



MINUTES OF CAUCUS

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

The Common Council was convened at 5:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of City Hall, 24 Eagle Street, and was called to order by President Pro Tem Kimbrough. It live streamed on Youtube.

Members Present: President Ellis, Kimbrough, Farrell, Frederick, Johnson, Robinson, Romero, Adams, Keegan, Anane, Balarin, Clarke, and Zamer

Staff Present: Shaniqua Dowdy, Brett Williams, Jake Eisland and Bryan Jimenez.

Speakers: Max Thierry

Discussion/Questions:

- The agenda for the upcoming June 5th, 2023 meeting was discussed.
- Council Member Kimbrough announced that the hiring committee had made a recommendation for the open Junior Policy Analyst position, Max Thierry, who then spoke on his experiences and answered questions from the council.
- Council Member Farrell spoke on introducing a Common Council resolution advocating for the Federal Government to adopt a 30-day waiting period for work authorization eligibility from the current 180-day waiting period.
 - Council Member Adams asked a question about the employment authorization waiting period processes, Council Member Farrell responded
 - Council Member Balarin thanked leadership for their role in working on a resolution and spoke on the immigration and asylum process
 - Council Member Anane spoke on the conversations he has had with asylum seekers
- Council Member Anane spoke on a resolution to be introduced advocating for New York State to pass “Clean Slate” legislation.
- Council Member Adams spoke on a resolution to be introduced declaring the week of June 19th “Black Restaurant Week.”
- Council Member Kimbrough spoke on the audio quality and noise levels associated with the air conditioning.

There being no further business, the President Pro Tem adjourned the meeting 6:08 p.m.

Link to meeting recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/QpVzj5IHb0>

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Jimenez

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