

**INAUGURATION  
City Council/School Board  
Police Commission/Election Officials  
January 5, 2016  
Rochester Opera House  
7:00 PM**

<b><u>Councilors-Elect</u></b>	<b><u>School Board-Elect</u></b>
Thomas Abbott	Travis Allen
Ray Barnett	Julie Brown
Donna Bogan	Jennifer Bryant
Robert Gates	Nichole Guptel
James Gray	Thomas J. Jean
Donald Hamann	Paul Lynch
Sandra Keans	Amy Malone
Peter Lachapelle	Thomas O'Connor
Elaine Lauterborn	Matthew Pappas
Ralph Torr	Audrey Stevens
Thomas Willis	Karen Stokes
Ray Varney	Robert Watson
<b><u>Mayor-Elect</u></b>	<b><u>Police Commissioners-Elect</u></b>
Caroline McCarley	Lucien Levesque
	Bruce Lindsay
<b><u>Moderators-Elect</u></b>	Derek Peters
James Gray	
Jason Hamann	<b><u>Selectmen-Elect</u></b>
David Ouellette	Robert Pallas
Daniel Spencer	Sylvia Ward
Craig Warner	
	<b><u>Ward Clerks-Elect</u></b>
<b><u>Supervisors of the Checklist-Elect</u></b>	Melissa D'Arcy
Douglas Stanton	Steven Field
Tricia Torr	Nora Goodwin
	Joanne Gray
<b><u>Others Present</u></b>	
Governor Maggie Hassan	
Chaplain Ron Lachapelle	
Peg Johnson	
Elizabeth Walters	
City Attorney Terence O'Rourke	

## Minutes

### **1. Call to Order**

Kelly Walters, City Clerk, called the meeting to order. She thanked the following Opera House staff members for assisting with this event: Martha Fowler, Business Director, Sean Hodgson, Sound Technician, and Anthony Ejarque, Executive Director. Additionally, she thanked Steven Field of the SK's Green Side Grill for catering this event and Samantha Rodgeron, Executive Secretary to the City Manager, for organizing this event.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Walters invited Peg Johnson to come forward to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and to sing the National Anthem.

### **3. Opening Prayer – Ron Lachapelle**

Ms. Walters invited Ron Lachapelle, Chaplain of the Rochester Fire Department, to come forward to lead the Opening Prayer. *This part of the meeting was inadvertently taken out of order of the Agenda.*

### **4. Poem Recital**

Ms. Walters said that unfortunately, due to a recent illness, former City Councilor Mac Kittredge could not attend that evening to recite the Poem. She added that her daughter, Elizabeth Walters, had agreed to fill in in his absence. Ms. Walters invited Elizabeth "Libby" Walters to come forward and to recite a Poem entitled *A New Day Coming* by Mychal Wynn.

### **5. Roll Call**

Ms. Walters took a silent roll call as shown above.

### **6. Mayor-Elect takes Oath of Office**

Ms. Walters invited Attorney O'Rourke to come forward to administer the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Caroline McCarley. Mayor-Elect Caroline McCarley took the Oath of Office.

### **7. Councilors-Elect take Oath of Office**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to all Councilors-Elect. The Councilors-Elect took the Oath of Office.

### **8. School Board Members-Elect take Oath of Office**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to all School Board Members-Elect. The School Board Members-Elect took the Oath of Office.

## **9. Police Commissioners-Elect take Oath of Office**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to all School Board Members-Elect. The School Board Members-Elect took the Oath of Office.

## **10. Election Officials-Elect take Oath of Office**

### **10.1. Moderators**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to the Moderators-Elect. The Moderators-Elect took the Oath of Office.

### **10.2. Ward Clerks**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to the Ward Clerks-Elect. The Ward Clerks-Elect took the Oath of Office.

### **10.3. Supervisors of the Checklist**

### **10.4. Selectmen**

Mayor McCarley invited Attorney O'Rourke to administer the Oath of Office to Supervisors of the Checklist-Elect and the Selectmen-Elect. The Supervisors of the Checklist-Elect and the Selectmen-Elect took the Oath of Office.

## **11. Election of Deputy Mayor**

Mayor McCarley opened nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilor Torr nominated Councilor Varney to serve as Deputy Mayor. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. Mayor McCarley asked if there were any other nominations. As there were no other nominations stated, Mayor McCarley **MOVED** that nominations cease and that the Clerk cast one ballot for Councilor Varney. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor McCarley announced that Councilor Varney had been elected as the Deputy Mayor of the Rochester City Council.

## **12. Inaugural Address**

Mayor McCarley stated that a good friend of hers happens to be the Governor of New Hampshire. As first act as Mayor, Mayor McCarley invited Maggie Hassan, Governor of New Hampshire, to come forward, to say a few words.

Governor Hassan thanked Mayor McCarley for the warm welcome. Governor Hassan said she has known Caroline McCarley for many years and she complemented Mayor McCarley for speaking her mind and doing so very gracefully. Governor Hassan

thanked Former Mayor Jean and the previous City City Council for their hard work. She noted that Peg Johnson and Libby Walters both did a great job this evening. Governor Hassan gave a brief overview of the City of Rochester's steady growth. She thanked all elected officials for their dedication and hard work.

Mayor McCarley thanked Governor Hassan for her kind words about the City of Rochester.

Mayor McCarley said chose to run for the Mayor position because of her great love for the Community of Rochester, New Hampshire. She congratulated Mayor Jean, the City Council, and the City's administration, for what has been accomplished in the past six years.

Mayor McCarley spoke about the Main Street Program and the Rochester Economic Development Commission as being critical parts in the development and growth of the City of Rochester.

Mayor McCarley stated that it had become obvious during the City Council Forum that most candidates had many of the same basic goals for the City of Rochester. She said the City has so much to offer.

Mayor McCarley felt that "branding" the City is important; however, some of the other issues must be dealt with, as well. She mentioned that the opioid crisis is in need of guaranteed evidence based programs and it will be a group effort to get the situation under control.

Mayor McCarley spoke about the Rochester Fair and said that it is one of the oldest agricultural attractions around. It is not located in the downtown; however, it is a part of the "main" town.

Mayor McCarley stated that she is looking forward to working with all elected officials in the coming two years.

### **13. Adjourn to the January 12, 2016, Regular City Council meeting**

Mayor McCarley **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM and set the time to reconvene this meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Walters  
City Clerk