

City of Rochester, NH Preamble for May 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole Budget 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. This is currently set to allow the public to "listen-in" only, there will be no public comment taken during the meeting.

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 PublicInput@RochesterNH.net or call 603-332-1167.
- **c.)** <u>Public Input:</u> 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** PublicInput@rochesternh.net (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)

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.) Roll Call: 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 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.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Input
- 3. Budget Presentations (continued):
 - 3.1. Welfare
 - 3.2. Planning
 - 3.3. Building, Zoning & Licensing
 - 3.4. Recreation and Arena
- 4. CIP Budget Presentations:
 - 4.1. Planning
 - 4.2. Information Technology
 - 4.3. Police and Dispatch
 - 4.4. City Manager
- 5. Other
- 6. Non-Public/Non-Meeting
 - 6.1.Non-Public Session Land, RSA 91-A:3, II (d)
- 7. Adjournment