

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Special meeting of the Common Council will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 108 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York. Your attendance is requested.

### **AGENDA**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
  - 2.1 Support for the City of Ithaca's Application for a 2019 Climate Smart Communities Certification Grant – Resolution
3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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Julie Conley Holcomb, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: July 15, 2019

2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

2.1 **Support for the City of Ithaca's Application for a 2019 Climate Smart Communities Certification Grant - Resolution**

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca will be applying for a Climate Smart Communities grant to support its Green New Deal initiatives, in particular a Green New Deal Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal Action Plan will be a comprehensive roadmap that outlines specific activities the City and the Ithaca community will undertake to achieve its greenhouse gas emissions and social and economic inequality reduction goals as outlined in the Green New Deal; and

WHEREAS, this project represents a valuable opportunity to advance the City of Ithaca's environmental leadership; and

WHEREAS, the project would be eligible for a grant of up to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca commits to a 50% match for this project should the grant be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Community Grant application process requires that the elected body of the local municipality adopt a resolution of support for the application with a commitment for the required 50% match prior to its submission on or before July 26, 2019; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the City of Ithaca Common Council does hereby endorse and support the 2019 Climate Smart Community Grant application and commits to a 50% match for this project should the grant be awarded.



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**BACK-UP ITEM 2.1**

**TO:** Common Council

**FROM:** Nick Goldsmith, Sustainability Coordinator for the City and Town of Ithaca

**DATE:** July 12, 2019

**RE:** **Authorizing Submittal of the City of Ithaca’s Climate Smart Communities Grant Application**

**Action Requested**

The proposed action is to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Ithaca to submit a Climate Smart Communities Grant application, and commit to a 50% match for the project.

**Background**

The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Grant program through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides 50/50 matching funds to municipalities in New York State for climate adaptation and greenhouse gas mitigation (GHG) projects. Certification grants of up to \$100,000 are available for those projects that are related to planning and assessment, such as Greenhouse Gas inventories and climate action plans. With the passage of the Green New Deal resolution on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, this grant will enable the City to assess its baseline emissions and create a roadmap for action to achieve its goals.

The City intends to use the funds to create a greenhouse gas inventory for government operations and for the wider community. Additionally, a Green New Deal Action Plan (i.e. an implementation plan for the Green New Deal) for both government operations and the community as a whole will be undertaken. The grant will be used for outreach activities to ensure comprehensive and inclusive community input on the Green New Deal Action Plan, and staff time to do the research and analysis required to collect necessary data, calculate current emissions, and create a framework for moving forward.