Committee of the Whole 6:30 P.M.
Stated Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Electronically Remote Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
This meeting is being conducted in accordance with executive order 202.1

TIME: 7:26PM

PRESENT:
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
MIKE KHADER

DISTRICT:
2 MAJORITY LEADER CORAZON PINEDA-ISAAC
5 MINORITY LEADER MICHAEL B. BREEN

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
DISTRICT:
1 SHANAE V. WILLIAMS
3 TASHA DIAZ
4 JOHN RUBBO
6 ANTHONY MERANTE

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a minute of silence to invoke God’s guidance and Blessing upon our deliberations.

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NO COMMUNICATIONS
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1. NY SENATOR SHELLEY MAYER – COVID-19 UPDATE
BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ENCROACHMENT IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON BRONX RIVER ROAD, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The City of Yonkers, in City Council convened, hereby ordained and enacts:

Section 1. Permission is hereby granted to 411 Bronx River Road Developers, LLC, as owner of 412 Bronx River Road, Yonkers, New York 10704 (the “Owner”), also known as Section 6, Block 6315, Lot 100, on the Official City Tax Map, to maintain an encroachment consisting of a retaining wall, upon the City right-of-way located on Bronx River Road in accordance with and as shown on a survey, to be approved by the City Engineer;

Section 2. This permission to encroach is granted subject to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

(a) That the entire cost and expense of obtaining and thereafter maintaining the encroachment on Bronx River Road shall be paid by the Owner, its successors and/or assigns without expense to or contribution by the City of Yonkers;

(b) That neither the approval of the above-referred survey by the appropriate city official, nor the placement of any improvements by the Owner of 412 Bronx River Road upon said encroachment shall be deemed a waiver, or in any way affect the right, of the City of Yonkers to provide for construction or otherwise improve its right-of-way; provided further that the City of Yonkers reserves the right to assess the property benefited in like manner and in like effect as if approval had not been given by the City of Yonkers. That the granting of this permission shall in no way free or release said owner or any successors or assigns from the payment of any assessment hereafter imposed;

(c) That no permanent improvements will be allowed on, above or under the encroachment area;
(d) That the Owner, its successors and/or assigns, shall secure all necessary permits and consents and shall obtain and maintain a property damage and public liability insurance policy naming the City of Yonkers as insured, or as an additional named insured in the amount and form satisfactory to the City Engineer and the Corporation Counsel of the City of Yonkers and provide the City of Yonkers with evidence thereof within thirty (30) days of approval of this permission to encroach;

(e) The City of Yonkers reserves the right to revoke or terminate this permission to encroach for whatever reason, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Owner, whenever it may deem such revocation necessary; upon revocation or termination of this permission, the Owner, its successors and/or assigns shall immediately remove any improvement placed within said encroachment at the express direction of the City of Yonkers, at the Owner’s cost and expense;

(f) That the Owner, its successors and/or assigns shall, for whatever period this permission remains in effect, save harmless and indemnify the City of Yonkers for any and all claims, actions, suits, judgments, demands, losses, damages, causes of action, including personal injury and/or death, including all costs related to the defense thereof.

(g) That the City of Yonkers or authorized representatives shall be permitted entry upon the area of encroachment at any time and for any reason.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

THIS SPECIAL ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AND INCREASE OF A GRANT ISSUED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), OPERATING THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES), FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY OF YONKERS FOR WATERFRONT LATENT DAMAGES AND HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO DAMAGE THAT OCCURRED DURING HURRICANE SANDY.

The City of Yonkers hereby ordains and enacts:

Section 1: The US Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), acting through the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), has approved a $193,217 increase in reimbursement to the City of Yonkers for waterfront latent damages and hazard mitigation improvements, related to damage that occurred during Hurricane Sandy. FEMA is to fund 90% of the repairs. Project was originally approved for $5,519,789, of which $4,967,810 in FEMA grant funding was approved. The project has been revised. The revised final approved project cost amount is $5,734,474. FEMA will now provide an additional $193,217, for a total FEMA Grant of $5,161,027, with the City of Yonkers providing the balance of 10% matching funds of $573,447 under existing capital project C0999CP510838 - FEMA Mitigation Grant Match and 120.0908.C0492 Public Works Grant Cash Match operating funds.

Section 2: The above constitutes either a “Type II” action under SEQRA and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, or is not an action under SEQRA, both of which constitute actions determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore do not require further environment review.

Section 3: The Mayor or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonable and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof; and be it further
Section 4: The City’s Grant Budget for fiscal year 2019/2020 is hereby amended by increasing revenues and appropriations for the Yonkers Department of Public Works, as follows:

**Increase Estimated Revenues**

New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Waterfront Latent Damages and Hazard Mitigation Improvements
FEMA-4085-DR-NY
PA ID 119-84000-00
Project Worksheet 4678
$193,217

**Increase Estimated Expenses**

New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
Waterfront Latent Damages and Hazard Mitigation Improvements
FEMA-4085-DR-NY
PA ID 119-84000-00
Project Worksheet 4678
$193,217

Section 5: This Special Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

THIS SPECIAL ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO. 60-2020

3. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL DEVELOPER AGREEMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 178 WARBURTON AVENUE and 160 COTTAGE GARDENS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS

WHEREAS, Westchester County (the "County") has established the Housing Implementation Fund (HIF) program to provide infrastructure and other improvements to encourage and support the development or preservation of fair and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The Community Builders ("TCB") and the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY"), (collectively, the "Developer"), its successor or assigns, proposes to develop 173 fair and affordable rental housing units, a park, and related amenities in the redevelopment of the property at 178 Warburton Avenue and 160 Cottage Gardens, (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, in order to make the proposed development viable, infrastructure must be constructed, including, but not limited to, the construction of the park, roads, curbing, retaining walls, play equipment, sidewalks, fencing, a water line, and landscaping (the "Infrastructure Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed development requires the assistance from the HIF program to subsidize the costs of the Infrastructure Improvements in order to assure affordability of the units; and

WHEREAS, the City desires the HIF assistance from the County for the Development and will enter into an Inter-Municipal Developer Agreement (IMDA) with the County and the Developer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the IMDA, the construction of the Infrastructure Improvements shall be performed through a competitive public bid by the City pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law; and
RESOLUTION NO.60-2020 (CONTINUED)

WHEREAS, the construction of the Infrastructure Improvements shall be performed subject to New York State prevailing wage rates; and

WHEREAS, The County and the Developer shall be granted, if required, necessary easements for the area(s) upon which the Infrastructure Improvements shall be constructed;

WHEREAS, the City may, at its sole discretion enter into an agreement with the Developer to detail responsibilities related to the Infrastructure Improvements including, but not limited to, the design, construction and oversight of the Infrastructure Improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order #2-2018, County staff were present at a public forum to answer questions related to the County’s involvement in the Development and the City supports the County’s participation therein; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, Section 119-o, authorizes municipal corporations and districts to enter into agreements for the performance of various functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City be and hereby is authorized to enter into an IMDA with County and the Developer in an amount not to exceed Five Million ($5,000,000) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council has determined no further environmental review is necessary as the Project was previously reviewed as part of the full Cottage Place Gardens Redevelopment Plan and determined to be a Type I action under SEQRA and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, with the City of Yonkers Planning Board as Lead Agency and a negative declaration pursuant to same was made on October 21, 2015.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mayor or his authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonable and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof; and be it further
RESOLVED, the Corporation Counsel's office may make such amendments to the IMDA as may be necessary and appropriate to complete the Infrastructure Improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
4. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Yonkers, in meeting assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) of the action entitled "Toyota Lease Trust, plaintiff, against THE CITY OF YONKERS, Defendant," for violation of due process in the wrongful seizure of a 2017 Toyota Lexus E350 on November 2, 2017, in the City of Yonkers, be and the same hereby is, approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrant in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) in favor of said plaintiff and their attorney Norris McLaughlin, 400 Crossing Blvd., 8th Floor, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.
5. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Yonkers, in meeting assembled:

That the settlement by the Corporation Counsel in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) of the action entitled "Richard Roberts and his Attorney Michael H. Joseph PLLC, plaintiff, against THE CITY OF YONKERS and DEVON CHISOLM, Defendants," for property damage, personal injuries and medical expenses arising out of an alleged incident on July 29, 2015, during which plaintiff allegedly sustained injuries when a Yonkers Fire Truck collided with his vehicle at the intersection of Kimball and Yonkers Avenue, in the City of Yonkers, be and the same hereby is, approved and the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers is directed to draw his warrant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) in favor of said plaintiff and his attorney Michael H. Joseph, PLLC, 203 East Post Road, White Plains, New York 10601.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
6. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, IN MEETING ASSEMBLED:

THAT THE SETTLEMENT BY THE CORPORATION COUNSEL IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($85,000.00) OF THE CLAIM OF CITY OF YONKERS ("CITY") AGAINST YONKERS RACING CORP., BOSTON DELUXE, INC., AND RICHARD ROBERTS (WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK INDEX NO. 54384/16), FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO A CITY FIRE TRUCK AND WAGES THE CITY PAID TO FF DEVON CHISHOLM, FF JUSTIN CISARELLA AND LT. DANNY ALICEA AND FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 207-C FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY FF DEVON CHISHOLM, FF JUSTIN CISARELLA AND LT. DANNY ALICEA ON JULY 29, 2015 WHILE THEY WERE PERFORMING FIRE FIGHTER DUTIES IS HEREBY APPROVED AND SUCH SETTLEMENT AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO THE CITY.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO. 63-2020

7. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BRENN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS CALLING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL RUMBLE STRIPS ON THE EXIT 6, LOCKWOOD AVENUE DECELERATION RAMP OF THE SOUTHBOUND SAW MILL RIVER PARKWAY IN THE VICINITY OF MANNING AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Saw Mill River Parkway is a vital thoroughfare in the City of Yonkers, and

WHEREAS, southbound motorists on the Saw Mill River Parkway regularly exit the Parkway at the Exit 6, Lockwood Avenue deceleration ramp as access to Lockwood Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the Exit 6, Lockwood Avenue southbound off ramp is very short, narrow and sloped that many motorists routinely speed while exiting the parkway and end up losing control of their vehicles, colliding with motorists accessing the parkway and/or landing on property of Manning Avenue residents with serious and costly consequences including the tragic loss of life, and

WHEREAS, the immediate proximity of the southbound Exit 6, Lockwood Avenue Exit off the Saw Mill River Parkway is a narrow winding street in a residential neighborhood that is experiencing an extraordinary amount of local traffic problems and accidents due to the deceleration ramp, where numerous accidents occur making this a major public safety issue, and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood has overwhelmingly reached out for changes and has submitted a signed petition supporting the installation of rumble strips on the deceleration ramp of the southbound Exit 6, Lockwood Avenue Saw Mill River Parkway, and

WHEREAS, sadly, even during the reduced business and travel activity caused by the New York Pause shutdown in response to the COVID-19 Crisis there continues to be accidents and serious life threatening injuries on the deceleration ramp of the southbound Exit 6 Saw Mill River Parkway, and
WHEREAS, the installation of rumble strips would reduce speed and dramatically improve the safety of the residents on Manning Avenue and oncoming motorists.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council of Yonkers call for the New York State Department of Transportation to install Rumble strips on the southbound Exit 6, Lockwood Avenue deceleration ramp of the Saw Mill River Parkway in order to slow down traffic, improve public safety and ultimately save lives.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the New York State Department of Transportation.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
8. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS URGING MAYOR MIKE SPANO TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020, IN SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF THE CITY’S ZONING AND BUILDING CODES RELATED TO OUTDOOR SIDEWALK DINING FOR RESTAURANTS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the State of New York, the City of Yonkers entered the Phase One reopening on May 26, 2020 allowing the controlled reopening of certain industries from the ongoing state-wide novel Coronavirus (hereafter “COVID-19”) shutdown known as “New York On Pause”, and statistics indicate that the number of active COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are trending down; AND

WHEREAS, should the Mid-Hudson Region continue to meet the COVID-19 related guidelines set forth by the State of New York, other industries are expected to reopen in the coming months in each of the subsequent phases; AND

WHEREAS, social distancing has played a crucial role in combatting the spread of COVID-19, and will be paramount to achieving and maintaining each subsequent phase as our economy reopens, especially in the restaurant and food service industry, which has especially affected in the negative because of COVID-19, due to physical and financial constraints of running these category of businesses; AND

WHEREAS, in connection with the reopening of businesses as part of the ongoing economic recovery efforts in the City of Yonkers, Mayor Mike Spano recently announced the issuance of an emergency order suspending the City’s Zoning and Building Codes allowing restaurants to provide outdoor dining for patrons by utilizing certain sidewalks and parking lots, subject to certain restrictions; AND
WHEREAS, the efficacy of this emergency order has been diluted due to the limited availability of useable sidewalks or parking lots, especially in more densely populated areas, like the downtown, making it difficult for businesses to make the most of this measure; AND

WHEREAS, one solution successfully implemented in other large, urban municipalities around the country allowing more businesses to take advantage of the emergency order, while simultaneously ensuring safe social distancing, would be to temporarily close certain streets to vehicular traffic, thus increasing the amount of useable space for restaurants and pedestrian foot traffic, while still maintaining safe social distancing; AND

WHEREAS, testimony from local business owners and community members show that there is both a need and widespread support for this measure, and that the economic and public safety benefits from temporarily closing certain streets far outweigh the costs associated with said restrictions and closures; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Yonkers urges Mayor Mike Spano to direct the appropriate departments to temporarily close certain public roads in the City of Yonkers to vehicular traffic until December 31, 2020 in support of the emergency order concerning the suspension of the City's zoning and building codes related to outdoor sidewalk dining for restaurants; AND

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
9. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress disorder, or more commonly known as PTSD, it a mental condition that is the result of a traumatic event an individual has experienced; and

WHEREAS, the causes of PTSD can be a result of physical, violent, or sexual abuse, extreme neglect, bad accidents, bullying, or natural disasters; and .

WHEREAS, many veterans and active troops suffer from PTSD, sometimes known as "shell shock" or "combat stress"; and

WHEREAS, PTSD also affects countless civilians as well; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 8% of the entire American population will suffer from PTSD at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, about 8 million adults will suffer from PTSD during a given year, although this is only a small portion of those who gave gone through a trauma; and

WHEREAS, women are more than twice as likely to develop PTSD than men; and

WHEREAS, any individual of any age can suffer from PTSD, experiencing a variety of symptoms, including, but not limited to, headaches, difficulty sleeping, and self-destructive behavior, among other detrimental symptoms; and
RESOLUTION NO.65-2020 (CONTINUED)

WHEREAS, symptoms of severe PTSD can include: recurring, instructive reminders of the traumatic event, including distressing thoughts, nightmares, and flashbacks; extreme avoidance of things that remind one of the traumatic event, including withdrawing from friends and family, and losing interest in everyday activities; negative changes in thoughts and mood, including a substantially diminished ability to experience positive emotions; and being on guard all the time, jumpy, and emotionally reactive; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to increase stress and anxiety, both because of fear of infection and because of uncertainty in how the outbreak will affect people socially and economically, and is expected to lead to further developments of PTSD throughout the nation as a result; and

WHEREAS, recent studies anticipate health care providers and front-line workers to be more likely to develop symptoms of PTSD as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as PTSD has been shown to be more prevalent in health care providers (about 15%) than in the general population; and

WHEREAS, there are treatment options for PTSD including medications and behavioral therapy, to cope with the trauma and effects as a result from the event; and

WHEREAS, many, if not most, cases of PTSD are overlooked and remained undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to spread awareness about diagnosis and treatment options for PTSD;

NOW IT BE RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize June 2020 as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month in the City of Yonkers.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020

10. BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KHADER, MAJORITY LEADER PINEDA-ISAAC, MINORITY LEADER BREEN, COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, DIAZ, RUBBO AND MERANTE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 "LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH"

WHEREAS, the City of Yonkers is home to many proud members of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the LGBTQ community to seek equality for all Americans has helped shape the City of Yonkers, and steer the course of our local and national history; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community has flourished, and members of the LGBTQ community have contributed to all areas of society, both in the City of Yonkers, and across the United States, and continue to make vital contributions in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the LGBTQ community has faced extraordinary social and religious discrimination, the community has continued to persevere and fight for progress; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community throughout our country has achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, the legacy and continued work of the LGBTQ equality and justice movement continues to strengthen and enrich our country; and

WHEREAS, while there has been significant progress in the fight for LGBTQ rights due to the efforts of many, much progress still lies ahead; and
RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020 (CONTINUED)

WHEREAS, drawing on the courage of each other, LGBTQ community members lead in every facet of American life, dedicating their principles of inclusion and awareness to the growth of our great City and country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Yonkers recognizes the rich culture of the LGBTQ community and celebrates their immeasurable contributions to our Nation by declaring the month of June 2020 to be LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Yonkers.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A STATED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2020 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.
COMMITEE REPORTS

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:48PM