

8.2 Approval of the 2018-2019 Civil Service Agreement with the Ithaca City School District - Resolution

By Alderperson Mohlenhoff: Seconded by Alderperson Kerslick

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Controller be authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the City of Ithaca and the Ithaca City School District for performance by the City for services in connection with Civil Service matters for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, in an amount payable of \$60,112 payable to the City of Ithaca on or before December 1, 2018.

Carried Unanimously

8.3 Youth Bureau – Amendment to Personnel Roster - Resolution

By Alderperson Mohlenhoff: Seconded by Alderperson Kerslick

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau is requesting permission to amend the 2018 roster by funding the Youth Program Coordinator position (35 hours), and defunding the Youth Program Leader position (35 hours); and

WHEREAS, the program merger approved by Common Council in May 2018 to combine the Paul Schreurs Memorial Program (PSMP) and the College Discovery Program (CDP) before the end of the year has been slowed down to allow a smooth transition; and

WHEREAS, the current plan is to fund and fill the Program Coordinator position and to have both program coordinators (PSMP and CDP) work together to merge the programs over a period of time; and

WHEREAS, these changes are made within the Youth Bureau's approved 2018 budget and will not require additional funds from the City; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Roster of the Youth Bureau be amended as follows:

Fund: One (1) Youth Program Coordinator (35 hours)
Defund: One (1) Youth Program Leader (35 hours)

Carried Unanimously

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

10.1 A Resolution Calling for the United States to “Pull Back from the Brink” and Prevent Nuclear War

By Alderperson Nguyen: Seconded by Alderperson Smith

WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but 15,000 of these weapons still exist and pose an intolerable risk to human survival; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia and the rest are held by seven other countries: China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom¹; and

WHEREAS, the use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; to wit, as few as 100 Hiroshima sized bombs, small by modern standards, would put at least five million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting two billion people at risk of starvation²; and

WHEREAS, a large-scale nuclear war would kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental damage³ and catastrophic climate disruption, dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age; and

¹ <https://fas.org/issues/nuclear-weapons/status-world-nuclear-forces/>

² <http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/two-billion-at-risk.pdf>

³ <http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/projected-us-casualties-and-destruction.pdf>

WHEREAS, despite assurances that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee that they are never used, there have been many occasions when nuclear armed states have prepared to use these weapons, and war has been averted only at the last minute⁴; and

WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara said, speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis, "It was luck that prevented nuclear war," yet our nuclear policy cannot be the hope that luck will continue; and

WHEREAS, as the effects of climate change place increased stress on communities around the world and intensify the likelihood of conflict, the danger of nuclear war will grow⁵; and

WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than \$1 trillion to enhance our nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but will fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world⁶; and

WHEREAS, there is an alternative to this march to nuclear war: in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons⁷; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of Ithaca, New York calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of Ithaca, New York calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first (first-strike capacity);
- ending the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack without approval by congress;
- taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- cancelling the 1.7 trillion dollar plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, as established in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to U.S. Congressman Tom Reed, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, and President Donald J. Trump.

Alderspersons Nguyen and Mohlenhoff thanked the people who came out to speak on the issue and for pursuing this initiative.

A vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Carried Unanimously

⁴ <http://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2015/04/Close%20Calls%20with%20Nuclear%20Weapons.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/once-again-climate-change-cited-as-trigger-for-war/>

⁶ <https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/USNuclearModernization>

⁷ <http://www.icanw.org/the-treaty/>