

**ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**August 19, 2014**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:03 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Bogan  
Councilor Collins  
Councilor Gates  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hamann  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor Larochele  
Councilor Lauterborn  
Councilor Torr  
Councilor Varney  
Councilor Walker  
Mayor Jean

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager  
Gregg DeNobile, Resident  
Kenn Ortmann

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Councilor Keans

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jean called the Workshop to order at 7:03 PM. Marcia Roddy, Deputy City Clerk, took a silent roll call. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Keans, who had been excused.

**2. Public Input**

Gregg DeNobile, resident, questioned if the Granite Ridge TIF District resolution item on the Special Meeting Agenda will be open for public input at the public hearing. Mayor Jean said it will be open for discussion at the public hearing in September. Mr. DeNobile offered some comments on the TIF District.

Mr. DeNobile asked the Council if any action or input from the Council needs to be provided regarding the refugees from the Congo that area communities are supporting.

Public input was closed at 7:06 PM.

**3. Communications from the City Manager**

The City Manager was not in attendance; however, Deputy City Manager Cox had no communications from the City Manager.

#### **4. Communications from the Mayor**

##### **4.1 Presentation of the Fifth Annual Rivalry Softball Game Trophy**

Mayor Jean presented the rivalry cup to Councilor Lachapelle who was representing the Ward 3 team. He noted that the score was 34-6 in favor of Ward 3. Councilor Lachapelle added that next year the plan is to open the softball game to all of the wards, with Wards 2, 3, and 4 vs. Wards 1, 5, and 6.

#### **5. Presentation: Community Action Partnership of Strafford County 2014 Strafford County Community Assessment**

Kenn Ortmann from The Community Action Partnership of Strafford County ("CAPSC") gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the functions and activities of CAPSC. He provided a purpose and program overview with several examples of the types of services that CAPSC offers the community.

Councilor Gates asked Mr. Ortmann what is the source or sources for the statistical data used in the report. Mr. Ortmann said there is a variety of sources, such as census data, interviewing people, as well as hard data from larger agencies.

#### **6. New Hampshire Municipal Association - Legislative Recommendations**

Councilor Lauterborn explained that the New Hampshire Municipal Association has a conference every two years just before the new legislature is elected. Anyone can attend, but the highest ranking representative from a community would be that community's delegate. The conference is for the purpose of establishing policies of interest to the communities. She encouraged those who are interested to attend. Mayor Jean said that a more detailed discussion regarding the policies will be on the agenda for the September 2, 2014, regular City Council meeting.

#### **7. Department Reports**

Councilor Varney asked that Jim Grant of the Building, Zoning, and Licensing Services department provide an explanation regarding the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's requirement for rehabilitation of the historic district and what that means for the City of Rochester.

Councilor Varney pointed out that the Economic Development Department report did not have a jobs loan summary or CDBG grant summary. He said that the CDBG employee is leaving the position and he recommends that the position be reclassified as

a part time position. He does not think there is enough activity in the position to justify it being a full time position.

Councilor Gray disagreed with Councilor Varney regarding the CDBG position. He said that there is a 5-year plan in the works and that means a lot of work in that position.

Councilor Torr asked what is expected from the 5-year plan. Councilor Gray said that the 5-year plan is what is needed in order to get the CDBG federal grants. By not doing the 5-year plan the City will not get the grants.

Councilors Varney and Gray discussed their differing views on the need for a full time or part time employee in the CDBG position. Councilor Torr added that he does not see too much money coming from the federal government.

**8. Other**

There was no further business before the Council.

**9. Adjournment**

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the Workshop at 7:35 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia H. Roddy*

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Deputy City Clerk