

**CITY COUNCIL
ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonpublic Session Minutes**

Date: January 19, 2021

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session

Made by: Lauterborn

Seconded by: Lachapelle

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

___ RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

___ RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.*

___ RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

___ RSA 91-A:3, II(d) *Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.*

___ RSA 91-A:3, II(e) *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled*

X RSA 91-A:3, II(j) *Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RS.A 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.*

___ RSA 91-A:3, II(i) *Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:

(circle replies below)

Mayor McCarley

Yes

No

Not Present

Deputy Mayor Lauterborn	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hutchinson	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Belken	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor LaChance	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hamann	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Lachapelle	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Abbott	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Walker	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hainey	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Rice	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Gray	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Bogan	Yes	No	Not Present

Entered nonpublic session

Time: 7:21 pm

Other persons present during nonpublic session:

City Manager Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager Katie Ambrose, and City Attorney Terence O'Rourke.

Description of matters discussed, and final decisions made:

HCA Ambulance Contract

City Manager Cox and Mayor McCarley presented a draft of the contract for ambulance services provided to the City by HCA.

Councilor LaChance questioned the naming rights on the ambulance.

Councilor Hainey questioned why the Council was not more involved in discussing options especially Fire service.

Councilor Hutchinson asked how much other cities are paying for private ambulance service.

Councilor Lauterborn voiced support for the quality of service from Frisbee.

Councilor Lachance said the real cost is \$762,000 per year because HCA is not paying for dispatch services. Lachance asked that the City put a committee together to study the issue over the next 6 months.

Sense of Council was that the City should accept the contract as presented.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session

Made by: Lachapelle

Seconded by: Walker

Motion: **PASSED** / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

Public session reconvened

Time: 7:50 pm

Motion made to seal these minutes? **Yes** No (circle one)

Indefinitely? **Yes** No (circle one)

If yes, motion made by: Lauterborn

Seconded by: Walker

because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would:

☐ Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

☒ Render a proposed action ineffective.

☐ Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism.

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:

(2/3's vote of members present required)

Mayor McCarley	Yes	No	Not Present
Deputy Mayor Lauterborn	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hutchinson	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Belken	Yes	No	Not Present
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Motion: **PASSED** / **DID NOT PASS** (circle one)

Time: 7:52 pm

These minutes recorded by: City Attorney Terence O'Rourke

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.*

Review of Sealed Minutes:

If these minutes were sealed, the Council will be requested to review these minutes within six months and annually thereafter to make a determination as to whether unsealing these minutes is required per RSA 91-A:3.