000	CONTRACTS	357.92
001.7140.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	52.68
001.7140.0403.2014	Halloween Party	283.62
001.7140.0409.0000	EQUIP REPAIR & MAINT.	184.15
001.9060.0805.0000	HEALTH INSURANCE	34,032.60
002.0017.2140.0000	METERED WATER SALES	1,552.91
002.8300.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	336.10
002.8300.0302.0000	EQUIPMENT MAINTENA	839.04
002.8300.0310.0000	LIQUID ALUM	7,812.18
002.8300.0319.0000	GENERAL MAINTENANC	452.76
002.8300.0403.0000	CONTRACTS	1,279.21
002.8300.0415.0000	LAB TESTING	4,010.00
002.8300.0431.0000	TAXES	4,525.63
002.8300.0444.0000	OFFICE TECHNOLOGY EX	0.90
002.9060.0805.0000	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,607.60
003.8110.0200.0000	EQUIPMENT	330.00
003.8110.0300.0000	MAT SUPPLIES	621.70
003.8110.0400.0000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	267.84
003.8110.0400.0001	OTHER EXPENSE-PROFES	1,045.50
003.8110.0400.0002	OTHER EXPENSE-SEWER	3,000.00
003.8110.0411.0000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	35.48
003.9060.0805.0000	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,443.04
031.8020.0400.0000	DRI-HCR BAF - Consultan	1,817.75
Grand Total:		83,174.47

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key
None

Payment Amount

Grand Total:

83,174.47

83,174.47

1. **ADOPT A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL FREE-STANDING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SYSTEMS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF ONEIDA**

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled "A Local Law Imposing a Six (6) Month Moratorium on Commercial Free-Standing Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems Within the City of Oneida," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida held on October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on October 20, 2026, and by the Common Council of the City of Oneida and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Common Council of the City of Oneida in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Proposed Local Law has previously been determined to be a Type II action thus concluding the SEQRA review process; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law was duly referred to the Madison County Planning Department for review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m and -n, and pursuant to GML Log # 111-26, dated October 14, 2026, the Madison County Planning Department returned the matter for local determination; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said Proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, does hereby enact Local Law of 2026 as follows:

CITY OF ONEIDA

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL FREE-STANDING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SYSTEMS AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF ONEIDA

Be it enacted by the City of Oneida Common Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. **INTENT.**

It is the intent of the Common Council of the City of Oneida to impose a six (6) month moratorium on the siting, establishment, placement, installation, construction, erection, modification and enlargement of commercial free-standing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and battery energy storage systems within the City of Oneida. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

SECTION 2. **LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Local Law is to temporarily halt the development of commercial free-standing solar power energy systems and battery energy storage systems, for a period of up to six (6) months, while the City considers zoning changes and the enactment of additional zoning measures to specifically address matters of community concern.

The City has become aware of increasing interest by developers of larger scale solar energy system applications in the City and surrounding areas, such that solar energy uses are becoming increasingly prevalent in the City of Oneida at a commercial scale. Based upon this, the Common Council is of the opinion that a period of time is necessary to determine whether the existing regulation of commercial freestanding solar power energy systems needs to be revised in order to preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Commercial free-standing solar power energy are generally larger, more obtrusive and can pose a hazard and danger to residents by distraction, obstruction, and the power supply systems involved with such installations may pose a risk. This moratorium will enable city officials to review existing regulations in place and determine whether revisions are necessary to comprehensively address the various issues involved with these commercial level systems.

The Common Council also recognizes and acknowledges that the City needs to study and analyze many considerations that affect the preparation of local legislation to regulate battery energy storage systems. In the coming months, the City will be diligently working towards the development of regulations that will address, in a careful manner, the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement and erection of battery energy storage systems on a City-wide basis and to adopt land use regulations for provisions to specifically regulate same. The Common Council therefore deems this moratorium urgent and immediately necessary for the City.

SECTION 3. **DEFINITIONS.**

BATTERY(IES): A single cell or a group of cells connected together electrically in series, in parallel, or a combination of both, which can charge, discharge, and store energy electrochemically. For

the purposes of this law, batteries utilized in consumer products are excluded from these requirements.

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: An electronic system that protects energy storage systems from operating outside their safe operating parameters and disconnects temperatures or other conditions are detected.

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM: A rechargeable energy storage system consisting of electrochemical storage batteries, battery chargers, controls, power conditioning systems and associated electrical equipment designed to store energy to supply electrical energy at a future time, not to include a stand-alone 12-volt car battery or an electric motor vehicle. A battery energy storage system is classified as a Tier I or Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage System as follows:

A. Tier I 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.

B. Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600kWh or are comprised of more than one storage battery technology in a room or enclosed area.

CELL: The basic electrochemical unit, characterized by an anode and a cathode, used to receive, store, and deliver electrical energy.

COMMERCIAL FREE STANDING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SYSTEMS: A free standing solar photovoltaic (PV) system and area of land principally used to convert solar energy to electricity with the primary purpose of supplying electricity to a utility grid for wholesale or retail sales of electricity to the general public or utility provider.

PERSON: The term person shall include any individual, partnership, association, corporation, landowner, lessee or licensee.

SECTION 4. **MORATORIUM.**

A. The Common Council hereby enacts a moratorium which shall prohibit the siting, establishment, placement, installation, construction, erection, modification, and enlargement of commercial free-standing solar photovoltaic (PV) system within the City of Oneida and/or the processing or further processing of such applications.

B. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law and shall expire on the earlier of: (i) the date six (6) months from said effective date of this local law, unless renewed; or (ii) the enactment by the Common Council of a resolution indicating the Common Council is satisfied that the need for the moratorium no longer exists.

C. This moratorium shall apply to all zoning districts and all real property within the City.

D. Commercial free-standing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and battery energy storage systems which have previously been approved are hereby expressly excluded from this

moratorium and may be sited, placed, installed, constructed, erected and operated in accordance with approved plans. Further modification, alteration or enlargement of previously approved commercial free-standing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and battery energy storage systems is prohibited while the moratorium is in effect.

SECTION 5. **RELIEF FROM PROVISIONS OF THIS LOCAL LAW.**

A. The Common Council reserves to itself the power to vary or adapt the strict application of the requirements of this Local Law in the case of unusual hardship which would deprive the owner of all reasonable use of the lands involved.

B. Application for relief shall be filed in triplicate with the Planning Department together with a filing fee of \$250.00. The application shall specifically identify the property involved, recite the circumstances pursuant to which the relief is sought and the reasons for which the relief is claimed. Any costs, including expert consulting fees or attorneys' fees, incurred by the City, shall be reimbursed to the City by the Applicant. The Common Council shall apply Use Variance criteria as set forth in the New York State General City Law, Section 81-b, in reviewing any application for relief.

C. The Common Council may refer any applications for relief herein to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for its advice and recommendations, but all decisions on granting or denying such relief shall be made solely by the Common Council after determining whether or not the requested relief is compatible with any contemplated amendments to the City Zoning Law. Unless completely satisfied that the proposed relief is compatible, the Common Council shall deny the application.

D. The Common Council shall conduct a public hearing on any request for relief within forty-five (45) days of receipt of an application by the Planning Department and shall issue its final decision on requests for relief within thirty (30) days from the date of the public hearing.

SECTION 6. **PENALTIES.**

Any person who shall construct, reconstruct, relocate, enlarge or modify any site to be used for a commercial free-standing solar photovoltaic system in violation of the provisions of this Local Law, shall be subject to:

A. A fine is not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a new violation.

B. A civil action inclusive of injunctive relief in favor of the City to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this local law and, if necessary, to remove any constructions, improvements, or related items or byproducts which may have taken place in violation of this Local Law.

SECTION 7. **ENFORCEMENT.**

This local law shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Office of the City of Oneida or such other zoning enforcement individual(s) as designated by the Common Council. It shall be the duty of the enforcement individual(s) to advise the Common Council of all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this Local Law.

SECTION 8. **VALIDITY & SEVERABILITY.**

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or affect any other section of this Local Law.

SECTION 9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon passage and thereafter shall be filed with the New York State Department of State and shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) months from the date of passage.”

Mayor Rossi: _____
Councilor McHugh: _____
Councilor Cimpi: _____
Councilor Smith: _____
Councilor Jones: _____
Councilor Pagano: _____
Councilor Simchik: _____
MOTION CARRIED

2. MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY BILLING-SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file the City of Oneida Miscellaneous Utility Billing for unpaid service charges, water rents and sewer taxes; authorize the charges in the 2026 assessment roll to be re-levied onto the 2027 tax roll, and to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:30p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

3. MASTER FEE SCHEDULE-PARKS AND RECREATION

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to adopt the Master Fee Schedule for 2027 for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

PARKS & RECREATION

Facility rentals, park/pool use, party packages, and program fees.

