

# ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2025

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT** --- MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER AND THE CLERK WILL CALL THE ROLL.

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT** --- REQUEST COUNCIL TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT** --- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.  
Councilmember Lightfoot

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT** --- RECOGNITION CEREMONIES.

### **Special Recognitions:**

#### **Divine 9**

*Rochester Sigmas of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated – Executive Officers*

Kevin Murphy  
Vandell Marshall  
Shammel Turnbore  
Jevon Brown  
Andrew Mullen  
Parris Bryant  
Christopher Davis  
Gerald Tillery

*The Prodigious Psi Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Executive Officers*

Toi Walker-Smith, Chapter President  
Alexis Hunter, First Vice President  
Jennifer Quick, Second Vice President  
Cayla Facey, Third Vice President  
Jennifer Mack, Secretary  
Carlet Cleare, Assistant Secretary  
Shamika Fusco, Treasurer  
Alyshia Thomas, Treasurer Secretary  
Mira Washington, Parliamentarian  
Carla Facey, Area 5 Geographical Coordinator

*Theta Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Executive Officers*

Cheryl Sampson, President  
Karen Rogers, 1st Vice President  
Ronieka Burns-Sharpe, 2nd Vice President  
Dr. Jazzmyn Ivery-Robinson, 3rd Vice President  
Kari Simpkins, Secretary  
Myshon Bryant, Assistant Secretary  
Brenda Caine, Treasurer  
Jazzlyn Ivery-Robinson, Financial Secretary  
Na'imah Anderson, Parliamentarian  
Nkem Norris, Historian

## **Black History Month**

### *The Black Storytelling League of Rochester Inc.*

Angela Waters Bamford  
Gwendolyn Glenn  
Gail Livingston  
Robin Nowell  
Norm Strothers  
Shirley Strothers  
Eunice White  
David Anderson  
Ruth Anderson  
Carolyn Edwards  
Venora Rodgers  
D'lores Simmons  
Barbara Stevens

### *Community Members*

Amanda Chestnut  
Chris Thompson  
Quajay Donnell  
April Franklin  
Mecca Starz  
Luvon Sheppard  
Tianna Manon  
Martin Hawk  
Robert Bell  
Rolanda Spencer  
Niema Atkins  
Cocoa Rae

### *Black Doula Community*

Twilla Dillion  
Breonna Orum

### *Healthy Baby Network*

Sherita Bullock  
Jasmine Brewer  
Monique Craig  
Khorl Futch  
Jacqueline Lindsey  
Michelle Linton  
Ayanah Alexander  
Whitney Breedlove  
Pamela Anderson  
Latoya Young-Nowlin  
Devon Medlock

### *Royalty Birth Services*

Phyllis Sharp  
Shanice Riggins  
Whitney Breedlove  
Ayanah Alexander  
Miani Cylear  
Tiffany Lewis-English  
Hilda Martinez  
Nairobi Smalls

*Greater Rochester Health Foundation*

Danette Campbell-Bell

*Community Members*

Samra Brouk

**American Heart Month**

*American Heart Association*

*Rochester Regional Health*

*URMC*

*Common Ground Health*

Phyllis Jackson  
Patricia Cathey  
Mona Isler

**City Wellness Employees**

Lyndsay Johnson  
Marita Smith  
Ashley Shufelt  
Vikki Cheal  
Kera Williams  
Kristy Jackson  
Angela S. Howard  
James Treuthart  
Shavae Lewis  
Lisa Russo  
Gustavo Jausen-Woodruff  
Daisy Algarin

**Fish and Crown**

Ben Gonyo  
Race Eberhardt

**RAGVC 2024-25 Youth Scholarship Recipients**

Cherrieke Bufis  
Moses Aponte  
Hazel E. Roberts  
Anthony Ramon Diaz  
James Searight

**Retirement:**

**DES:**

Francis Bonn  
John Metzger

**Library:**

Patricia Uttaro

**NBD:**

Richard Rivera

**RFD:**

Kelly Jean Elward

**RPD:**

Mark Gorthy  
Jason Kamykowski  
Jeffrey Walkowicz

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

By Councilmember Smith

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2025 be approved as published in the official sheets of the Proceedings.

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

**THE CITY CLERK---THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED:**

The Mayor submits the following:

Delinquent Receivables report for the month ending December 31, 2024.

**THE CITY CLERK---THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED:**

The Council submits Disclosure of Interest Forms from **Vice President Harris** on Int. Nos. 33, 58 & 59 and **Councilmember Lupien** on Int. Nos. 58 & 59.

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- PRESENTATION AND REFERENCE OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution appointing Marriage Officer      Int. No. 61  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

By Councilmember Patterson

Neighborhoods, Jobs & Housing Committee Report

Amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing and agreement for an  
Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program      Int. No. 33  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Amending the Municipal Code pertaining to the City’s sale of  
unbuildable vacant residential lots      Int. No. 34  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing the sale of 160 Clifton Street      Int. No. 35  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing agreements for the Re:Main — Revitalization Fund for  
Main Street program      Int. No. 36  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing appropriations, a loan agreement, the sale of real estate and a  
payment in lieu of taxes agreement for the Gardner’s Lofts Affordable  
Housing Project      Int. No. 37  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing a lease agreement for rooftop space at 900 East Main  
Street      Int. No. 38  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing a purchase option agreement for the development of  
a Joseph Avenue performing arts center, as amended Int. No. 387  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- RECEIVED, FILED AND PUBLISHED**

**By Vice President Harris**

**People, Parks & Public Works Committee Report**

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$94,000 Bonds of said City to finance the Carter Street  
R-Center Roof Replacement Int. No. 40  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- ROLL CALL**

Authorizing an agreement for the Public Safety Building Lobby Floor  
Replacement project Int. No. 41  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing an agreement for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park  
Phase IV project Int. No. 42  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Amending the Official Map by abandoning a portion of Blossom Road  
right-of-way Int. No. 43  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing the sale of an abandoned portion of Blossom Road  
Int. No. 44

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Appropriating funds and authorizing agreements for the 2024  
Preventive Maintenance Project Int. No. 45

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Appropriating funds and authorizing an agreement for the 2025  
Preventive Maintenance Project Int. No. 46

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$1,500,000 Bonds of said City to finance the 2025 Preventive  
Maintenance Project for Culver Road (Monroe Avenue to Atlantic  
Avenue) and University Avenue (North Goodman Street to Culver Road)  
Int. No. 47

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- ROLL CALL**

Resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first  
instance 100% of the federal-aid and State “Marchiselli”  
Program-aid eligible costs, of the Culver Road and University Ave PM  
transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefor  
Int. No. 48

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$3,451,000 Bonds of said City to finance the 2025  
Residential Milling and Resurfacing Project Int. No. 49

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- ROLL CALL**

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$437,000 Bonds of said City to finance the 2025 Residential  
Milling and Resurfacing Project Int. No. 50  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- ROLL CALL**

Authorizing an amendatory agreement for the 2025 Residential  
Milling and Resurfacing Project Int. No. 51  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Resolution endorsing the Rochester Extreme Heat Plan  
Int. No. 52  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing an agreement related to evaluation of the Person in Crisis  
Team Int. No. 53  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- RECEIVED, FILED AND PUBLISHED**

**By Councilmember Gruber**

**Budget, Finance & Governance Committee Report**

Resolution approving a reappointment to the Civil Service Commission  
Int. No. 54  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**



Authorizing an agreement and amending the 2024-25 Budget related  
to the Climate Action Plan     Int. No. 55  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing amendatory agreements for the Neighborhood  
Ambassadors Program     Int. No. 56  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Authorizing the cancellation or refund of erroneous taxes and charges  
Int. No. 57  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Resolution authorizing an exception to the 2024-25 debt limit for  
Rochester City School District purposes     Int. No. 58  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$17,020,000 Bonds of said City to finance the costs of  
improvements to specified City School District buildings  
Int. No. 59  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- ROLL CALL**

Authorizing an ~~amendatory~~ agreements related to the Racial and  
Structural Equity (RASE) Commission's recommendations,  
as amended     Int. No. 18  
**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR NAYS**

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- RECEIVED, FILED AND PUBLISHED**

Adjourned

## ITEMS HELD IN COMMITTEE

Int. No. 65	Authorizing sublease for a portion of 245 East Main Street NJH (03/19/2024)
Int. No. 133	Local Improvement Ordinance establishing the 2024-25 assessments and authorizing an agreement for the High Falls Business Improvement District NJH (05/21/2024)
Int. No. 206	Authorizing a land purchase option agreement relating to the development of a Joseph Avenue performing arts center NJH (06/18/2024)
Int. No. 363	Appropriating funds and amending the 2024-25 Budget relating to the Financial Empowerment Center BFG (09/24/2024)
Int. No. 461	Local Law amending the City Charter with respect to the organization of the zoning, permitting and compliance functions within the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development NJH (12/17/2024)
Int. No. 4	Local Law amending the City Charter with respect to the organization of the zoning, permitting and compliance functions within the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development NJH (1/28/2025)
Int. No. 39	Resolution approving appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals NJH (02/25/2025)
Int. No. 60	Authorizing agreements for violence prevention services BFG (02/25/2025)