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**FINANCE
INTRODUCTORY NO.**

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Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

June 4, 2020

BUDGET 47

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: 2020-21 Budget

Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and Long Term
Financial Stability

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Fostering
Prosperity & Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the 2020-21 Budget. This legislation will:

1. Approve appropriations and establish revenue estimates for the City and City School District;
2. Authorize the tax levies required to finance appropriations for the City and City School District;
3. Authorize the budgets and related assessments for the Local Works program;
4. Confirm the assessments required for the following programs:
 - a. Street mall maintenance
 - b. Neighborhood parking lot operation
 - c. Public Market snow removal and security services
 - d. Street lighting and streetscape districts
 - e. Downtown Enhancement District
 - f. High Falls Improvement District
 - g. South Ave. Alexander St. Streetscape
 - h. Mt. Hope Streetscape
 - i. Upper East Alexander Entertainment-Refuse
5. Confirm the addition to the tax roll of various assessments, fees, and unpaid charges; and
6. Authorize certain fee increases and Charter and Code changes.

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Details of the above actions related to the 2020-21 proposed budget of the City submitted to City Council on May 15, 2020 are summarized below:

1. Total appropriations of \$1,457,246,924 allocated for the City and the School District

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
City	\$ 529,659,100	\$ 555,708,100	\$-26,049,000	-4.7
School	<u>927,587,824</u>	<u>934,197,659</u>	<u>-6,609,835</u>	-0.7
Total	\$1,457,246,924	\$1,489,905,759	\$-32,658,835	-2.2

Total non-tax revenue distributed between the City and the District:

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
City	\$ 464,548,570	\$ 498,849,883	\$-34,301,313	-6.9

School	814,442,824	820,457,159	-6,014,335	-0.7
Total	\$1,278,991,394	\$1,319,307,042	\$-40,315,648	-3.1

2. Total tax levies of \$187,637,400 for the City and City School District

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Tax Revenue	\$178,255,530	\$170,598,717	\$ 7,656,813	+ 4.49
Tax Reserve	9,381,870	8,038,683	1,343,187	+16.71
Tax Levy	\$187,637,400	\$178,637,400	\$ 9,000,000	+ 5.04

3. Total appropriations for the Local Works fund of \$20,988,100 and total assessments of \$20,483,700

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Street Maintenance	\$ 4,341,001	\$ 5,474,580	\$ -1,133,579	-20.7
Sidewalk Repair	2,749,956	3,211,155	-461,199	-14.4
Roadway Plowing	10,083,119	8,794,402	1,288,717	14.7
Sidewalk Plowing	3,309,624	3,008,863	300,761	10.0
Total	\$20,483,700	\$20,489,000	\$ -5,300	0.0

4. Program Assessments

On April 14, 2020, the following budgets were approved: street lighting and streetscapes; street malls; Downtown Enhancement District; security and snow removal at the Public Market; East Avenue/Alexander Street Entertainment District; High Falls Business Improvement District; and the South Avenue/Alexander Street Open Space District. The budget for the special assessment district parking lots was approved on May 12, 2020. The assessments required are as follows:

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Street Malls	\$ 34,157	\$35,411	-1,254	-3.5
Parking Lots	62,465	59,938	2,527	4.2
Public Market	50,037	49,687	350	0.7
Lighting and Streetscapes	42,118	42,261	-143	-0.3
Downtown Enhancement	660,500	646,900	13,600	2.1
High Falls	25,000	25,000	0	0.0
St. Paul Street Streetscape	0	20,649	-20,649	-100.0
South Ave Alexander Streetscape	8,900	8,900	0	0.0
Mt. Hope Streetscape	30,000	30,000	0	0.0
East/Alexander Entertainment	21,200	20,800	400	1.9

5. Proposed additions to the tax roll consist of the following charges:

	<u>Proposed 2020-21</u>	<u>Amended 2019-20</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Delinquent Refuse	\$ 690,984	\$ 554,801	\$ 136,183	24.5
Delinquent Water	5,926,764	5,835,825	90,939	1.6
Code Enforcement	159,528	116,679	42,849	36.7
Supplemental and Omitted Taxes	351,740	631,918	-280,178	-44.3
Local Improvements	1,643	1,494	149	10.0
Demolitions	0	631,023	-631,023	-100.0
Encroachments	3,975	3,975	0	0.0
Rehabilitation	257,231	232,481	24,750	10.6
Code Violations	1,954,255	2,218,190	-263,935	-11.9

6. Fee increases and Charter and Code changes

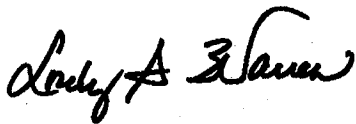
6A. Amend the City Charter to transfer the Division of Planning from the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development in Article X to the Mayor's Office in Article III.

6B. A local law is proposed allowing for a temporary, one-year exception for the Rochester City School District from the requirement per Section 3-9.1 D of the City Charter that the RCSD budget contain an

amount of at least \$10,000,000 for Cash Capital. This is proposed as a temporary measure to provide RCSD with additional budgetary flexibility to balance its 2020-21 budget. Council authorized a similar exception for the district's 2019-20 budget with Local Law #1 in December, 2019.

6C. Increases in parking garage rates are necessary to balance the Parking Fund, resulting in approximately \$388,600 additional revenue. Monthly general parking rates increase \$5 at Court Street, South Avenue, Crossroads, and Washington Square (excluding the Wadsworth Lot); \$8 for High Falls and Sister Cities; and \$10 for Mortimer and East End. Premium rates increase \$5 at Court Street and \$8 at Sister Cities. Increases to the reserved monthly parking rates are \$5 for Court Street and Washington Square. The residential rates increase \$10 at High Falls and \$14 at East End. The rate for the Kodak surface lot is eliminated due to the May 31, 2020 expiration of the contract with Kodak. The transient rate in all garages is proposed to change from \$2 for the first two hours to \$2 for each hour resulting in \$271,900 incremental revenue. The daily maximum for transient parking remains unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lovely A. Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

INTRODUCTORY NO.

237

Int. 47

Ordinance No. 47

Adoption of the Budget estimates for municipal purposes for the 2020-21 fiscal year, appropriation of sums set forth therein and approving commercial refuse fees

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The budget estimate for municipal purposes for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, providing for the expenditure of \$529,659,100, is in all respects adopted, confirmed, fixed, and determined.

Section 2. The sums of money designated in the budget estimate for municipal purposes for the fiscal year 2020-21 are hereby authorized to be expended and the sum of \$529,659,100 is hereby appropriated for the current expenses of the departments and agencies; cash capital; debt service; and for the other purposes therein, in the manner provided by law, as listed below:

City Council and Clerk	\$2,412,500
Administration	11,173,500
Neighborhood and Business Development	10,988,900
Environmental Services	88,207,500
Finance	11,468,500
Information Technology	6,839,300
Law	2,034,000
Library	12,375,300
Recreation and Youth Services	12,408,700
Emergency Communications	15,360,400
Police	95,866,000
Fire	53,721,200
Undistributed Expenses	148,843,600
Contingency	2,787,800
Cash Capital	15,634,000
Debt Service	39,537,900
Sub-total	\$529,659,100
Tax Reserve	3,426,870
Total	\$533,085,970

Section 3. The budget estimate of the current revenues and other receipts, other than real estate taxes and the School Tax Relief (STAR) funds, for municipal purposes for the fiscal year 2020-21 is hereby fixed and determined at \$464,548,570 and said sum is appropriated for the purposes set forth in the budget estimate.

Section 4. The budget estimate for the fiscal year 2020-21 providing for raising the sum of \$68,537,400 in taxation on real estate for municipal purposes is hereby adopted.

Section 5. Pursuant to subsection 20-24B(1) of the Municipal Code, the Council hereby approves the fees for collection of commercial refuse and recyclables as proposed by the Mayor for fiscal year 2020-21.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

238

Int. xxx

Ordinance No.

Adoption of the Budget estimates for school purposes for the 2020-21 fiscal year and appropriation of sums set forth therein

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The budget estimate for school purposes for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, providing for the expenditure of \$927,587,824, is in all respects adopted, confirmed, fixed, and determined.

Section 2. The sums of money designated in the budget estimate for school purposes for the fiscal year 2020-21 are hereby authorized to be expended and the sum of \$927,587,824 is hereby appropriated by the Board of Education for the following purposes:

Operations	\$841,562,501
Cash Capital	3,787,008
Debt Service	<u>82,238,315</u>
Subtotal	927,587,824
Tax Reserve	<u>5,955,000</u>
Total	\$933,542,824

Section 3. The budget estimate of the current revenues and other receipts, other than real estate taxes, for school purposes for the fiscal year 2020-21 is hereby fixed and determined at \$814,442,824 and said sum is hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in the budget estimate.

Section 4. The budget estimate for the fiscal year 2020-21 providing for raising the sum of \$119,100,000 in taxation on real estate for school purposes is hereby adopted.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

239

Int. xxx

Ordinance No.

Levying taxes for municipal purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$68,537,400, which sum is deemed by the Council sufficient with other revenues to produce from collection during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021 the amount required to meet the budget estimates for municipal purposes, is hereby levied on all taxable real property in the City of Rochester, as set forth in the assessment rolls, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Section 2. The Director of Finance shall cause the taxes levied above to be inserted in the assessment rolls for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

240

Int. xxx

Ordinance No.

Levying taxes for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$119,100,000, which sum is deemed by the Council sufficient with other revenues to produce from collection during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021 the amount required to meet the budget estimates for school purposes, is hereby levied on all taxable real property in the City of Rochester, as set forth in the assessment rolls, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Section 2. The Director of Finance shall cause the taxes levied above to be inserted in the assessment rolls for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

241

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Local Improvement Ordinance No.

Local Improvement Ordinance - Street cleaning, street and sidewalk snow removal, and hazardous sidewalk repair commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds and declares (1) that it is in the public interest to provide street cleaning, snow removal services on the streets and sidewalks, and the repair of hazardous sidewalks in the City of Rochester during the fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; (2) that the provision of such service benefits the properties abutting on such streets and sidewalks, and (3) that the cost of providing such services should be borne by the benefitted properties according to the benefit received by such properties.

Section 2. The Commissioner of Environmental Services shall cause the following improvements and work to be provided on streets, sidewalks and lots in the City of Rochester during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

- A. The removal of snow from such sidewalks and the repair of such hazardous sidewalks as the Commissioner may direct.
- B. The removal of snow and ice from the roadway of such streets as the Commissioner may direct, including the use of sodium chloride, calcium chloride, and other chemicals or abrasives for the treatment of slippery or icy pavement as deemed necessary by the Commissioner.
- C. The cleaning and/or flushing of such streets as the Commissioner may direct, including hand-cleaning, tank flushing, mechanical sweeping, and the collection and removal of brush, leaves, and debris.

Section 3. Such work shall be done by competitive contract, or by the Department of Environmental Services, as the Commissioner of Environmental Services deems appropriate.

Section 4. The cost of providing such street cleaning and street snow removal services for the 2020-21 fiscal year shall be assessed against all parcels of property that abut a street, reflecting the benefit to be derived by such parcels from such services. The cost of providing such sidewalk repair and snow removal services for the 2020-21 fiscal year shall be assessed against all parcels of property that abut a sidewalk, reflecting the benefit to be derived by such parcels from such services.

Section 5. The amount assessed shall be allocated among all benefitted parcels in direct proportion to each parcel's street or sidewalk footage, defined for purposes of

this ordinance as the full footage of the parcel along the street or sidewalk upon which it fronts, plus one-third of the footage along any other abutting streets or sidewalks. The Council hereby determines that such street or sidewalk footage represents the relative amount of benefit received by each such parcel.

Section 6. The total cost of such services to be assessed on July 1, 2020 shall be \$20,483,700.00 consisting of \$4,341,001.00 for street and lot maintenance, \$2,749,956.14 for sidewalk repair, \$10,083,118.39 for roadway snow removal and \$3,309,624.32 for sidewalk snow removal services. Such total amount constitutes an estimate of the amount necessary to pay contractors to provide services and to cover the costs of providing services with City crews between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, less any miscellaneous revenues estimated to be collected during the same period, plus a reasonable reserve for uncollected assessments. All assessments collected shall be paid into the Local Works Fund, and all costs incurred shall be paid from such fund. The amounts assessed herein are appropriated for that purpose.

Section 7. The amount assessed on July 1, 2020 shall be billed on the tax bill and shall be due in one installment. Delinquent assessments collected more than 60 days into a fiscal year subsequent to the fiscal year billed shall be credited as revenue in the year collected and applied against costs in that fiscal year.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

242

Int. xxx

Ordinance No.

Confirming the assessments, amounts and charges to be inserted in the annual tax rolls for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The following assessments, amounts and charges, and the allocation of said amounts against properties in the City, as set forth in roll or rolls on file in the City Clerk's Office, to be inserted into the annual tax rolls for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021 are hereby in all respects confirmed:

Street and Lot Maintenance	\$4,341,001.00
Roadway Snow Removal	10,083,118.39
Sidewalk Snow Removal	3,309,624.32
Hazardous Sidewalk Repair	2,749,956.14
Delinquent Refuse	690,984.35
Delinquent Water Charges	5,926,764.49
Supplemental Taxes	351,740.29
Street Malls	34,157.00
Parking Lots	62,465.00
Code Enforcements	159,528.00
Code Violations	1,954,255.00
Downtown Enhancement	660,500.00
Public Market Plowing	6,237.95
Public Market Security	43,799.37
Encroachment Fees	3,975.00
Rehabilitation Charges	257,230.63
Wilson Blvd. Street Lights	555.63
Monroe Avenue Lights I	1,213.41
Monroe Avenue Lights and Sidewalk II	620.14
Norton Street Lights	1,363.84
Norton Street Streetscape	2,815.00
Cascade Lights	1,557.38
Cascade Streetscape	8,000.00
Lake Avenue Lights	4,022.56
High Falls Business Improvement District	25,000.00
St. Paul Street Lighting	521.99
Rundel Park Lighting	3,168.68
Upper East Alexander Refuse	21,200.00
East Main Street Lights	320.90
Browncroft Lighting	9,508.99
Nunda Boulevard Lighting	8,449.38
Mt. Hope Streetscape	30,000.00
South Avenue Open Space 1	4,441.42
South Avenue Open Space 2	4,458.58
Local Improvements	1,643.47

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

243

Int. xxx

Ordinance No.

Amending the Municipal Code with respect to parking fees

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Subsection A(1) of Section 111-119 of the Municipal code, Fees for use of space in parking garages and hours of operation, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending subsection A(1) to read in its entirety as follows:

- (1) Short-term rates, which shall apply from 6:00 a.m. or 6:30 a.m. to garage closing, depending upon the garage schedule: \$2 for the first ~~two~~ hours, and \$2 for each hour thereafter, or any part thereof, up to the daily maximum.

Section 2. Subsection A(6)(a)-(h) of Section 111-119 of the Municipal Code is hereby further amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- (a) Court Street Garage: ~~\$400~~ \$105 for parking in the general area, ~~\$125~~ \$130 for parking in the reserved area, and ~~\$155~~ \$160 for parking in the premium area.
- (b) Genesee Crossroads Garage: ~~\$400~~ \$105.
- (c) High Falls Garage ~~\$97~~ \$105 for parking in the general area, \$130 for parking in the reserved area, ~~and \$85~~ \$95 for reserved residential parking, ~~and \$77 for parking in the Kodak surface lot located at 231 State Street.~~
- (d) South Avenue Garage: ~~\$400~~ \$105
- (e) Sister Cities Garage: ~~\$107~~ \$115 for parking in the general area and ~~\$132~~ \$140 for parking in the premium area.
- (f) Mortimer Street Garage: ~~\$80~~ \$90 for parking in the garage. Notwithstanding the parking rates established in this subsection, the Parking Director, subject to the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to establish a program allowing a parking discount reducing the monthly rate to \$25 in the Mortimer Street Garage for up to 50 members of the High Tech Rochester program.
- (g) Washington Square Garage: ~~\$400~~ \$105 for parking in the general area of the garage, ~~\$125~~ \$130 for parking in the reserved area of the garage, and \$33 for parking in the Wadsworth Square Lot.
- (h) East End Garage: ~~\$90~~ \$100 for general parking, ~~\$79~~ \$93 for residential parking, and \$44.80 for student parking.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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