

**ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 18, 2013
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Keans
Councilor LaBranche
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Larochelle
Councilor Torr
Councilor Walker
Councilor Reed-Erickson
Councilor Varney
Mayor Jean

OTHERS PRESENT

Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager
Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager
Roland Connors, Assistant
Finance Director
Mark Sullivan, Senior Accountant
Karen Pollard, Deputy City
Manager
Chief Michael Allen
Attorney Dan Wensley
Deputy Chief Mark Dupuis
Michael Hopkins, Superintendent
of Schools
Robert Watson, Chairman of the
School Board
Robert Gates, Resident
Doris Gates, Resident
Nel Sylvain, Planning Board
Chair
Fred Leonard, Resident
Michelle Paradis, Resident
Diane Wood, Resident
Peter Nourse, Director of Public
Works
Dennis Schaffer,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Hervey
Councilor Hynes

MINUTES

1] Call to Order

Mayor Jean called the City Council Public Hearing to order at 7:01 PM. Assistant City Clerk Nancy Carignan took a silent roll call. All members were present with the exception of Councilor Hervey and Councilor Hynes, who were excused.

2] Public Input

Fred Leonard, resident, addressed the City Council with his concerns on the operating budget and spending to the tax cap. He explained that he disagreed with monies going to the Opera House and cited why.

Mr. Leonard stated his concerns with businesses moving out of Rochester, such as Art Stream and what types of businesses are coming into the City

Mr. Leonard stated that when he looked at the CIP budget, referring to the Police Annex and East Rochester School; that maybe it was not the right time due to the economy. He was concerned that the City had not looked at school consolidation in regards to the East Rochester School due to the fact the demographics show enrollment is down. He went on to explain his reasons for this citing these issues.

Mr. Leonard thanked the City Council for their time and consideration.

Michelle Paradis, resident, seconded Mr. Leonard's comments. She addressed the City Council on her thoughts regarding the East Rochester School and she explained that her son had attended this and he did not have any issues there that he would not have had at any other school, stating nothing out of the normal. She wanted to know if the City had looked at all avenues.

Diane Wood, resident, explained that she researched the City of Dover in regards to the CIP when it came to schools and cited that they only have three schools and Rochester should address consolidation verses a 13,000,000 renovation to the East Rochester School. She is concerned with this because taxes affect the whole community. She also expressed her concerns with the tax cap.

3] Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROCHESTER:

That a twelve (12) month operating budget for the City of Rochester be, and hereby is, approved and appropriated for the period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 in the amounts and for the purposes more particularly set forth in the City of Rochester, Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), as amended, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference thereto

by attached **Exhibit A**.

This budget may be reconsidered before the tax rate is set if City, School and/or County revenues are changed by the State of New Hampshire or by the Federal Government. The budget appropriations contained in this Resolution are predicated upon projected revenues as more particularly set forth in the City of Rochester, Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), as amended, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference thereto.

4] Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2014 CIP Budget

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING 2013-2014 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER AND AUTHORIZING BORROWING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER:

That the capital budget for the City of Rochester for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 fiscal year in the total amount specified in **Exhibit A** annexed hereto, be, and hereby is, authorized and appropriated, and, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:9, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is hereby authorized to issue bonds, notes and/or other forms of long term financing to finance a portion of said capital budget appropriation as identified on Exhibit A annexed hereto.

The aforementioned issuance of bonds, notes and/or other forms of long term financing is authorized subject to compliance with the provisions of RSA 33:9 and Section 45 of the Rochester City Charter. The useful lives of the capital projects for which bonds, notes and/or other forms of long term financing is authorized by this resolution shall be more particularly set forth in the "City of Rochester, New Hampshire, Proposed CIP Budget, Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014), as amended.

5] Adjournment

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carignan
Assistant City Clerk