Addendum to the City Council Packet of May 17, 2022 Public Hearing–
Public Input

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Hi

My first comment relates to communicating to the public when a reasonable question is asked...I sent and email to the economic development department with regards to information included in a recent city council packet having to do with ED investments...I also sent a similar request to the entire city council...I asked if there were any ROI's included with those investments and no one ever responded...when did it become okay not to respond to a citizen's question? Whether elected or employed, you all are supposed to serve the people of Rochester...I would think some kind of response is the respectful and dutiful thing to do...

My second comment is more a general comment about the upcoming budget...I realize the council make-up is largely big government types looking to continue to grow an empire but the current inflationary period we find ourselves in begs for restraint on spending...I know city costs have gone up and staffing has been challenging but I implore you to think long and hard about the impact unnecessary spending will have on those least able to afford it...allow people to keep as much of their hard earned money as possible so they can try and keep up with higher costs for EVERYTHING...

Thank You!

Fred Leonard

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May 17, 2022
Attention: Ms. Kelly Walters, City Clerk, Rochester, NH
Please forward for the public hearing tonight, May 17, 2022 with regard to the proposed zoning ordinance change in the Granite Ridge District. I am unable to attend due to business but am asking that it be read aloud into the record and also attached.
"The Rochester Zoning Ordinance is very specific with regard to its purpose and what is most important to those of us who live, work and enjoy life in our city:

• To promote an orderly pattern of development and encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the City;

• To preserve and enhance the value of land and buildings;

• To encourage the provision of high-quality housing for people of all income levels;

• To revitalize the downtown and other village and neighborhood commercial areas;

• To foster economic development and provide opportunities for business growth;

• To conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources;

• To preserve the City's rural character and scenic beauty and promote agriculture;

• To foster the creation of parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces;

• To provide a range of transportation choices and mitigate traffic congestion;

• To promote excellence in architecture, landscaping, site layout, signage, and civic design;

• To encourage innovation, flexibility, and a collaborative review process in the development of land;

• To recognize and respect the rights of property and business owners;

• To promote public health and secure safety from fire, flood, and other hazards;

• To prevent overcrowding of land while at the same time promoting compact development patterns;

• To preserve the best of the City's traditional character;

• To make Rochester a more attractive, vibrant, and healthy community for its residents, businesses, property owners, and visitors.

Rochester is unique in that it blankets itself on the outskirts with Agricultural Lands and Agricultural Uses. This district has some of the most restrictive land use controls within the city, The December memorandum stated "Language for open space should be strengthened, as well as requirements for management and maintenance for these areas" but it is not clear if this was ever addressed and in the best interests for the citizens, landowners and business owners of Rochester.

it is very disheartening to read about a Planning Board member on April 4, 2022 who stated the following: "Mr. Fitts stated that there would still be a waiver process and it would be brought to the Board for approval or denial. And further stated "Mr. Fitts asked Mr. Scala is any developers are waiting on the new ordinance. Mr. Scala stated there are a couple. Mr. Fitts discussed the effects it would have for the continued waiting." Our priorities are with our land, our residents and our city, NOT Developers!

The Planning Board does not have a full overview of this proposal, the memorandum that was provided, singled out three parcels, their acreages and proposed number of units, but strategically remained silent on the other 95+- lots left in this district. I have scanned this document and find no mention that most of the Granite Ridge District lies with a protective overlay district, our aquifer protection district. There are no provisions to protect or conserve this natural resource with this proposal.

Another Planning Board member is quoted "Michael McQuade asked if the draft ordinance is nonbinding. Mr. Scala confirmed this as a draft and things can be changed."

Mr. Scala does not have a grasp on other city services that would be needed such as water and sewer and mentions needing another $15,000 to complete this investigative study. At one point, the Planning Board discusses this, and I quote "The board discussed how that cost would be absorbed and who would be responsible." In reference to a tie in for water and sewer." So how is this going to be handled?

The citizens of Rochester deserve much better! I believe that one is a steward of the land and as such it needs to be respected and used prudently and wisely. In looking at the zoning maps, I estimate ½ to 2/3rds of the Granite Ridge.

About Paul Geuliano's comment regarding housing and to help ease our issues. This is not being presented as "affordable, low-cost housing". To Mr. Fonteneau's comment when he was a Planning Board member, we are NOT Dover, and nor are we Portsmouth. We are Rochester. Our residents cannot afford $1800, $2,000, $2200 and $2400 per month. This is not affordable or sustainable for our residents. Developers may get tax credits and designate certain units as "affordable or section 8 accepted", but generally there is a provision that after a number of years (some as little as 4 years) when the tax credit expires, the units go back to market rate, once again leaving our residents vulnerable.

I have to give Kudo's to Ms. Dwyer and her thoughtfulness regarding open space, the tie in to water and septic and the potential increase for other city services such as schools, fire, police and I will add recreation and library.

I hope that the council will table this proposal. It is not fully thought out or developed. I think a sub committee should be formed which include members of Ward 5 and some abutters to work with the Planning Board to address our concerns. I and my family are not anti residential development. It has a time and place and this is simply to loosy goosy for the comfort of the people of Rochester.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Submitted on Monday, May 16, 2022 - 3:28pm
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Hello, my name is Laura Zimmerman, I live on Hale St in Rochester.

I am requesting that this email be read at the budget workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm. I am concerned about my city government's spending during this time of hyperinflation, amassing "unassigned funds" and not giving taxpayers relief.

Please consider making cuts and adjustments to the budget in the following areas: "various" FT salaries (mainly the city manager salary), general overhead- Contingency- FY23 increase related to FY22 Transfers "Out", police/fire apparatus/vehicles, developmental programs, upgrade of city vehicles, and areas of the school budget are a tip of the iceberg of areas of money that can be lowered and/or cut.

Using money from the "unassigned fund balance" to create supplemental appropriation funds to offset overspending of the SET budget is unethical and wrong. This money should be specified for the taxpayers to offset the high property taxes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my suggestions regarding the 2022/2023 budget.

Respectfully,
Laura Zimmerman

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I apologize that I could not share this all in 5 minutes, so I had to send it electronically. Thank you
for all you are doing.

City Council 5-17-22 Public Hearing, Workshop, Special Meeting 6:00 pm
Hearing is supposed to be unlimited
How can we possibly respond to all items in 5 minutes?

Before I share about our budget proposal, I need to clarify some of my testimony from last month.

When I shared, "Part 2, article 32 of the NH Constitution specifies that every city in NH needs to
hand count ballots," I wanted to clarify.

In 1784, when our Constitution was ratified, they did not have vote counting machines, but rather
hand counted. Our developers knew that over time, people and processes can change. That is why
they added Section 2, Article 100, the method of amending our Constitution. The Constitutionality
issue is currently under investigation as several Remonstrances have already been filed with the
SoS since Feb 2022.

At time such as our, where it seems like every WEEK we see a new article about more voter fraud
being unveiled with Dominion machines, now is NOT the time to be purchasing more equipment
that continues down the "voter fraud" path. I am sure by now you have all seen "2000 Mules" and
NH's specific "Hacking Democracy" movies. Now is the time to RESTORE voting integrity by
having our elections run manually. Once election integrity is restored, you can once again start on
"conveniences" at our polls.

The Rochester's request to purchase ePoll Books is listed as "essential" with the justification as
being to "improve voter checklist process." I want to clarify that improving voter checklist process
with ePoll Books is a "want" not a "need."

Requesting the purchase (18) poll pads and (18) thermal printers which print the check-in receipts.
Total cost is $36,750. Cos breakdown is tablets $21,600, printers $5,400, one-time software charge
& connectivity/configuration charge $4,350, two year licensing fee $5,400. The useful life of the
pollpads, which are Apple IPADS is approximately 6 years

During the testimony given on the Budget Retreat on May 6th, Sonya Gonzales, IT speaking with
City Clerk about election security, responded to internet accessibility question:
"They are highly secure. At times they do have internet access, but only through provided hot spot
that Poll Pads provide. It is very specific, they are encrypted. We can't affect the device except to
mark off people who have come through the line."

I have an image if anyone would like to see it of that "secure internet connection" that was used in
Ward 4. Unfortunately, in today's society, we continually see how "secure" internet connections
are hacked.

Yes, I agree with Ms. Gonzales, poll workers can NOT affect the ePoll Books, but LHS and hackers can.

According to SoS Scanlan in his testimony for RSA 652:27, http://gencourt.state.nh.us/BillHistory/SofS_Archives/2021/senate/SB46S.pdf he shared that "…a well-known hacker Hari Hursti," verified "one way is a fake barcode on the back of drivers licenses that will hack into the system and get voter information."

In the same hearing in Concord, Milford Town Clerk Joan Dargie said that Milford did not scan driver's license because of hacking risk. Rochester does NOT want any vulnerabilities with the internet and our elections.

Have you considered NOT connecting to the internet, NOT connecting to the DMV, but only have our voter registration information dumped into a device for the check-in poll workers to mark as verified? You could use existing town equipment that already has our town's security measure in place, EXCLUDING LHS or any outside vendor. Basically, a device to hold the Excel list, click "P" next to their name and print a ticket? OR don't even print a slip, just use Excel to add them up at the end of the night. Continue to use your paper as usually in parallel. You already have talented IT team and already have equipment. You might still need to purchase printers for the small paper if that is important to you.

When connecting our state elections in ANY WAY with the DMV, we open ourselves up to hacking from either side. I still know ALL electronics can be hacked, but this would be one step, at least away from the internet, to make one more level of security. You could still have your "efficient" closing procedures this way, but keep internet and all those hacking thieves out of our elections. If you consider this route, you would want to use existing equipment OR purchase equipment that does NOT have capability of internet access. This should drastically reduce your purchase cost.

According to https://www.consumeraffairs.com/finance/identity-theft-statistics.html :
" In its 2021 Annual Data Breach Report, the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) reported that 1,862 data compromises occurred in 2021, breaking the previous record of 1,506 set in 2017. According to a subsequent Data Breach Analysis from the ITRC, there were 14% more reported data compromises in the first quarter of 2022 than in the first quarter of 2021. This is the third year in a row during which the number of overall data compromises increased in comparison to the previous year's initial quarter."

"…Cyberattacks are more ambitious
According to the CrowdStrike 2022 Global Threat Report, e-crime groups are still the primary source of attacks, making up nearly half of all observed criminal cyberactivity in 2021."

"…Assaults on U.S. infrastructure
The infamous SolarWinds hack began in 2020 but had repercussions that carried into 2021, and this was followed by the Colonial Pipeline breach, signaling a larger trend of hackers targeting U.S. infrastructure."

"Internet of Things threats are on the rise
In the first half of 2021, Internet of Things (IoT) devices saw more than twice as many cyberattacks as they had in the first half of 2020, according to the cybersecurity firm Kaspersky. "IoT vulnerabilities have been discovered and exposed across many industries," wrote Oleksii Tsymbal, Chief Innovation Officer at MobiDev. "These vulnerabilities threaten sensitive data as well as personal safety. Without a doubt, the Internet of Things is a prime target for hackers in 2022, and any organization that produces or uses these devices needs to be prepared."

"…Randsomeware, New Account fraud, Account takeovers, Deepfakes- [which is] A single photograph and the right software allow a cybercriminal to create a fake but realistic image or video when overlaying that photograph with another image or video. [Although} children and seniors are at the highest risk, everyone with a Social Security number is at risk for identity theft."

"The deceased-Identity thieves can target the recently departed with information gleaned from public obituaries and access the deceased's Social Security number through the Social Security Administration's master files. Stealing a dead person's identity is commonly referred to as "ghosting." Ghosting often goes unnoticed by surviving family members for months or years."
In 2021, the FTC shows NH as state #40, with having 162 reports per 100,000 = 2,205 reports filed of identity theft.
"Bottom line-Anyone with a Social Security number can be the subject of identity theft, but according to the FTC's 2021 Sentinel Data Book, published in February 2022, the most targeted victims are between the ages of 60 and 69. "

In an effort to save everyone's time, I am only going to mention some Identity Theft terms you should remember when considering purchasing ePoll Books that connect to the internet. I have not included ones that do not apply. This is from the same source
https://www.consumeraffairs.com/finance/identity-theft-statistics.html

• Black hat hacker: All hackers are capable of compromising computer systems and creating malware, but black hat hackers use these skills to commit cybercrimes.

• Bot: Short for "robot," a bot is an autonomous program that interacts with computer systems in a way that appears or attempts to appear human. Hackers can use bots to mine for usernames and passwords used to commit identity fraud.

• Criminal impersonation: Someone commits criminal impersonation when they assume a fake or false identity, usually for political or financial gain.

• Cryptovirology: Cryptovirology is the study of how cryptology is used to create dangerous malware.

• Data breach: A data breach is when private or confidential information is released to an untrusted environment. Cybercriminals can infiltrate a data source physically or remotely bypass network security to expose passwords, banking and credit data, passport and Social Security numbers, medical records and more.

