

**City Council Public Hearing  
December 19, 2023  
Council Chambers  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

Councilor Beaudoin  
Councilor de Geofroy  
Councilor Desrochers  
Councilor Fontneau  
Councilor Gilman  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hailey  
Councilor Hamann (remote)  
Councilor Larochelle  
Councilor Richardson  
Deputy Mayor Lachapelle  
Mayor Callaghan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Katie Ambrose, City Manager  
Lauren Krans, Director of Rec and Arena  
Susan Rice, resident

**COUNCILORS EXCUSED**

Councilor Malone\*

**Minutes**

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor Callaghan called the City Council Public Hearing to Order at 6:00 PM.

Deputy Mayor Lachapelle led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call attendance. All Councilors were present. *\*Councilor Malone had submitted her resignation prior to the meeting.*

**2. Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation of \$45,000 to the Recreation Special Events Fund – Lilac Family Fun Festival**

**Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation of  
\$45,000 to the Recreation Special Events Fund-Lilac  
Family Fun Festival**

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

That the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the Recreation Special Events Fund for the purpose of paying costs associated with the annual Lilac Family Fun Festival. Advanced appropriation is needed in order to prepay costs associated with the event. The entirety of the supplemental appropriation shall be derived from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

The City of Rochester Recreation Department shall manage the use of funds under the City's established purchasing policies. Funds shall be expended solely on the annual Lilac Family Fun Festival event. Eligible uses of funds shall be for fireworks, various entertainment activities, and other miscellaneous expense pertinent to assuring a safe and successful community event.

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

Mayor Callaghan invited Lauren Krans, Director of Recreation and Arena, to come forward and speak about the request. Ms. Krans explained that there was a remainder of approximately \$2,800 from the prior year's event. The current request for \$45,000 would equate to an increase of \$7,000 over the prior year's festival. Ms. Krans outlined how these additional funds would be used, such as additional signage for road closures, more offerings for teen attendants, and water trucks for a more sustainable event.

Susan Rice, resident, questioned why this funding was not included in the prior budget. Ms. Rice brought up several concerns related to the event such as parking and pedestrian traffic. She suggested holding the event at the Rochester fairgrounds.

**3. Adjournment**

Mayor Callaghan **ADJOURNED** the City Council Public Hearing at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara, Deputy City Clerk