

**City Council Special Meeting  
January 16, 2024  
Council Chambers  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

Councilor Creteau  
Councilor de Geofroy  
Councilor Fitzpatrick  
Councilor Karolian  
Councilor Richardson  
Councilor Sullivan  
Councilor Turner  
Councilor Walker  
Deputy Mayor Hamann  
Mayor Callaghan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Katie Ambrose, City Manager  
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney

**COUNCILORS EXCUSED**

Councilor Fontneau  
Councilor Herman

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Callaghan called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councilor Karolian led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call attendance. All Councilors were present as listed above.

**3. Mayoral Nominations and Appointments**

Mayor Callaghan stated that if there were no objections, he would like to handle items 3.1 through 3.6 in one motion. There were no objections.

**3.1 Mayoral Nomination/Confirm by City Council: Arts and Culture - Government Representative – Patricia Turner** *Term to Expire on 1/2/2026*

- 3.2 **Mayoral Nomination/Confirm by City Council: Historic District Commission - City Council Representative, David Herman** *Term to Expire on 1/2/2026*
- 3.3 **Mayoral Nomination/Confirm by City Council: Planning Board Regular Member – Donald Hamann** *Term to Expire on 01/02/2026*
- 3.4 **Mayoral Nomination/Confirm by City Council: Planning Board Alternate Member – Matthew Richardson** *Term to Expire on 01/02/2026*
- 3.5 **Mayoral Nomination/Confirm by City Council: Recreation and Arena Commission, Regular Member - Bryan Karolian** *Term to Expire on 01/02/2026*
- 3.6 **Mayoral Reappointment/Confirm by City Council: Jonathan Shapleigh – Chair of the Rochester Economic Development Commission** *Term to Expire on 01/02/2026*

Councilor Walker nominated the above listed appointees in 3.1 through 3.6 with terms to expire as detailed above. He **MOVED** that all nominations cease, and the clerk cast one ballot for all nominees. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**3.7 GSBP and GRDD TIF Advisory Board Membership memos *information only***

Mayor Callaghan explained that there were two informational memos attached detailing the memberships and terms for the Granite State Business Park as well as the Granite Ridge Development District, but no action is needed on this item.

**4. Resolution to Accept and Appropriate \$252,000 Grant from the NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs for the Demolition of Former Public Works Facility at 45 Old Dover Road, Rochester *first reading and consideration for adoption***

Mayor Callaghan read the resolution for a first time by title only as follows:

**Resolution to Accept and Appropriate \$252,000 Grant from  
NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs for the  
Demolition of Former Public Works Facility at 45 Old Dover  
Rd, Rochester**

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

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester hereby accept a grant, and appropriate, Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$252,00.00) from NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs for the purpose of performing the demolition of the former Public Works Facility located at 45 Old Dover Rd. Rochester, NH. The entirety of this appropriation shall be derived from the NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs.

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.

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to **ADOPT** the resolution. Councilor Hamann seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor Callaghan **ADJOURNED** the City Council Special Meeting at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk