

**City Council Public Hearing
June 21, 2022
Council Chambers
6:00 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Beaudoin
Councilor Berlin
Councilor Desrochers
Councilor Fontneau
Councilor Gilman
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hailey
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Larochelle
Councilor Malone
Deputy Mayor Lachapelle
Mayor Callaghan

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Cliff Newton, resident
Susan Rice, resident

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Callaghan called the City Council Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took a silent roll call attendance. All Councilors were present.

2. Resolution Pursuant to RSA 34:1-a Establishing an Economic Development Reserve Fund

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

By adoption of this Resolution, the City Council establishes a Non-Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 34:1-a for the purpose of encouraging economic development within the City, encouraging the development of industrial and commercial sites, promoting the City as an attractive location for businesses and residents, and acquisition of land related to the same. The name of such fund shall be the Economic Development Reserve Fund.

The City Council, at its sole discretion, may appropriate funds into said Economic Development Reserve Fund through supplemental appropriations or the annual budgeting process,

however, in no case shall said annual appropriation be less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). Revenue sources can be Waste Management Host Fee Revenues, or General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. In addition, other unanticipated revenue sources, and proceeds from transactions that were originally derived from the Economic Development Reserve Fund, may also be appropriated into the fund upon a majority vote of the City Council.

Pursuant to RSA 34:6, the Trustees of Trust Funds shall have custody of all non-capital reserves transferred to the Economic Development Reserve Fund. The Trustees of the Trust Fund will hold the monies appropriated to the Economic Development Reserve Fund in a separate liquid investment account. Appropriations made to the Economic Development Reserve Fund will be submitted to the Trustees of the Trust Fund within the same fiscal year of the appropriation.

Pursuant to RSA 34:10, the City Council names the Economic Development Commission as its agent to carry out the objects of the Economic Development Reserve Fund. All expenditures made by the Economic Development Commission shall be made only for or in connection with the purposes for which said Fund was established and only in accordance with §7-38-40 of the City Code. All requests for expenditures shall be approved by the 2/3rds vote of the Economic Development Commission prior to being presented to City Council for final approval. Upon said 2/3rds vote expenditure requests may then be presented to City Council. Expenditure requests shall identify expense categories, or specific project scope detail. General administrative, travel and conference activities shall be ineligible expense activities. Expenditure requests can be presented as part of the annual budget process, or through supplemental appropriations. All approved expenditures shall follow the City's Purchasing Policy.

The City Council may dissolve the Economic Development Reserve Fund at its sole discretion. Upon dissolution of any portion of said fund appropriated from the General Fund said funds will lapse to surplus (General Fund Unassigned Fund balance) and cannot be repurposed directly to a different capital fund or project.

To the extent not otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to designate and/or establish such accounts and/or account numbers as necessary to implement the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Cliff Newton, resident, spoke about the revisions which had been made to the resolution and the work that he felt was still needed. He addressed Council regarding the role of the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Newton read the majority of the resolution in its entirety for those residents without computer access to read it for themselves.

3. **Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2022 Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Fund in Connection with Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Biosolids Dewatering Facility Project in the Amount of \$2,500,000.00 and Borrowing Authority pursuant to RSA 33:9**

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Borrowing Authority pursuant to RSA 33:9

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

That the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is hereby appropriated as a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Public Works FY2022 Sewer CIP fund for the purpose of paying costs associated with the WWTP Dewatering Facility Project.

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:9 and in conjunction with this supplemental appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, be, and hereby are authorized to borrow the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) through the issuance of bonds and/or notes, and/or through other legal form(s), such borrowing to be on such terms and conditions as the said Treasurer and City Manager may deem to be in the best interest of the City of Rochester. Such borrowing is authorized subject to compliance with the provisions of RSA 33:9 and Section 45 of the Rochester City Charter to the extent required, necessary and/or appropriate.

To the extent not otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to designate and/or establish such accounts and/or account numbers as necessary to implement the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and to establish special revenue, non-lapsing, multi-year fund account(s) as necessary to which said sums shall be recorded.

Cliff Newton, resident, questioned what this supplemental appropriation would do to the water and sewer rates for residents. He also spoke about other supplemental appropriations for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Newton addressed Council regarding their role as trustees for the citizens.

Susan Rice, resident, questioned what occurred with the contractor that necessitated the request for this supplemental appropriation and inquired if there had been an investigation.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Callaghan **ADJOURNED** the City Council Public Hearing at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk