

**City Council Workshop
October 15, 2019
Council Chambers
7:30 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Abbott
Councilor Bogan
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Hutchinson
Councilor Keans
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Torr
Councilor Walker
Deputy Mayor Varney
Mayor McCarley

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney
Vincent Gregg DeNobile, Resident
Chief Mark Klose, Rochester FD
Laura Hainey, Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer
Brian Brown, Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer
Larry Dumont, Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer

COUNCILORS EXCUSED/ABSENT

Councilor Gates

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCarley called the City Council Workshop meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took a silent roll call. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Gates, who was excused.

2. Public Input

Mayor McCarley invited members of the public to come forward and address the Council.

Vincent Gregg DeNobile, resident, asked the Council several questions regarding the \$3 Million supplemental appropriation for 145 Airport Drive on which Council had voted at the preceding Special Meeting. Mr. DeNobile requested more information on the exact terms of the lease.

Mark Klose, Rochester Fire Chief, announced that the swift water rescue boat had been delivered to Rochester and it was on the City Hall

campus for anyone who wanted to see it.

3. Communications from the City Manager

3.1 Adopt-a-Spot Certificates

City Manager Cox presented the Adopt-a-Spot certificates to those recipients present and read the list of the Adopt-a-Spot volunteers unable to attend.

4. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor McCarley referred to the Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee she had been asked to assemble to deal with the Chapter 275 downtown zoning issue which had come before Council and other Committees recently. Mayor McCarley asked Councilor Walker and Councilor Abbott to service on this Committee along Mike Scala and Jim Campbell, as well as with a couple Planning Board members to be determined at the upcoming meeting. She stated that they also hoped to solicit input from several developers and the chair of the Economic Development committee. The Mayor stated that Planning Department Staff has done additional work which has not yet been reviewed by Council, so this will be discussed at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee. They will also be soliciting input from neighboring communities.

5. Department Reports

Councilor Varney requested a list of authorized bond projects which have not yet been bonded. He also referenced two projects which will need additional funding and asked if Council would receive more information on these items and the amounts. City Manager Cox stated these projects are out to bid currently and he will bring back details next months.

Councilor Varney inquired if the additional revenue which comes to the City from the Schools goes directly to the school budget without any additional action needed. City Manager Cox confirmed no action would need to be taken.

Councilor Gray stated that there will be approximately \$600,000 coming from the State to the City and asked whether or not the Council needs to take action to reduce the tax rate or authorize additional projects with this funding. City Manager Cox said this money comes in as "unanticipated revenue." The Mayor stated that the Council would have opportunity to take action on these funds at the November 6, 2019 meeting which would take place in advance of the tax rate being set.

6. Other

Councilor Keans referenced the two 79-E applications which the Council has approved. She inquired if Council would receive the covenants for these applications. City Manager Cox responded that the covenants have been written up and signed and would be supplied to Council.

7. Non-Public/Non-Meeting

7.1 Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Land

Councilor Lauterborn **MOVED** to enter into non-public session at 7:44 PM under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Land. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a 12-0 roll call vote with Councilors Lauterborn, Keans, Walker, Hutchinson, Lachapelle, Gray, Abbott, Torr, Hamann, Bogan, Varney and Mayor McCarley voting in favor.

Councilor Lauterborn **MOVED** to exit the non-public session at 8:40 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Lauterborn **MOVED** to seal the minutes of the non-public session as disclosure could render the proposed action ineffective. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a 12-0 roll call vote with Councilors Bogan, Torr, Walker, Lachapelle, Lauterborn, Hutchinson, Varney, Keans, Abbott, Hamann, Gray and Mayor McCarley all voting in favor.

8. Adjournment

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the City Council Workshop meeting at 8:41 PM. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk