

City of Rochester, NH Preamble for March 16, 2021 City Council Public Hearing and Workshop 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:
 - **Email**: Please note that email correspondence will not be accessible for this meeting due to the City's email service being down. Please use either of the methods listed below
 - **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*)
 - **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.)

City Council Public Hearing
March 16, 2021
Council Chambers
31 Wakefield Street and
Remotely via Microsoft Teams
6:30 PM

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to order
- Resolution Adopting a FY 2022 Rochester CDBG "Action Plan For The City Of Rochester, N.H." and Approving And Appropriating the FY 2022 Community Development Budget For The City Of Rochester CDBG Draft Action Plan
- 3. Amendment to the Granite Ridge Development District (GRDD)
 Tax Increment Development Program & Financing Plan ("TIF
 Plan") Pursuant to RSA 162-K:9, IV
- 4. Amendment to Chapter 275 of the General Ordinances of the City of Rochester Regarding the Location and Boundaries of Zoning Districts
- 5. Adjournment

City Council Workshop Meeting March 16, 2021 Council Chambers 31 Wakefield Street and Remotely via Microsoft Teams Immediately following the Special Meeting

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Public Input
- 3. Communications from the City Manager
- 4. Communications from the Mayor
- 5. Update: School Building Capital Reserve Fund Annual Transfer
- 6. Discussion: Charter Commission
- 7. Discussion: Ethics Committee
- 8. Department Reports
- 9. Other
- 10. Adjournment