• Dark web: The dark web, also known as the deep web or invisible web, is a part of the internet that's not accessible through standard search engines such as Google or Bing. It's often accessed through Tor Browser software, which keeps visitors anonymous and untraceable. It's not illegal to be on the dark web, but many illegal transactions occur on the dark web (such as buying credit card or Social Security numbers).

• Denial-of-service attack: A denial-of-service (DoS) attack potentially causes a victim's server or network to become overwhelmed with traffic, resulting in a denial of service to legitimate traffic. At this point, the victim's data is also locked or is under threat of a leak. The victim is pressured to pay to stop the attack and regain control of their data.

• Ghosting: In the context of identity theft, ghosting refers to when someone steals the identity of a dead person.

• Grey hat hacker: Grey hat hackers' ethics are somewhere between black and white hat hackers. Grey hat hacking involves illegal cyberactivity, but the hacker often reports vulnerabilities to the

system's owner and requests a fee in exchange for the information — if a system's owner does not comply with their request, the grey hat hacker usually exploits the newly discovered cybersecurity vulnerability.

• Identity cloning: Identity cloning is a type of identity theft in which a fraudster assumes someone else's identity and attempts to live under that assumed identity.

• Internet of Things: The Internet of Things, or IoT, describes the interconnectedness of all devices that access WiFi, including cell phones, cameras, headphones and an increasing number of other objects, including washing machines and thermostats.

• Keylogger: A keylogger is a computer program that records a person's keystrokes to obtain confidential data.

• Malware: A portmanteau of "malicious" and "software," malware describes any software created with the specific intent to cause disruption or damage. Trojans, bots, spyware, worms and viruses are all types of malware.

• Passive attacks: Any network attack where the system is monitored or scanned for vulnerabilities is considered "passive attack" because the targeted data isn't modified or damaged. [How do you know that we were not on a "passive attack" when we used our trial basis ePoll Pads last election?]
• Physical identity theft Unlike wireless identity theft, physical identity theft requires an identity thief to be in close proximity to their target. Examples of physical identity theft include stealing a wallet or computer, dumpster diving and postal mail theft.

• Proxy server: A proxy server establishes a substitute IP (Internet Protocol) address identity. When you connect online, your computer's IP address is transmitted to websites and establishes your location and may give other identifying details. Proxy servers allow users to connect to the internet anonymously and bypass blocked or restricted websites. [this starts out great with us not knowing our location- BUT THEN hackers can bypass blocked for restricted websites!]

• PowerShell: An automated task framework by Microsoft, PowerShell can be embedded in applications to automate batch processing and systems management tools.

• Ransomware: Ransomware is a type of malware that threatens to expose or block an individual's or business' data unless a ransom is paid.

• SIM swap scam: Sometimes called a port-out scam or SIM splitting, a SIM swap scam is a complex type of cell phone fraud that exploits two-factor authentication to access data stored on someone's cell phone. Put simply, if a fraudster has your phone number, they can call your phone company and ask to have the number transferred to "your" new phone. The fraudster then has access to all of your accounts that use two-factor authentication.

• Sockpuppet: Sockpuppetting is when a person assumes a false identity on the internet for the purpose of deception.

• Spyware: Spyware is any software designed to gather data from an individual or enterprise. The four primary types of spyware are adware, Trojan horses, tracking cookies and system monitors.

• Synthetic identity theft: Synthetic identity theft is when a criminal combines stolen and fake information to create a new, fraudulent identity.

• System monitor: Much like it sounds, a system monitor is an application that surveils computer activity. System monitors usually run unnoticed and can record passwords, chats and emails, websites visited and other sensitive or identifying data.

• Tracking cookie: Websites use tracking cookies to gather and share data from their visitors. Unlike malware, tracking cookies won't damage computer systems, but they can create privacy concerns. Google has stated it intends to eliminate the use of third-party cookies by the end of 2023.

• Trojan horse: Like its classical namesake, a Trojan horse is a type of malware disguised to appear like safe software. Cybercriminals use Trojans to access sensitive data and gain access to private systems.

• Waterhole attack: A waterhole attack occurs when a hacker targets a specific group or community. The hacker infects an individual within the targeted group with malware in an attempt to infect the entire group.

• Wireless identity theft: Also sometimes called contactless identity theft or RFID identity theft, wireless identity theft is committed by wireless mechanics. Examples of wireless identity theft include phishing and spoofing.

• Whaling: Whaling is a phishing attack that targets high-level employees within a company to steal confidential information or sensitive data.

• Worm: A worm is a type of malware that self-replicates and spreads from computer to computer.

• Virus: Similar to worms, viruses make copies of themselves. The main difference between viruses and worms is that viruses require a host program to spread.

• Zero-day exploit: A zero-day exploit is when cybercriminals target a software the same day weakness in that software is discovered and before a patch can be released to fix the vulnerability.

31 harms

To help, from the same source: https://www.consumeraffairs.com/finance/identity-theft-statistics.html

• Encryption: Encryption is a way to scramble data using computer algorithms to prevent unauthorized access to data or sensitive information.

• Blockchain: A blockchain is a string of time-stamped digital records shared between multiple computers. If the data in one block changes, all subsequent blocks in the blockchain reflect the alteration and become invalid. Blockchains help prevent identity theft and fraud by making it difficult to tamper with the data in a block.

• Credential cracking: Credential cracking describes the various methods — word lists, guessing and brute-force — cybercriminals use to obtain passwords. Credential cracking threats are why it's important to create varied and complicated passwords for all accounts.

• Firewall: In computing, a firewall is a software program that blocks unauthorized users from getting in without restricting outward communication.

• Honeypot: A honeypot is a decoy target used to mitigate cybersecurity risks or get more information about how cybercriminals work.

• Identity score: Similar to a credit score, an identity score is a system that gauges an individual's data for legitimacy.

• White hat hacker: Unlike a black hat hacker, a white hat hacker uses their ability to break computer networks or bypass security protocols for good rather than evil. White hat hackers are often employed by governments or companies to perform vulnerability assessments.

7 helps
Just today, from Consumer Affairs, I have identified 31 ways these ePoll Books can be electronically hacked and hurt our elections system. The 7 helps to prevent hacking are just that, helpful. The 31 negatives of security risks FAR outweigh the 7 safeties to counteract them. Since ePoll Books are connected to the internet, they put Rochester's elections at the mercy of thieves. This efficiency-attempt for end-of-night-protocol balancing benefit does NOT outweigh the RISK of election integrity.

When contemplating this purchase of ePoll Books, you will need to also plan for the maintenance of them. As you know, the last time our machines had updated security was with the Accuvote- OS Precinct Count Electronic Ballot Counting Device Security Measures to Implement April 9, 2010, Ballot Law Commission Order form 1.0, 05-10-2010. Do you know who is responsible for the updates to the software? I thought the responsible party is the SoS, because they work so hard in trying to help prevent voter fraud. I was wrong.
The DoJ said the selectman, in Rochester that means the City Councilors, are responsible for updating the machines. The City purchases the machines and the City Councilors approve the purchase. DoJ says that those that purchase are responsible. I know Rochester probably has some really great IT people. I am sure they can provide walls against all the identity hacks I mentioned and more. If they don't…. Well, I would ask the DoJ to clarify for you.
The City through bonds are responsible and the City Councilors could privately also be responsible. With both our machines and these ePoll Books, there are no Risk Limiting Audits, no Chain of Custody, and no 3rd party to check. I am sure the SoS knows some of this because he is working on hiring the 3rd party. This means the City Councilors will also be responsible for updating the ePoll Pads.

I thought because we had a contract with LHS for our machines, that LHS would be responsible. But again, I was wrong. There is NO CHAIN of Custody with LHS.

I just wanted to make you aware of this, so that before you approve the purchase of the ePoll Pads, you can verify with the DoJ that YOU are responsible for these electronic devices.

Getting back to NH's work in Concord, the long-term goal according to testimony in RSA 652:27 is to eventually connect Electio Net, our statewide voter roll and the ePoll Books, so town does not have to manually enter in updated voter roll information. Purchasing this equipment now, steers us on this path. THIS IS NOT A GOOD PATH TO BE ON. Once ePoll Books are connected to the internet, they CAN be accessed. Garbage in, garbage out. Right now, we are having paper voter rolls for verification. In the future, I can see the request being made that everything is working so well, let's get rid of the paper too. Then, anything you put into ePoll Books, will affect the voter registration. Once the statewide data base is edited by these ePoll Books, we would have just handed over all independence of our elections to electronics, and all that comes with it.

As you know, the vote counting machines were just purchased for a "trial basis"- but that "trial" has lasted 43 years! Our history here in NH with those Dominion machines shows the path these ePoll Books could "run-away" to as well.

Ms Gonzales shared at Rochester's Budget Retreat "the EI- ISAC- Election Infrastructure- Information Sharing and Analysis Center- , which is - a Federal Organization – they have vetted this devise, so we have high faith in the security of it." I went to their website and couldn't find where they vetted either the Know Inc or Elect Tech devises used in NH. I know Rochester is

looking to purchase Know Inc, the poll pads we used on a trial basis at our last election. LSH is the sales vendor and programmer/maintenance vendor.

1. Would it be possible for Ms Gonzales to provide the document that shows Know Inc or Elect Tech has been vetted by EI-ISAC and post it on Rochester's website in the election section? This would go a long way in showing Rochester citizens this vetted information by our Federal Government.

2. Since Dominion has been proven in the news to have created algorithms which affect our election results, do we in Rochester really want that same vendor working on both our counting machines and ePoll Books? Do we really want the same vendor as the New England States? Why not use a different vendor to reduce fraud in our new England region? Why not use an American company? I think having separate vendors would add an additional level of security.

3. Our Town Clerk has already informed me that City Council has to approve the purchase before Rochester can get quotes from several vendors AND that selected vendor, we purchase from has to ALSO cooperate with the SoS's "state approved evaluation vendor" to address any cyber security concerns. SoS Scanlan has been working on hiring a 3rd party vendor who can make sure these pieces of equipment are safe. He stated this on Nov 1, 2021, in his Report on the Implementation on Electronic Poll Books. As of 4-27-22, he has NOT hired any company yet who can secure these devices.

My point in bringing this up is, doesn't it make sense that we wait until SoS has a vendor who can make sure the equipment is safe BEFORE buying the equipment? Why have equipment sitting in a closet and not being used when we are living in hyperinflation? Or worse, what if we buy the equipment then that 3rd party proves they are hackable, and we can't use them? Why purchase equipment when we can't verify through the SoS that they are safe? Maybe this would be something to follow up in future budgets.
Also, there is an ongoing state and local matter of a Remonstrance (Art; 31 and 32) and Notice of Trespass of voting rights filed regarding the question of the use of Accuvote Machines in ballot counting as they relate to many RSA's.

These actions have been filed on Feb 24, 2022, with The Sec. Of State, NH Dept. of Justice, The NH Governor's Office, NH House Clerk, and numerous towns across the state, to which, has not yet been heard or adjudicated by a court of law or the legislature.

Purchasing ePollbooks at this time is not in the best interest of the town of Rochester or its taxpayers, at least until the constitutionality issue has been settled.

I am requesting you to please remove this request for $36,750 for ePoll pads. Please table the request until after Supreme Court of NH determines electronic devises to be constitutional.

So, to summarize: because NH is currently investigating the legitimacy and constitutionality of electronic voting machines usage, voter fraud evidence continues to surface of the 2020 election, hacking abilities of these internet accessing ePoll Pads, as well as SoS not having a 3rd party vendor to make sure their usage in Rochester is safe, I am requesting you deny the purchase of ePoll Books at this time.

Second clarification: When I shared, "if our Town Clerk and Town Moderators do not have enough staff to hand count, guess who gets to hand count? Again, Part 2, article 32 specifies, "selectman"- that is you".

"Selectmen" – "A member of the local government board of a New England town." – per legal dictionary leixco.com. Towns in NH still call their government boards "selectmen."

We are a city that has a charter. Our "selectmen" are called City Counselors. The SoS on 4-21-22 verified this definition with Rep Cliff Newton . I want to clarify that the SoS confirmed that you City Councilors can assign someone your selectman duties IF UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTIES per RSA 658:21-a.

Our City Charter specifies in Section 58 Rochester charter: At each municipal election, one Selectman shall be elected from each ward for a term of six years and one Moderator and one Clerk shall be elected from each ward for a term of two years.

I continue to request however, that even though you will be assigning other selectman to do your counting duties, please support your Moderators and Town Clerk by asking for citizens to sign up to work the polls. Our Moderators and Town Clerk do a fabulous job and I want to make sure they have the support they need.

Budget

Since we are treading water with this hyper-inflation, I am asking for relief from the City Council.

I am requesting that there be a hiring freeze this year, since Rochester has not grown in population that much. Putting the hiring off for another year will help reduce our taxes. Hiring full time personnel requires benefits. Benefits often cost the taxpayer EQUAL the salary. Putting a hiring freeze for just the time as our hyperinflation will help the tax payors tremendously. If there is a Dept that ABSOLUTELY can NOT function without additional staff, then I request a part time support person.

It is best to STOP SPENDING MONEY during a hyperinflation.

I am requesting that all "wants" be postponed until after the hyperinflation is over. I thank you in advance for being good stewards of my tax money in acting upon "needs" verses "wants."

Yes, we need to keep the lights on. Those are a "need". Yes, we would like to make sure we keep our new DPW facility looking new, but I am sure with the talented staff we currently have, we can figure out how to do that. Yes, I like the idea of sharing equipment like the lift for inside the gym to hang banners, and also understand the difficulties of transporting. I believe in our City Staff, that they can work it out by working together. Every City employee I have met has been great at working as a team and being resourceful. No one wants to tighten their belts and stretch their resources of time, talent and treasure. But I ask you to remember the Citizens to whom you serve. We citizens are also stretching to the max to keep our families going. I request that you join our community arm in arm, as you fight the daily hardships of our economic collapse. Together, we will get through this.

My request for reducing our taxes is not forever, it is just in response to our current economic downfall. I know that we will revisit this next fiscal year and am hopeful that US currency will have value once again, that our National borders will be secure, that the illegals being dropped in Rochester will be delivered to Washington DC. Thank you for locking arms together, uniting neighbor with neighbor in support of each other.

Again, outside of the legal and security issues mentioned previously regarding ePoll Books, they are just a "want" and not a "need." They do make end of night balancing quicker. However, we can balance that with a fresh set of eyes with additional staffing of the polls. Rochester Residents, please contact the City Clerk and volunteer to work the polls.

Re: Granite Ridge Development Zone- the residential portion of this project needs to be either Condos/Town Homes/or Single-Family Dwellings. Whichever you approve needs to be tax payor

funded- NOT apartment buildings. In apartments buildings, you can have children residing there. It cost Rochester taxpayers about $20k per year per child to attend public school. I derived this rough estimate by taking the amount of money the school SPENT, divided by the # of students. If approved as presented, that means that my tax money is funding those apartments. I am NOT interested in paying taxes for these apartments. Please zone for Condo's/Town Homes/ or Single-Family homes which pay their own property taxes and contribute to the tax pool like all existing Rochester tax payers.

Also, those buildings you sell around town for a HUGE discount, then give the Commercial companies a break for 7 years on their taxes, HURTS Rochester taxpayers. Rochester should grow organically, not by forcing existing taxpayers to carry the burden. Please stop hurting the residential taxpayers. The Commercial companies can afford to pay the taxes, we every day citizens cannot.

Rochester Opera House: I am requesting again that you do not fund the Opera House's upgrade. Not only will this stay in line with reducing our taxes, but also, we need to keep in place the original historic details. The Opera House's history should not be "updated" as we then loose the historic value of our theater. No longer will your marketing strategy work when you have gotten rid of the unaltered-history functionality of the theater. There may be some type of a grant somewhere that can assist the Opera House when the time comes to replace the pulley system with the same type/same materials they have currently. Please preserve our Opera House's historic value. The Opera House is a Rochester treasure.

Re: Vet's and Elderly. I think Vet's and the Elderly discounts should be preserved at all cost. Vet's served for both you and me. Elderly have invested in our culture and SHOULD get support if they need it. However, the support should NOT come from the City. It SHOULD come from churches. When the City or government steps across its jurisdictional lines into churches arenas- society suffers. Even if people needing assistance are not religious, churches will not turn them away. Churches missions are to "be love" in all their actions- no matter which denomination. The City's function is just to protect individual's rights. When we stay in our jurisdictional lanes, communities flourish. Again, I am all for Vets and Elderly assistance. Please allow Churches to provide the support these individuals need.

I am hopeful that these few suggestions will be enough for you to not only NOT raise our taxes, but also reduce them for just this hyperinflation time period.

Thank you so much. I know this budget is very difficult. I appreciate all the time and effort you have invested for me and all of us.

I thank you in advance for being creative and actually LOWERING our taxes.

Just a question, on page 2 of 3 on the City Clerk's Office, part 4 mentions that 2 people were removed from the checklist in elections. But on page 1 section 1, it says there were 26 deaths in April. When do those 26 people who died get taken off the election checklist?

Sincerely,

Carol Petrusewicz