

**City Council Public Hearing June 16, 2020
School Department Board Room #2
Community Center – 1st Floor
6:30 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

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

COUNCILORS EXCUSED

Councilor Gray

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 6:30 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.

a.) **Providing public access to the meeting by telephone:** 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. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. Some meetings will allow live public input, however you must have pre-registered online, otherwise, the meeting will be set to allow the public to "listen-in" only, and there will be no public comment taken during the meeting. [Public Input Registration](#) (Please note: In order to notify the meeting host that you would like to speak, press 5* to be recognized and unmuted)

Phone number: 857-444-0744 Conference code: 843095

b.) **Public Access Troubleshooting:** If any member of the public has difficulty accessing the meeting by phone, please email PublicInput@RochesterNH.net or call 603-332-1167.

c.) **Public Input:** Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, when permitted, with the City Council (Public Hearing and/or Workshop settings) are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** City Clerk/Public Input, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **email** PublicInput@rochesternh.net (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail** 603-330-7107 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

d.) **Roll Call:** 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 any member states their name (and/or ward), also please state whether there is anyone

in the room with you during this meeting (if attending remotely), which is required under the Right-to-Know law. (Additionally, Council members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.)

Kelly Walters, City Clerk, called the roll. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Gray who had been excused. In addition, all Councilors were present at the meeting location with the exception of Councilor Lachapelle who indicated that he was alone in the location from which he was connecting remotely.

2. Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the Purchase of 55 North Main

Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the Purchase of 55 North Main

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

That the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) be, and hereby is, appropriated to pay for the costs associated with the City's acquisition of the property located at 55 North Main Street, Rochester. The entirety of this supplemental appropriation shall be derived from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

To the extent not otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to establish and/or designate such 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 accounts(s) as necessary to which said sums shall be recorded.

City Manager Cox read Public Input comments which were submitted by email:

- Molly Meulenbroek, Resident and Chair Rochester Historic District Commission
- Steve Beaudoin, Resident

Mayor McCarley invited other members of the public who had pre-

registered for public input to now speak about this topic.

Tom Kaczynski, Resident, addressed the City Council through the conference line and spoke about finding a larger venue to hold Council meetings. He had concerns about the purchase of the Hoffman Building for \$350,000. He spoke about the City Council spending and the increase to the City taxes.

3. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$1,664,000.00 Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water/Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGWTF) and a \$993,000.00 Grant from the MTBE Remediation Bureau Fund and Supplemental Appropriation to the Water Fund CIP in an amount of \$3,888,000.00 for Route 202A Water Main Extension Project In Connection Therewith

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$1,664,000.00 Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water/Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGWTF) and a \$993,000.00 Grant from the MTBE Remediation Bureau Fund and Supplemental Appropriation to the Water Fund CIP in an amount of \$3,888,000.00 for Route 202A Water Main Extension Project In Connection Therewith

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

The City of Rochester hereby accepts a grant from the NHDES DWGWTF in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,664,000.00) and a grant from the MTBE Remediation Bureau Fund in the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$993,000.00).

It is further resolved that the amount of Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,888,000.00) is hereby appropriated as a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Public Works Water CIP fund for the purpose of paying costs associated with the Route 202A Water Main Extension

The cash funds for this supplemental appropriation shall be derived as follows: Nine Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$993,000.00) from an MtBE Remediation Bureau Grant, One Million Six Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,664,000.00) from an NHDES DWGWTF Grant, and One Million Two Hundred Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$1,251,000.00) from the Water Fund Retained Earnings Account.

Still further, the City Manager and Deputy City Manager are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the above transactions on behalf of the City.

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

City Manager Cox read Public Input comments which were submitted by the following participant:

- Troy Brown, Resident, spoke about the Water projects.

4. Adjournment

Mayor McCarley **ADJOURNED** the City Council Public Hearing at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Walters, CMC
City Clerk