

**City Council Public Hearing
December 15, 2020
Council Chambers and
Remotely via Microsoft Teams
6:39 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Abbott
Councilor Belken
Councilor Bogan
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hainey
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Hutchinson
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lachance
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
Ray Barnett, Resident

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCarley called the Public Hearing to order at 6:39 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.) **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).*

In addition to the above listed public access information, the City Council will be allowing the public to enter Council Chambers and speak in person during the Public Input portion of this meeting. In an effort to adhere to CDC guidelines: enter only at the front Wakefield Street entrance and exit on the side closest to the police department and adhere to 6-foot social distancing while inside. Hand sanitizer and facemasks will be available at the Wakefield Street entrance. Participants will be admitted into Council Chambers one at a time to speak, and will exit directly thereafter. Please note; the seating in Council Chambers will not be available for the public during meetings.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting by phone. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. This meeting will be set to allow the public to "listen-in" only, and there will be no public comment taken via conference line during the meeting.

Phone number: 857-444-0744

Conference code: 843095

b.) **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 each member states their name (and/or 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. (Additionally, Council members are required to state their name and ward each time they wish to speak.)

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call. The following Councilors were connecting remotely and indicated that they were alone in the location from which they were connecting: Councilors Abbott, Belken, Bogan, Gray, Hainey, Hamann, Hutchinson, Lachance, Lachapelle, Lauterborn, Rice, Walker and Mayor McCarley.

2. Resolution to Amend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2021

Resolution to Amend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2021

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

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester has received additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester desire to program these additional funds into other worthwhile activities;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this resolution, hereby adopt the allocation of One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$146,576.00) for activities related to the CARES Act CDBG grant: Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for COAST/Alliance for Community Transportation, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Community Partners, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Homeless Center for Strafford County, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Rochester Opera House, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Strafford Nutrition Meals on Wheels, Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for New Generation, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire, Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for My Friend's Place, Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for MY TURN, Nineteen Thousand Seventy Six Dollars (\$19,076.00) for Easter Seals, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for HAVEN.

FURTHER, that the funds necessary to fund the above appropriation shall be drawn in their entirety from the above-mentioned CARES Act CDBG grant funds that the City of Rochester has received from the federal government.

FURTHER STILL, 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 accounts(s) as necessary to which said sums shall be recorded.

Mayor McCarley clarified that as a result of the CARES acts money, some additional money came to the Community Development Block Grant. These amendments are the suggested changes resulting from the Community Development Committee.

3. Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan

No discussion.

4. Resolution Authorizing the Change of Funding Sources and De-authorizing Previous Appropriations of the Department of Public Works EDA Salmon Falls Road Capital Improvement Plan Project and Supplemental Appropriation from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in an amount not to exceed \$17,674.28

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

I. CIP FUND 1501 – Department of Public Works (Highway Division)

WHEREAS, by virtue of various resolutions adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, the Mayor and City Council appropriated the sum of One Million One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,001,500.00)

to the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Plan EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551 of the City of Rochester, all as more particularly set forth in Exhibit A annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester have determined that the best interests of the City are served by changing the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551 referenced in Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby change the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551 referenced in Exhibit A.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, hereby de-authorize the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three and 33/100 Dollars (\$28,963.33) of previously appropriated funds from the EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551.

FURTHER STILL, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:9 and Section 45 of the Rochester City Charter, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, hereby withdraw borrowing authority in the amount of Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four and 05/100 Dollars (\$34,324.05).

II. WATER CIP FUND 5501 – Department of Public Works (Water Division)

WHEREAS, by virtue of various resolutions adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, the Mayor and City Council appropriated the sum of One Million Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,080,200.00) to the Department of Public Works Water Fund 5501 Capital Improvement Plan EDA Salmon Falls Road project budgets of the City of Rochester, all as more particularly set forth in Exhibit A annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester have determined that the best interests of the City are served by changing the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project referenced in Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by

adoption of this Resolution, hereby change the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project referenced in Exhibit A.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, hereby de-authorize the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine and 48/100 Dollars (\$109,279.48) of previously appropriated funds from the EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551.

FURTHER STILL, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:9 and Section 45 of the Rochester City Charter, the Mayor and City Council of the City Rochester, hereby withdraw borrowing authority in the amount of Two Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven and 53/100 Dollars (\$207,577.53).

III. SEWER CIP FUND 5502 – Department of Public Works (Sewer Division)

WHEREAS, by virtue of various resolutions adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, the Mayor and City Council appropriated the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,785,500.00) to the Department of Public Works Sewer Fund 5502 Capital Improvement Plan EDA Salmon Falls Road projects # 13551 and # 18549 of the City of Rochester, all as more particularly set forth in Exhibit A annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester have determined that the best interests of the City are served by changing the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road projects referenced in Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby change the funding sources for the EDA Salmon Falls Road projects referenced in Exhibit A.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby de-authorize \$16,181.96 of previously appropriated funds for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project #18549 and repurpose the Sewer Fund retained earnings funding source for said project to the EDA Salmon Falls Road project #13551.

FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby de-authorize Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Two and 54/100 Dollars \$19,802.54 of previously appropriated funds for the EDA Salmon Falls Road project # 13551.

FURTHER STILL, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four and 28/100 Dollars (\$17,674.28) for the purpose of fully funding the completed EDA Salmon Falls Rd project # 13551. The funding for this supplemental appropriation shall be derived in its entirety from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

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.

Mayor McCarley stated that this resolution was for a project which has already been completed. This resolution is just to change out funding sources in order to close out the project.

5. Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$270,000.00 for the Purchase of 8 Amarosa Drive and 0 Milton Road

**Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation
in the Amount of \$270,000.00 for the Purchase of 8 Amarosa
Drive and 0 Milton Road**

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

That the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000.00) is hereby appropriated as a supplemental appropriation for the purpose of paying costs associated with the purchase of 8 Amarosa Drive and 0 Milton Road. The funding for this supplemental appropriation shall be derived in its entirety 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 multi-year, non-lapsing accounts and or account numbers as are necessary to implement the transactions contemplated in this Resolution.

Ray Barnett, resident, spoke against the purchase of this piece of property referenced in the resolution.

6. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk