

City of Rochester, NH Preamble for August 18, 2020 City Council Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Workshop

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the City Council, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

a.) **Providing public access to the meeting by telephone:** At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. Some meetings will allow live public input, however you must have pre-registered online, otherwise, the meeting will be set to allow the public to "listen-in" only, and there will be no public comment taken during the meeting. <u>Public Input Registration (Please note: In order to notify the meeting host that you would like to speak, press 5* to be recognized and unmuted)</u>

Phone number: 857-444-0744 Conference code: 843095

b.) **Public Access Troubleshooting:** If any member of the public has difficulty accessing the meeting by phone, please email <u>PublicInput@RochesterNH.net</u> or call 603-332-1167.

c.) **Public Input:** Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, when permitted, with the City Council (Public Hearing and/or Workshop settings) are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** City Clerk/Public Input, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **email** <u>PublicInput@rochesternh.net</u> (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail** 603-330-7107 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

In addition to the above listed methods, the City Council will be allowing the public to come to City Hall and speak via video conferencing software for Public Input. In an effort to adhere to CDC guideline, please enter only at the front Wakefield Street entrance and exit on the side door closest to the Police Department. We ask that you adhere to 6-foot social distancing protocols while inside the building. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available at the Wakefield Street entrance.

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

d.) **<u>Roll Call</u>**: Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name (and/or ward), also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. (Additionally, Council members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.)

City Council Public Hearing August 18, 2020 Meeting Conducted Remotely 6:30 PM

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Resolution Granting Community Revitalization Tax Relief to the Property Located at 10- 14 North Main Street Under the Provisions of RSA 79-E in Connection with a Proposed Rehabilitation Project
- 3. Adjournment

City Council Special Meeting August 18, 2020 Meeting Conducted Remotely Immediately Following the Public Hearing

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Resolution Granting Community Revitalization Tax Relief to the Property Located at 10- 14 North Main Street Under the Provisions of RSA 79-E in Connection with a Proposed

Rehabilitation Project *second reading and consideration for adoption*

3. Adjournment

City Council Workshop August 18, 2020 Meeting Conducted Remotely Immediately Following the Special Meeting

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Input
- 3. Communications from the City Manager
- 4. Communications from the Mayor
- 5. Update: Primary Election Absentee Ballot process
- 6. Department Reports
- 7. Other
- 8. Non-Public
 - 8.1 Non-Public Session Land, RSA 91-A:3, II (d)
- 9. Adjournment