

**Rochester City Council Workshop  
March 21, 2017  
Council Chambers  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

Councilor Abbott  
Councilor Bogan  
Councilor Gates  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hamann  
Councilor Lachapelle *arrived at 7:20 PM*  
Councilor Lauterborn  
Councilor Keans  
Councilor Torr  
Councilor Varney  
Councilor Willis  
Mayor McCarley

**COUNCILORS EXCUSED**

Councilor Barnett

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Manager Daniel Fitzpatrick  
Terrence O'Rourke, City Attorney  
Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager  
Matt Pappas, resident  
Susan DeRoy, Chair - REDC  
Tim Galvin, V.P. of Nantucket  
Beadboard  
Olivia Labolla, SHS student  
Jonathan Shapley, resident  
Sue O'Connor, resident  
Doris Gates, resident  
Stacy Libby, resident  
Gregg DeNobile, resident  
Brian Hughes, CEO - Holy Rosary C.U.  
Cliff Newton, resident  
Tom Kaczynski, State Rep. and resident

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCarley called the City Council Workshop to order at 7:00 PM. Marcia Roddy, Deputy City Clerk, took a silent roll call. All Councilors were present, with the exception of Councilor Barnett, who had been excused. Councilor Lachapelle arrived at 7:20 PM.

**2. Public Input**

Matt Pappas, resident and School Board member, spoke on the positive aspects of the Creteau Technology Center and the need to provide a good technological education for the students enrolled there.

Susan DeRoy, Chair of the Rochester Economic Development Commission, spoke in favor of improving the Creteau Center in order to keep up with technology and marketing demands.

Tim Galvin, Vice President and Director of Operations of Nantucket Beadboard, located a short distance from the Creteau Center, also spoke in support of the proposed project at the Creteau Center. He said there is a great need for people in the workforce with the basic skills needed in manufacturing.

Olivia Labolla, Spaulding High School student, said that many of the courses offered at the technology center have suffered due to the out-dated materials available.

Jonathan Shapley, resident, read a letter from Will Arbello, President of Great Bay Community College. In the letter Mr. Arbello voiced his support for the necessary improvements of the Creteau Center.

Sue O'Connor, resident, commented on the Maple Street Magnet School ADA compliance project. She said that the building needs to be ADA compliant and is being investigated.

Doris Gates, resident, said the School Board needs to look more closely at the school budget. She pointed out that of the eight schools in Rochester only four are ADA compliant. She also cited the costs for funding each of the schools in the district and it is her belief that students could be moved to other schools to save money;

Stacy Libby, resident and graduate of the Creteau Technology Center, spoke in favor of funding improvements to the Center. She said this is a great opportunity for the City of Rochester to offer a quality alternative education to the students in Rochester.

Gregg DeNobile, resident, questioned the plan for the Creteau Center. He commented on plans for economic development and the proposed entertainment overlay district.

Brian Hughes, CEO of Holy Rosary Credit Union, talked about the branch office of HRCU in the Creteau Technology Center. He said there is a classroom that offers a course in banking, as well as offering a full service branch office. The Credit Union pays for all of the expenses of keeping the branch open.

Cliff Newton, resident, said there is a need for trained people to work in manufacturing and skilled positions. He said he is concerned that money budgeted for specific purposes often ends up being spent on other things.

Tom Kaczynski, resident and State Representative of District 22, urged the City Council to vote against the supplemental appropriation to the school building fund. He said he has not seen any evidence of a building project or bonding and questioned what the money is needed for.

Public input was closed at 7:50 PM.

### **3. Communications from the City Manager**

#### **3.1 City Manager's Citations**

The City Manager read a letter from a citizen praising the work of Heidi Lovell, a school crossing guard. He then invited Ms. Lovell to come forward and receive a City Manager's Citation for her good work.

Mr. Fitzpatrick explained how the relationship of the City of Rochester and Waste Management was recently solidified for the future. He said that Blaine Cox, the Deputy City Manager, was instrumental in assisting with the partnership and he was presented with a City Manager's Citation.

Joining the process about a third of the way in was Terence O'Rourke, the City Attorney. He was able to assist with a "legal eye" to be sure they were on the right track. Mr. Fitzpatrick presented Attorney O'Rourke with a City Manager's Citation.

In addition to Mr. Cox and Mr. O'Rourke, the team also had the assistance of John Storer, Director of City Services. Because Mr. Storer was to be testifying in Concord the following morning, he was excused from the meeting, but he was presented *in absentia* with a City Manager's Citation.

### **4. Communications from the Mayor**

Mayor McCarley said that she had received a couple of quotes from fireworks vendors regarding a possible fireworks display in the City of Rochester on or about the Fourth of July. She said the quotes were between \$15,000 and \$20,000. This will be a matter for discussion at a later date.

### **5. Discussion: Accessory Dwelling Units**

City Attorney O'Rourke explained the legal aspects of occupancy limits according to the HUD requirements. He said that the current ordinance allowed for no more than two occupants of an accessory dwelling unit. He cited City Ordinance #42.23 B, 1, e and suggested that this language be stricken at the next City Council meeting as it is no longer in compliance with the RSA.

### **6. Department Reports**

No comments or questions.

**7. Non-Public Session, Personnel, RSA 91-A:3, II (a)**

Councilor Keans **MOVED** to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, **II** (a) [Personnel] at 8:00 PM. Councilor Bogan seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Bogan, Abbott, Varney, Willis, Lachapelle, Gray, Torr, Hamann, Gates, Keans, Lauterborn, and Mayor McCarley all voted yes.

Councilor Lauterborn **MOVED** to exit Non-Public Session at 8:08 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

**8. Other**

There was no discussion.

**9. Adjournment**

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Councilor Bogan seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia H. Roddy, CNHDCC  
Deputy City Clerk