

**City Council Public Hearing
April 21, 2020
Meeting Conducted Remotely
7:00 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Abbott
Councilor Belken
Councilor Bogan
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hailey
Councilor Hamman
Councilor Hutchinson
Councilor Lachance
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Rice
Councilor Walker
Deputy Mayor Lauterborn
Mayor McCarley

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Katie Ambrose, Deputy City Manager
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCarley called the public hearing to order at 7:00 PM and read the following preamble:

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the City Council, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name and ward, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

2. Roll Call

Cassie Givara, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll. All Councilors were present. In addition, all Councilors indicated that they were alone in the location from which they were connecting remotely.

3. Resolution Adopting a FY 2021 Rochester CDBG "Action Plan For The City Of Rochester, N.H." and Approving And Appropriating The FY 2021 Community Development Budget for The City Of Rochester [Click Here for Annual Action Plan](#)

There was no public comment submitted in regard to the CDBG Annual Action Plan.

4. Resolution Adopting a FY 2020-2025 CDBG "Consolidated Plan for The City Of Rochester, N.H." [Click Here for Consolidated Plan](#)

There was no public comment submitted in regard to the CDBG Consolidated Plan.

5. Ordinance Amendment Relative to Water User Rate

There was no public comment submitted in regard to the amendment to the water user rate.

6. Ordinance Amendment Relative to Sewer User Rate

There was no public comment submitted in regard to the amendment to the sewer user rate.

7. Adjournment

Mayor McCarley **ADJOURNED** the City Council Public Hearing at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN FY 2021 ROCHESTER CDBG
“ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, N.H.” AND
APPROVING AND APPROPRIATING THE FY 2021
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

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

I. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby adopt the one-year FY 2021 (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021) “Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the City of Rochester, N.H.,” as prepared and presented to the Mayor and City Council by the City of Rochester Office of Economic and Community Development, in connection with the City’s CDBG program, including the goals, objectives, and concepts set forth therein;

II. Further, that a twelve (12) month Community Development Block Grant budget for the Office of Economic and Community Development for the City of Rochester in the total amount of Two Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$254,500.00) be, and hereby is, approved and appropriated for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021. Included in said approval and appropriation are expenditures set forth in the one-year action plan of the Office of Economic & Community Development for the City of Rochester for the Community Development Block Grant program, in the following categories and amounts:

Administration and Planning	\$ 50,900.00
Public Service Agencies	\$ 38,175.00
Housing/Public Facilities/Infrastructure	\$ 165,425.00
Total	\$ 254,500.00

III. Further, that Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$9,509.74) in prior year unexpended CDBG funds be repurposed for use in the FY 2021 Action Plan year.

IV. Further, that Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$98,198.16) in the Job Opportunity Benefit revolving loan fund loan fund, plus the principal and interest received monthly from existing loans’ repayments, be appropriated for continued use in the FY 2021 Action Plan year in granting loans to qualified small businesses that commit to the creation and/or retention of jobs made available to low to moderate-income Rochester residents.

This budget and the one-year action plan for FY 2021 may be reconsidered if federal funding is changed or if it is inconsistent with the total FY 2021 budget adopted for the Office of Economic and Community Development.

The sums necessary to fund the above appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$254,500.00) shall be drawn in their entirety from the above-mentioned FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant from the federal government to the City of Rochester. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to create such line item accounts as shall be necessary to implement this Resolution.

Furthermore, in the event that federal funding for the above Community Development Block Grant budget is less than the total appropriation amount provided for in this Resolution, then, and in such event, the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee in the Office of Economic and Community Development, is authorized to adjust the amounts for the budgetary categories stated above, as well as for any planned grants and/or other expenditures made from within such budgetary categories.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN FY 2020-2025 CDBG
“CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, N.H.”

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

I. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby adopt the five-year 2020-2025 “Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the City of Rochester, N.H.,” as prepared and presented to the Mayor and City Council by the City of Rochester Office of Economic & Community Development, in connection with the City’s CDBG program, including the goals, objectives, and concepts set forth therein;

II. The budget for Year 1 of the FY 2020-2025 “Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the City of Rochester, N.H.,” which is contained and detailed in the *Resolution Adopting an FY 2021 CDBG “Action Plan for the City of Rochester, N.H.”*, may be reconsidered if federal funding is changed or if it is inconsistent with the total FY 2021 budget adopted for the Office of Economic & Community Development for the Rochester CDBG Program;

Furthermore, in the event that federal funding for any Community Development Block Grant budget is less than the total appropriation amount provided for in this Resolution, then, and in such event, the City Manager, or the City Manager’s designee in the Office of Economic & Community Development, is authorized to proportionately reduce the amounts for the relevant budgetary categories, as well as for any planned grants and/or other expenditures made from within such budgetary categories.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
RELATIVE TO SEWER USER RATE**

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ORDAINS:

I. That Chapter 200, Section 23 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester, entitled "Wastewater Rate and Fee Schedule", be amended by deleting the portion of said ordinance entitled "Quarterly Wastewater Rates" and by replacing such portion of the ordinance with the following:

200.23 Wastewater Rate and Fee Schedule

Quarterly Wastewater Rates

Residential Customers without exemption:	\$7.43	per 100 cu. ft. of water use
Residential Customers with exemption:	\$4.94	per 100 cu. ft. of water use
Commercial and industrial customers:	\$7.43	per 100 cu. ft. of water use
High Volume Customer (I.e. customers using more than 5,000 units **monthly)	\$6.68	per 100 cu. ft. of water use

Unmetered Residential Customers:	
Per quarter per unit without exemption:	\$229.47
Per quarter per unit with exemption:	\$114.72

Sewer-Metered Customers:	\$7.43 per 100 cu. Ft.
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Minimum Fee:	
Per quarter per unit without exemption:	\$34.31
Per quarter per unit with exemption:	\$27.31

Septage Discharge:	\$55.00 per 500 gal. or portion thereof
RV Septage Discharge:	\$16.00 flat fee
Graywater Disposal	\$30.00 per 2000 gal. or portion thereof

II. That this ordinance amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2020

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
RELATIVE TO WATER USER RATE**

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ORDAINS:

I. That Chapter 260, Section 17 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester, entitled "Water Rate and Fee Schedule", be amended by deleting the portion of said ordinance entitled "Quarterly Water Rates" and by replacing such portion of the ordinance with the following:

260.17 Water Rate and Fee Schedule

Quarterly Water Rates

Residential Customers without exemption:	\$5.83	per 100 cu. ft. of water use
Residential Customers with exemption:	\$2.52	
Commercial and industrial customers:	\$5.83	

Unmetered Residential Customers:	
Per quarter per unit without exemption:	\$155.96
Per quarter per unit with exemption:	\$77.96

Minimum Fee:	
Per quarter per unit without exemption:	\$22.14
Per quarter per unit with exemption:	\$17.76

II. That this ordinance amendment shall take effect on July 1, 2020