Category	Fee / Service	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change	Rationale / Summary
Parks and Rec	Recreation Center Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee			
Parks and Rec	Gym Rental Resident (per hour)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	25.0%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Parks and Rec	Gym Rental Non-Resident (per hour)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	20.0%	
Parks and Rec	Gym Rental Not-for-profit (per hour)	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	33.3%	
Parks and Rec	Room Rental Resident (per hour)	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	66.7%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Parks and Rec	Room Rental Non-Resident (per hour)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	50.0%	
Parks and Rec	Room Rental Not-for-profit (per hour)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	100.0%	
Parks and Rec	Kitchen Rental Resident (per hour)	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	40.0%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Parks and Rec	Kitchen Rental Non-Resident (per hour)	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	50.0%	
Parks and Rec	Kitchen Rental Not-for-profit (per hour)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	50.0%	
Parks and Rec	Birthday Party Package - 2 Hour Resident (Gym)	\$110.00	\$130.00	\$20.00	18.2%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Parks and Rec	Birthday Party Package - 2 Hour Non-Resident (Gym)	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$20.00	15.4%	
Parks and Rec	Birthday Party Package - 3 Hour Resident (Gym)	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$20.00	12.5%	
Parks and Rec	Birthday Party Package - 3 Hour Non-Resident (Gym)	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$20.00	10.5%	
Parks and Rec	Teen Lounge Party Package - 2 Hour Resident (Dining Room)	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$10.00	16.7%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Parks and Rec	Teen Lounge Party Package - 2 Hour Non-Resident (Dining Room)	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$10.00	14.3%	
Parks and Rec	Teen Lounge Party Package - 3 Hour Resident (Dining Room)	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$10.00	13.3%	
Parks and Rec	Teen Lounge Party Package - 3 Hour Non-Resident (Dining Room)	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$10.00	11.8%	
Park and Field Rentals	Park/Pavilion/Field Rental Resident(2 hours)	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	33.3%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Park and Field Rentals	Park/Pavilion/Field Non-Resident (2 hours)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	25.0%	
Park and Field Rentals	Park/Pavilion/Field Not-for-profit(2 hours)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	50.0%	
Park and Field Rentals	Seasonal Field Use (8-16 weeks)	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	33.3%	
Park and Field Rentals	Field Lighting Fee - Vets Field (per hour)	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	40.0%	
Park and Field Rentals	Concession Stand	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	50.0%	
Park and Field Rentals	Locker Room Fee	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	50.0%	
Park and Field Rentals	Press Box/Scoreboard Fee	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	100.0%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Pool Rental Resident (per hour)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	25.0%	Cost of staff time and utility cost have risen
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Pool Rental Non-Resident (per hour)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	20.0%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Pool Rental Not-for-profit (per hour)	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	33.3%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Lifeguard Fee - per hour (min 2 LGs)	\$17.50	\$18.50	\$1.00	5.7%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Open Swim (per person)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	100.0%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Swim Lessons Resident	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	40.0%	
Howard T Chapman Pool Fees	Swim Lessons Non-Resident	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$10.00	28.6%	
Program Fees	Skills & Drills Basketball	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	25.0%	Cost of staff time and officials fees raise every year
Program Fees	JR NBA Basketball	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	25.0%	
Program Fees	Skills, Drills & Thrills Basketball	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	40.0%	
Program Fees	Youth Tee-Ball	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	33.3%	
Program Fees	Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Rental (Day)	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$3.00	42.9%	
Program Fees	Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Rental (Weekend)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	50.0%	
Program Fees	Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$25.00	12.5%	
Program Fees	Adult MUNY Basketball	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$100.00	14.3%	
Program Fees	Adult Men's Softball	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$100.00	13.3%	

4. ORGANICS WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT-GOTTA DO CONTRACTING LLC

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Oneida hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute an Organics Waste Management Agreement between the City of Oneida and Gotta Do Contracting, LLC, for the delivery, treatment, and disposal of dairy food processing waste at the City's Organics and Water Resource Recovery Center (OWRRC), for a term of five (5) years, with an anticipated volume of 40,000 to 80,000 gallons per day, at a rate of \$0.06 per gallon, subject to annual rate adjustments as outlined in the Agreement, and under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk