

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
June 21, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Abbott
Councilor Barnett
Councilor Bogan
Councilor Gates
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Keans
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Torr
Councilor Varney
Councilor Willis
Mayor McCarley

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Daniel Fitzpatrick
Deputy City Manager Blaine Cox
City Attorney Terence O'Rourke
David Miller, Resident
Jennifer Marsh, Economic Development

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCarley called the City Council Workshop to order at 7:00 PM. Deputy City Clerk Marcia Roddy took a silent roll call. All councilors were present.

2. Public Input

Mayor McCarley asked if any member of the public wished to address the City Council.

David Miller, resident, thanked the City Council and School Board for their work on the budget, especially for the School Department.

Mayor McCarley closed public input at 7:01 PM.

3. Communications from the City Manager

3.2 City Manager Citation

City Manager Fitzpatrick invited Jennifer Marsh of the Economic Development Department to come forward. He presented Ms. Marsh with a City Manager Citation for

her work in the creation of the Farmer's Market that has successfully started in Rochester.

3.1 AB 179 New Staff Positions - Classifications

The councilors briefly discussed the new staff positions and the information they had been provided. It was confirmed that they have 60 days to vote on the positions.

4. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor McCarley asked City Councilor Lauterborn to speak on the Tri-City Coalition, comprised of the mayors of Dover, Somersworth, and Dover, as well as two City Councilors from each of the communities and the City Managers of each community. The purpose of the coalition is to discuss how the cities can work together to create better efficiencies, to possibly save money, and other ways they can work together as a group. Also, the coalition will look at fire administrative services to create efficiencies within the three cities. The fire chiefs and city managers of the three communities have been invited to meet sometime in the summer and report back in the fall with a recommendation on how that might work.

Mayor McCarley asked for a *sense of council* regarding asking the City Manager to attend the coalition meetings.

Councilor Keans expressed her concerns with regionalization. She said that by having the three fire chiefs meeting it would make sense to have a fourth person meeting with them to mediate the discussions.

Councilor Lauterborn explained further how the coalition would discuss ways in which to make it work and how it could possibly benefit the three cities.

Councilor Torr said he would never vote for this proposal. He said he did not believe other cities should have any say in how Rochester works. He added that he thought the City Manager had more important things to do than participate in this type of discussion.

Mayor McCarley thanked the Fire Department for the great job they did in fighting the fire in Gonic and shared the appreciation of one of the property owners involved.

Mayor McCarley informed the Council about the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization that looks at transportation issues. They would like two people from Rochester to serve in the organization. Currently Seth Creighton of the Planning Department is the current appointee, and John Storer from Public Works is the alternate. Mayor McCarley would like to re-appoint these two individuals to continue serving.

Mayor McCarley said that in spite of the fact that the City Council has not met on the first Tuesday of July in past years, she now has a particular reason why the Council

should meet on July 5. As there were no objections, she said that the Council would meet in July on the regular planned dates.

5. Final Budget Deliberations

There was no discussion.

6. Department Reports

Councilor Keans questioned an item in the Police Department report regarding a grant for the Diversion Program. She asked if the City Council needed to approve it as it is a supplemental appropriation. That was confirmed by Deputy City Manager Cox.

7. Other

There was no discussion.

8. Adjournment

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the Workshop at 7:10 PM. Councilor Bogan seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia H. Roddy
Deputy City Clerk