



City of Rochester, NH
Preamble for February 2, 2021
Regular City Council Meeting

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.)

**Regular City Council Meeting
February 2, 2021
Council Chambers
31 Wakefield Street
and remotely via Microsoft Teams
6:30 PM**

Agenda

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Opening Prayer**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Acceptance of Minutes**
 - 5.1 Regular City Council Meeting: January 5, 2021
*consideration for approval***
 - 5.2 City Council Special Meeting: January 19, 2021
*consideration for approval***
- 6. Communications from the City Manager**
 - 6.1 City Manager's Report**
- 7. Communications from the Mayor**
 - 7.1 Letter in opposition to changes to HB 439**
- 8. Presentation of Petitions and Council Correspondence**
- 9. Nominations, Appointments, Resignations, and Elections**

- 9.1 **Resignation:** Steven Maimes, Library Trustees, Ward 2 *consideration for approval*

10. Reports of Committees

10.1 Appointments Committee

- 10.1.1 **New Appointment:** Peg Higgins – Library Trustees, Regular Member, Ward 1. *Term to expire 1/02/2023 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.2 **New Appointment:** Kathleen Noble – Library Trustees, Regular Member, Ward 4. *Term to expire 1/02/2023 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.3 **New Appointment:** Ronald Poulin – Rochester Economic Development Commission, Regular Member. *Term to expire 1/02/2024 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.4 **Re-Appointment:** Jamie Kinsley – Arts & Culture Commission, Regular Member. *Term to expire 7/01/2023 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.5 **Re-Appointment:** Sarah Duclos – Arts & Culture Commission, Regular Member. *Term to expire 7/01/2023 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.6 **Re-Appointment:** Amy Regan – Arts & Culture Commission, Regular Member. *Term to expire 7/01/2023 consideration for approval*

- 10.1.7 **Re-Appointment:** Kristin Ebbeson – Arts & Culture Commission, Regular Member. *Term to expire 7/01/2023 consideration for approval*

10.2 Codes and Ordinances

10.3 Community Development Committee

10.4 Fidelity Committee

10.5 Finance Committee

10.6 Planning Board

10.7 Public Safety

- 10.7.1 **Committee Recommendation:** to place a stop sign at the discretion of DPW at the end of Gagne Street and one at the end of the Fownes Mill Development *consideration for approval*
- 10.7.2 **Committee Recommendation:** to install Chevron signs in both directions on Pickering Road at the discretion of DPW, *consideration for approval*

10.8 Public Works & Buildings

- 10.8.1 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation to the Department of Public Works (DPW) CIP Fund in the Amount of \$150,000.00 for the Purchase of a Multi-Hog Sidewalk Tractor *first reading and refer to public hearing*

11. Old Business

12. Consent Calendar

13. New Business

- 13.1 Amendments to Chapter 275 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester regarding Murals *first reading and refer to public hearing*
- 13.2 Resolution Deauthorizing \$910.77 from the Rochester Police Department JAG Fund Grant *first reading and consideration for adoption*
- 13.3 HCA Ambulance Service Contract *Motion to Approve*
- 13.4 Resolution Demanding Non-Partisan Redistricting by State of New Hampshire and the City of Rochester *first reading and consideration for adoption*

14. Non - Public

- 14.1 Non-Public Session – Land, RSA 91-A:3, II (d)

14.2 Non-Public Session – Reputation, RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

15. Adjournment