



City of Rochester, NH
Preamble for May 26, 2020 City Council
Special Meeting and Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the (City Council, Planning Board, Police Commission, ZBA, etc), 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).*



**City Council Special Meeting
May 26, 2020
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Roll Call**
 - 3. First Responder Stipends *motion to apply for funds and approve payment thereof***
 - 4. Adjournment**
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**Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop
May 26, 2020
Council Chambers
*Immediately following the Special Meeting***

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Input**
- 3. *Discussion:* Final Budget Adjustments**
- 4. Other**
- 5. Non-Public/Non-Meeting**
 - 5.1 Non-Public Session, Land, RSA 91-A:3. II (d)**
- 6. Adjournment**



05/21/2020

City of Rochester Formal Council Meeting

AGENDA BILL

NOTE: Agenda Bills are due by 10 AM on the Monday the week before the City Council Meeting.

AGENDA SUBJECT
FIRST RESPONDER STIPENDS

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM <input type="checkbox"/>	FUNDING REQUIRED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
INFORMATION ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	* IF YES ATTACH A FUNDING RESOLUTION FORM

RESOLUTION REQUIRED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	FUNDING RESOLUTION FORM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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AGENDA DATE	May 26, 2020		
DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE			
DATE SUBMITTED			
ATTACHMENTS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	* IF YES, ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED		

COMMITTEE SIGN-OFF

COMMITTEE	NA
CHAIR PERSON	

DEPARTMENT APPROVALS

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER	
CITY MANAGER	

FINANCE & BUDGET INFORMATION

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE APPROVAL	NA
SOURCE OF FUNDS	STATE of NH COVID-19 STIPEND PROGRAM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	NA
AMOUNT	TBD
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Gubernatorial Executive Order

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Gov. Chris Sununu announced \$300 weekly stipends for first responders in the state will be paid through federal funding from the CARES Act funding during the new coronavirus pandemic. This includes full-time firefighters and police officers. Part-timers will get \$150 a week. The period of eligibility is May 4, 2020 – June 30, 2020. Additional information can be found here: [FIRST RESPONDER STIPENDS](#).

Since the stipends are not *mandated* by the governor, they would be a benefit the City is choosing to provide. And since it is a term and condition of employment, the unions have the right to negotiate and the City Council (CC) to approve. As a result, I seek approval from the CC to apply for these funds and pay them over to our first responders. If the CC does approve, I will send a simple notice to the unions informing them that the CC has granted permission to apply for these stipends in accordance with the terms outlined by the Governor and the Department of Safety and stating that unless the union objects by (June 1st) these stipends will be paid to all eligible employees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval to apply for and pay out first responder stipends.