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**Lovely A. Warren  
Mayor**

August 11, 2020

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity

I am submitting this Statement of Necessity so that action may be taken during the August 13, 2020 Council Committee Meetings on the attached legislation. This legislation is the Inter-municipal Agreement – Support for the RASE Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Lovely A. Warren  
Mayor

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Re: Intermunicipal Agreement  
Support for the RASE Commission

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a  
Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:  
Fostering Prosperity & Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation that will support the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE Commission). In June of this year, following national and local calls for systemic and institutional change, the City Council asked that the Administration establish a task force that included community participation to examine policing in Rochester. It was requested that this group research best practices across the country that address the root causes of the problems we face, collect data, and engage the community to generate actionable steps with timelines that would re-imagine policing in our community. Around the same time the Governor identified new mandates that would impact funding for Police Departments by looking at policies, procedures, practices, and deployment. In response to the confluence of these calls to action, the RASE Commission was established by County Executive Bello and Mayor Warren. This legislation:

- 1) Authorizes an intermunicipal cooperation agreement with the County of Monroe for the City and County to support the RASE Commission in equal amounts for each party not to exceed \$100,000, inclusive of outside grants, and other sources of revenue, together with other in-kind contributions.
- 2) Authorizes an agreement with the Rochester Area Community Foundation to solicit and manage donations to the RASE Commission.
- 3) Authorizes the City to retain a consultant chosen by the RASE Commission to collect and analyze relevant data.
- 4) Amends the 2020-21 Budget of the City to appropriate \$100,000 from the Contingency allocation to fund the City's contribution to the intermunicipal cooperation agreement.

The RASE Commission will consist of 21 members selected by the County Executive and Mayor Warren and is charged with a mandate to:

- (i) inventory and assess current local laws/policies that either promote or are intended to eliminate institutional and structural biases, racism and inequities in the City of Rochester and Monroe County;
- (ii) provide recommendations to enhance current local laws/policies to increase effectiveness, and/or "sunset" local laws/policies that are ineffective or no longer applicable; and
- (iii) provide recommendations on new local laws/policies that address "gaps" identified per (i) and (ii) above for both the public and private sectors of our community.

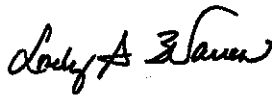


The Commission is required to provide a report on the inventory, assessment and recommendations described above no later than six months following its formation.

The Commission will require funds and other support to retain facilitators and to access other resources needed to complete its work. The intermunicipal cooperation agreement will provide for the City and the County to share equally in supporting the Commission's work. Instead of limiting their contributions to their own funds, the City and County agree that some of their support may be provided in the form of in-kind services (at mutually agreed upon values) or contributions from third parties.

The legislation also authorizes an agreement with the Rochester Area Community Foundation to solicit and manage donations to the RASE Commission, an agreement with a consultant for the RASE Commission to collect and analyze relevant data, and an amendment to the 2020-21 Budget of the City to appropriate \$100,000 from the Contingency allocation to fund the City's contribution.

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

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Ordinance No.

**Authorizing an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Monroe relating to the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Rochester and the Monroe County Executive have authorized the formation of a joint Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE Commission) to consist of 21 members and charged with a mandate to analyze current laws and policies and to develop new or modified policies and legislation to overcome systemic and institutional inequities and racism in Rochester and Monroe County;

WHEREAS, the RASE Commission is required to produce a report of its findings and recommendations within 6 months after its formation; and

WHEREAS, the RASE Commission will need to engage facilitators and to obtain other resources to perform its duties, including the services of the Rochester Area Community Foundation, to solicit, receive and manage community philanthropic donations, and a consultant to collect, analyze and catalog pertinent data;

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the County of Monroe in the maximum amount of \$200,000, inclusive of outside grants, and other sources of revenue, together with other in-kind contributions, to be provided in equal shares by the City and County to support the work of the RASE Commission.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Rochester Area Community Foundation to solicit, receive and manage community philanthropic contributions in support of the RASE Commission objectives.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with a consultant, to be selected by the RASE Commission following a diligent search process, to undertake data collection and analysis and otherwise render services at the direction of the RASE Commission. The agreement shall be funded through the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement cost-sharing arrangement authorized in Section 1 herein.

Section 4. Each of the agreements authorized herein shall have a term not exceeding one year.

Section 5. The agreements authorized herein shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.

Section 6. Ordinance No. 2020-161, the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended to increase the Budget of the Office

of the Mayor by \$100,000, which amount is hereby appropriated from the 2020-21 Contingency allocation, to fund the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement authorized herein.

**Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.**