

**ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 28, 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.**  
Vice President Harris

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

**Special Recognitions:**

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

Mary Cariola Center  
Center for Disability Rights  
Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities  
Best Buddies WNY  
Arc of Monroe  
Starbridge  
Autism Up (Golisano Autism Center)  
GiGi's Playhouse  
Heritage Christian Services  
540 W Main  
Catalyst Consulting Associates

**Divine 9 - First Family Executive Board**

Eta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Dr. Cam Lewis (President)  
Walter Larkin Jr. (Director of Education)  
Dr. Tori Matthews (Vice President)  
Whitney McClary (Treasurer)  
Jonathan Nthekeha (Parliamentarian)  
James Waters Jr. (Corresponding Secretary)  
Theo Adams (Sergeant at Arms)  
Jamayne Fleming (Recording Secretary)  
Rashaad Parker (Chaplain)  
Willie Robinson (Foundation President)  
Tommy Smith III (Financial Secretary)  
Alex Leonty (Historian)  
Richard McCollough (Media Director)

**Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.**

Lisa Harris: President  
Jazzmen Hickson: Vice President  
Marshae Puryear: Recording Secretary  
Yolanda Jones: Assistant Recording Secretary  
Karen Jones: Corresponding Secretary

Latia Rourk: Treasurer  
Rose Mitchell: Vice Treasurer  
Marcia Fugate: Financial Secretary  
Sharon Belle Render: Graduate Advisor  
Jocelyn Cox-Hiler: Parliamentarian  
Joan Anderson: Public Relations Officer  
Veronica Rolon: Historian  
Brandi Smith: Hostess  
Martina Ochran: Sergeant at arms

**Carter Street R-center**

Anthony L. Flowers  
Arianna C. D. Council  
David B. Scott Jr.  
Jasmine M. Chastine  
Jeffrey S. Reese  
Joseph F. Reed  
Maleek J. Mason  
Matthew D. Miller  
Naker Fuqua  
Nashalee Lopez  
Nier N. Fuqua  
Shamaria K. Burrows

**13th Annual Witness Palestine Film Festival**

Katie Seidl  
Cole Seidl  
Elaine Johnson  
Victoria Hartman  
Deanna Abid  
Emel Abid  
Jonathan Khoury  
Casey Asprooth-Jackson  
Ahlam Abid  
Martin Hawk

**Island Buzz**

Bruce Stewart

**Retirement:**

**DRHS:**

Migdalia Mendez

**Library**

Cherrin Arnold  
Stephanie Penns

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

By Councilmember Patterson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2024 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 Council submits a Disclosure of Interest Form from **Councilmember Gruber**  
on Int. No. 25.

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

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

Authorizing agreement to implement a Neighbors in Action grant  
program Int. No. 32

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

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

**By Councilmember Patterson**

**Neighborhoods, Jobs & Housing Committee Report**

Authorizing the sale of real estate Int. No. 1

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

Authorizing a shared services and grant agreements and amending the  
2024-25 Budget for the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation  
Int. No. 2

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

Authorizing a license agreement with South Wedge Planning  
Committee for the use of City property as a community garden  
Int. No. 3

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

Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing  
an agreement for the Community Cannabis Support Initiative  
Int. No. 30

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

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

**By Vice President Harris**

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

Authorizing a grant agreement to fund Climate Action Plan related  
strategies, **as amended** Int. No. 5

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

Authorizing a grant agreement and funding for the New York State  
Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Energy  
Communities program Int. No. 6

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

Authorizing an appropriation and an amendatory professional services  
agreement related to the North Clinton Avenue Milling and  
Resurfacing Project (Marietta Street to East Ridge Road)  
Int. No. 7

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

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the  
issuance of \$1,887,000 Bonds of said City to finance the costs of the  
City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair Project  
Int. No. 8

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

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$401,000 Bonds of said City to finance certain costs of the City Hall Sidewalk Replacement Project Int. No. 9

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

Authorizing an agreement for the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair and the Sidewalk Replacement projects Int. No. 10

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

Authorizing a grant agreement with the New York State Council on the Arts and amending the 2024-25 Budget Int. No. 11

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

Authorizing a grant agreement to support Crisis Intervention Services Int. No. 12

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

Authorizing agreements for the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Justice Assistance Grant program Int. No. 13

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

Authorizing an agreement for database and case management services for Rochester Animal Services Int. No. 14

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

Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing an agreement for senior support services Int. No. 15

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

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

By Councilmember Gruber

Budget, Finance & Governance Committee Report

Authorizing an agreement for the ~~2024~~ 2025 Rochester International Jazz Festival, as amended Int. No. 16

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

Authorizing an intermunicipal agreement to fund Lilac Festival promotional services Int. No. 17

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

Authorizing an agreement and appropriating funds related to the Financial Empowerment Center Int. No. 19

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

Approving wage and salary increases for employees of the Rochester Housing Authority Int. No. 20

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

Authorizing administrative tax cancellations and refunds of \$1,000 or less for 2025 Int. No. 21

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

Appropriating Firefighters' Insurance Funds Int. No. 22

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- AYES OR ANYS**

Authorizing an agreement relating to City employee time clocks Int. No. 23

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

Authorizing an agreement relating to software licenses and support services for scheduling the staffing of the Fire, Police and Emergency Communications/911 departments Int. No. 24

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

Resolution approving appointment and reappointment to the Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees Int. No. 25

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

Resolution relating to appointments to the Board of Assessment Review Int. No. 26

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

Resolution extending the Rules of Council through 2025 Int. No. 27

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

Resolution approving an appointment to the Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc. Int. No. 31

**THE COUNCIL PRESIDNET --- AYES OR NAYS**

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

**By Councilmember Lightfoot**

**Public Safety Committee Report**

Authorizing a grant agreement for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program Int. No. 28

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

Authorizing an agreement and amending the 2024-25 Budget for  
Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention

Int. No. 29

**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. 387           Authorizing a purchase option agreement for the development of a  
Joseph Avenue performing arts center    NJH (10/22/24)
- 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. 18            Authorizing an amendatory agreement related to the Racial and  
Structural Equity (RASE) Commission's recommendations  
BFG (1/28/2025)