

**Rochester City Council Public Hearing
September 16, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Bogan
Councilor Collins
Councilor Gates
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Keans
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Torr
Councilor Varney
Councilor Walker

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager
Fred Leonard, Resident
Tom Kaczynski, Resident

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Councilor Larochelle

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jean called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM, Deputy City Clerk Marcia Roddy took a silent roll call. All Council members were present, with the exception of Councilor Larochelle, who had been excused.

2. Amendment to Ordinances Repealing the Provisions of Section 17.4 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester, Entitled "Water Service Connection Required."

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES
REPEALING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17.4
OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, ENTITLED "WATER
SERVICE CONNECTION REQUIRED"**

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ORDAINS:

That Section 17.4 the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester, entitled "Water Service Connection Required" as presently amended be further amended, by repealing such Section in its entirety. **CC FY15 09-02 AB 34**

3. Proposal Granting Community Revitalization Tax Relief to the Property Situate at 2-6 North Main Street Under the Provisions of RSA 79-E in Connection with the Proposed Rehabilitation Project for such Premises

4. Public Input

Mayor Jean invited members of the public to come forward to speak on the Amendment and/or the Proposal before the Council.

Fred Leonard, resident, commented on the 79-E application. He noted that it did not appear to be complete. He said he is opposed to tax relief for targeted property and questioned who will be attracted to the property which would apparently be low-income rents.

Tom Kaczynski, resident, said that 79-E is giving special treatment for property due to the location. He added that the City's taxes continue to go up, but it has been proven that lower taxes equal economic growth.

Mayor Jean clarified that he was aware that the application in the packet was incomplete as all of the attachments to it were not available at this time, but will be forthcoming.

Mayor Jean closed Public Input at 7:12 PM.

5. Adjournment

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia H. Roddy

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Deputy City Clerk