

**Additional Proposed Legislation for the
June 20, 2023 City Council Meeting -**

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FINANCE INTRODUCTORY NO.

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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May 31, 2023

Budget 38



TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: 2023-24 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 proposed budget of the City submitted to City Council on May 12, 2023 are summarized below:

1. Total appropriations of \$1,808,536,948 allocated for the City and the School District:

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
City	\$ 674,686,100	\$ 644,157,050	\$ 30,529,050	4.7
School	<u>1,133,850,848*</u>	<u>1,065,835,104</u>	<u>68,015,744</u>	6.4
Total	\$1,808,536,948	\$1,709,992,154	\$ 98,544,794	5.8

*Total appropriations for the Rochester City School District 2023-24 Budget represent all expenditures from the General Fund, Grants and Special Aid, School Food Service, American Rescue Plan (ARP), and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) program.

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

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
City	\$ 609,232,883	\$ 578,703,833	\$ 30,529,050	5.3
School	<u>1,020,110,348</u>	<u>952,094,604</u>	<u>68,015,744</u>	<u>7.1</u>
Total	\$1,629,343,231	\$1,530,798,437	\$ 98,544,794	6.4

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

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Tax Revenue	\$179,193,717	\$179,193,717	\$ 0	0.00
Tax Reserve	<u>8,443,683</u>	<u>8,443,683</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Tax Levy	\$187,637,400	\$187,637,400	\$ 0	0.00

3. Total appropriations for the Local Works fund of \$25,964,100 and total assessments of \$20,689,000

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Street Maintenance	\$ 3,287,793	\$ 3,578,224	\$ -290,431	-8.1
Sidewalk Repair	1,568,436	1,878,545	-310,109	-16.5
Roadway Plowing	12,306,189	11,491,406	814,783	7.1
Sidewalk Plowing	<u>3,526,582</u>	<u>3,739,425</u>	<u>-212,843</u>	<u>-5.7</u>
Total	\$20,689,000	\$20,687,600	\$ 1,400	0.0

4. Program Assessments

On April 25, 2023, the following budgets were approved: security and snow removal at the Public Market; street lighting and streetscapes; street malls; East Avenue/Alexander Street Entertainment District; High Falls Business Improvement District; and the Mt. Hope Streetscape. The budget for the special assessment district parking lots, Downtown Enhancement District, and the South Avenue/Alexander Street Open Space District were approved on May 23, 2023. The assessments required are as follows:

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Street Malls	\$ 31,303	\$35,225	-3,922	-11.1
Parking Lots	70,403	71,862	-1,459	-2.0
Public Market	51,874	51,874	0	0.0
Lighting and Streetscapes	29,996	37,530	-7,534	-20.1
Downtown Enhancement	726,800	703,700	23,100	3.3
High Falls	25,000	25,000	0	0.0
South Ave Alexander Streetscape	8,900	8,900	0	0.0
Mt. Hope Streetscape	20,000	20,000	0	0.0
East/Alexander Entertainment	22,032	21,600	432	2.0

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

	<u>Proposed 2023-24</u>	<u>Amended 2022-23</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Delinquent Refuse	\$ 656,899	\$ 587,825	\$ 69,074	11.8
Delinquent Water	5,789,349	5,840,232	-50,883	-0.9
Code Enforcement	104,955	140,775	-35,820	-25.4
Supplemental and Omitted Taxes	248,939	164,855	84,084	51.0
Local Improvements	1,334	1,334	0	0.0
Demolitions	36,552	165,561	-129,009	-77.9
Encroachments	5,015	4,965	50	1.0
Rehabilitation	150,929	148,241	2,688	1.8
Code Violations	1,433,750	1,445,700	-11,950	-0.8
Emergency Abatement	52,783	146,182	-93,399	-63.9

6. Fee increases and Charter and Code changes

6A. A rate increase of 9.5% to base rates and consumption rates is proposed to balance the Water Fund. The proposed increase is expected to result in \$3,230,000 incremental revenue. Proposed increases to specific water service fees contained in § 23-37 B, D and F of the City Code result in incremental revenue of \$55,000.

6B. A commercial refuse rate increase of 3% resulting in \$119,000 in incremental revenue is proposed to balance the Refuse Fund. The proposed rate schedule will be placed on file in the City Clerk's Office. Commercial refuse rates were last changed in 2014.

6C. An increase of 10% is proposed for all Cemetery fees resulting in incremental revenue of approximately \$78,000. Rates are established by the Environmental Services Commissioner in accordance with § 43-14 of the City Code. Rates were last increased in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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Ordinance No.

Adoption of the Budget estimates for municipal purposes for the 2023-24 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, providing for the expenditure of \$674,686,100, 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 2023-24 are hereby authorized to be expended and the sum of \$674,686,100 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	\$7,359,300
Administration	20,833,300
Neighborhood and Business Development	29,268,700
Environmental Services	99,836,100
Finance	12,928,000
Information Technology	9,306,300
Law	2,908,100
Library	13,451,300
Recreation and Human Services	25,485,800
Emergency Communications	17,130,500
Police	109,534,100
Fire	61,335,000
Undistributed Expenses	171,065,200
Contingency	100,000
Cash Capital	50,741,000
Debt Service	43,403,400
Sub-total	\$674,686,100
Tax Reserve	3,084,183
Total	\$677,770,283

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 2023-24 is hereby fixed and determined at \$609,232,883 and said sum is appropriated for the purposes set forth in the budget estimate.

Section 4. The budget estimate for the fiscal year 2023-24 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 2023-24.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

256

Ordinance No.

Adoption of the Budget estimates for school purposes for the 2023-24 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, providing for the expenditure of \$1,133,850,848, 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 2023-24 are hereby authorized to be expended and the sum of \$1,133,850,848 is hereby appropriated by the Board of Education for the following purposes:

Operations	\$1,035,782,063
Cash Capital	14,117,137
Debt Service	83,951,648
Subtotal	1,133,850,848
Tax Reserve	5,359,500
Total	\$1,139,210,348

Section 3. The budget estimate of the current revenues and other receipts, other than real estate taxes, for school purposes for the fiscal year 2023-24 is hereby fixed and determined at \$1,020,110,348 and said sum is hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in the budget estimate.

Section 4. The budget estimate for the fiscal year 2023-24 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, 2023.

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Ordinance No.

Levying taxes for municipal purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024

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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024 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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Ordinance No.

Levying taxes for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024

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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024 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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024

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, 2023 to June 30, 2024; (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, 2023 to June 30, 2024:

- 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 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, 2023 shall be \$20,689,000 consisting of \$3,287,793 for street and lot maintenance, \$1,568,436 for sidewalk repair, \$12,306,189 for roadway snow removal and \$3,526,582 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, 2023 and June 30, 2024, 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, 2023 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, 2023.

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Ordinance No.

Confirming the assessments, amounts and charges to be inserted in the annual tax rolls for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024

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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024 are hereby in all respects confirmed:

Street and Lot Maintenance	\$ 3,287,793.00
Roadway Snow Removal	12,306,189.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	3,526,582.00
Hazardous Sidewalk Repair	1,568,436.00
Delinquent Refuse	656,899.08
Delinquent Water Charges	5,789,349.24
Supplemental Taxes	248,938.55
Demolitions	36,551.59
Street Malls	31,303.00
Parking Lots	70,403.00
Code Enforcements	104,955.00
Code Violations	1,433,750.00
Downtown Enhancement	726,800.00
Emergency Abatement	52,783.25
Public Market Plowing	6,237.95
Public Market Security	45,636.24
Encroachment Fees	5,015.00
Rehabilitation Charges	150,929.15
Wilson Blvd. Street Lights	585.84
Norton Street Lights	1,415.14
Cascade Lights	1,288.48
Cascade Streetscape	4,000.00
Lake Avenue Lights	4,200.25
High Falls Business Improvement District	25,000.00
St. Paul Street Lighting	548.24
Upper East Alexander Refuse	22,032.00
Browncroft Lighting	9,508.99
Nunda Boulevard Lighting	8,449.38
Mt. Hope Streetscape	20,000.00
South Avenue Open Space 1	4,847.21
South Avenue Open Space 2	4,052.79
Local Improvements	1,333.96

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCTORY NO.

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Ordinance No.

Amending the Municipal Code with respect to water rates

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

Section 1. Section 23-37 of the Municipal Code, relating to fees for water, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending subsections A, B, C, D and F thereof to read in their entirety as follows:

A. Consumption rates.

(1) Consumption Charge; schedule of rates.

Gallons Consumed per Month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
0 to 300,000	\$3.62 <u>3.96</u>
300,001 to 1,000,000	\$3.25 <u>3.56</u>
1,000,001 to 13,000,000	\$2.53 <u>2.77</u>
Over 13,000,000	\$1.45 <u>1.59</u>

(2) Base Charge.

Size of Meter (inches)	Charge per Month
5/8	\$8.66 <u>9.48</u>
3/4	\$13.00 <u>14.24</u>
1	\$37.62 <u>41.19</u>
1 1/2	\$55.72 <u>61.01</u>
2	\$74.53 <u>81.61</u>
3	\$186.25 <u>203.94</u>
4	\$372.15 <u>407.50</u>
6	\$557.90 <u>610.90</u>
8	\$1,213.07 <u>1,328.31</u>
10	\$1,819.64 <u>1,992.47</u>

B. Water meter fees.

(1) Schedule.

Meter Size Type (inches)	Fee
5/8	\$175 <u>195</u>
3/4	\$205 <u>220</u>
1	\$265 <u>275</u>
1 1/2	\$450 <u>500</u>
2	\$500 <u>605</u>

3/Turbo	*
3/Compound	*
4/Compound	*
6/Turbo	*
6/Turbo with fire service strainer	*
6/Compound	*
6/Electrical	*
10/Turbo	*
10/Turbo with fire service strainer	*
10/Electrical	*

*NOTE: The City's purchase cost, plus 10% for administrative and installation costs, for compound and turbo-type water meters.

(2) Meters from 5/8 inch through two inches include connections. Connections for meters from three inches through 10 inches shall be furnished by the property owner.

C. Fire-service charges.

(1) Domestic fire-service charge.

Size of First Check Valve (inches)	Charge per Quarter
Up to 2	\$42 <u>46</u>
4	\$83 <u>91</u>
6	\$164 <u>180</u>
8	\$326 <u>357</u>
10	\$482 <u>528</u>
12	\$693 <u>759</u>

(2) Holly high-pressure fire-service charge.

Size of First Check Valve (inches)	Charge per Quarter
Up to 2	\$115 <u>126</u>
4	\$231 <u>253</u>
6	\$307 <u>336</u>
8	\$612 <u>670</u>
10	\$904 <u>990</u>

(3) Holly high-pressure consumption charge: \$41.07 12.12 per 1,000 gallons.

D. Service connection fees.

Size of Service (inches)	Fee
3/4	\$80 <u>85</u>
1	\$90 <u>100</u>
1 1/2	\$200



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**RECREATION & HUMAN
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Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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June 6, 2023

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TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Youth Summer Growth and Development Program

Council Priority: Support the Creation of Effective Educational Systems

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Fostering Prosperity and Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the Summer Growth and Development Program. This legislation will:

Establish \$71,457 as maximum annual compensation for agreements as summarized below for services related to the Summer Program. These agreements will be funded from the 2023-24, and the 2024-2025 Budgets of the Department of Recreation and Human Services (DRHS), contingent upon approval. This funding is a part of the ARPA funded DRHS workforce development expansion, previously appropriated on November 16, 2022 via Council Ordinance 2022-355. The term of the agreements will be for one year.

- 1) Authorize \$26,667 as maximum compensation for an agreement with Realizing Others Outstanding Talents, LLC, (Chris Cuby, 109 South Union Street, Rochester, NY) to provide two, 2-week sessions of Ready for Roots: Character, Ability and Reputation (C.A.R.) building program services to up to 50 youth. This program will provide youth participants foster empathy, build assets and protective factors, build self-esteem, and self-motivation, and encourage you the dream big. The cost of the agreement will be funded from the appropriation authorized herein.
- 2) Authorize \$19,790 as maximum compensation for an agreement with Nature Never Lie, LLC (Kechiera Marshall-Hosier, 15 Henry Street, Rochester, NY) to provide social-emotional programming and health education services. This program will provide skill-building and healthy expression of youth growth and development in for up to 50 youth. Key skill development areas include emotional, mental, physical, social and nutritional health. The cost of the agreement will be funded from the appropriation authorized herein.
- 3) Authorize \$25,000 as maximum compensation for an agreement with Community Resource Collaborative, Inc. (Tina Paradiso, 100 College Avenue Suite 130, Rochester, NY) to provide Untrapped Ministies Full Circle Curriculum to up 50 youth. This program will engage youth in social-emotional, social and civic engagement, leadership and job development lessons through experiential learning and restorative practices. Untrapped Ministries was a partner of the 2022 MBK Youth Employment Program. The cost of the agreement will be funded from the appropriation authorized herein.

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The Summer Growth and Development Request for Proposals seeks to collaborate with agencies to provide programming through curricula that addresses social-emotional, leadership, job, financial literacy, social justice and/or civic engagement skill development for youth to address their social and emotional needs. The 2023 Summer Growth and Development Program will operate between for 4-weeks (July 17th – August 12th). The term of the agreement shall commence on July 1, 2023 for a term of one year, with an option to renew for an additional one-year period, beginning on July 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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Ordinance No.

Authorizing agreements for the Youth Summer Growth and Development Program

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a professional service agreement with each of the following organizations to provide services in support of the Youth Summer Growth and Development Program (Program). Each agreement shall have a term of one year, with the option to extend the term for one additional year. The maximum annual compensation for the agreements, a total of \$71,457 per year, shall be funded from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds appropriated for the expansion of youth and adult workforce development services in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2022-355. The agreements shall engage:

- A. Realizing Others Outstanding Talents, LLC to provide Program services that include presenting two, 2-week training sessions entitled Ready for Roots: Character, Ability and Reputation for up to 50 youth, for a maximum annual compensation of \$26,667;
- B. Nature Never Lie LLC to provide Program services that include social-emotional programming and health education services for up to 50 youth, for a maximum annual compensation of \$19,790; and
- C. Community Resource Collaborative, Inc. to provide Program services that include presenting an Untrapped Ministries Full Circle Curriculum for up to 50 youth, for a maximum annual compensation of \$25,000.

Section 2. The agreements authorized herein shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



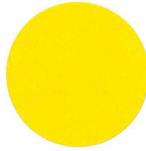
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June 8, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:



Re: 2022-23 Budget Amendment and Agreement –
Library MiFis

Council Priority: Culture of Vibrancy; Jobs &
Economic Development; Education

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:
Fostering Prosperity and Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation to extend the Rochester Public Library’s personal wireless device loaner program (MiFi Program), which currently offers patrons the ability to check out MiFi’s from the Reynolds Media Center for free. The legislation appropriates an additional \$150,000 to the Rochester Public Library to acquire and to continue to loan out the MiFi devices.

The funding comes from the transfer \$150,000 to the Budget of the Public Library from unspent funds allocated to the Police Accountability Board (PAB) in the 2022-23 Budget of City Council & Clerk. This transfer is in accord with the policy set forth in Resolution No. 2022-50, approved on December 20, 2022, which called for reallocating and reappropriating a portion of the unspent PAB funds to programs that will address four community need categories.

The Central Library began offering MiFi devices for loan in 2018 as an effort to bridge the digital divide. As part of the COVID pandemic response, the Federal E-rate program expanded to include an Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) for 100% of the cost of MiFi subscriptions that the Monroe County Library System participated in 2021, 2022 and 2023. During that period 300 MiFi devices were available to all City and County residents, loaned through the Central Library for a three-week period. Loans averaged 270 check outs per month with roughly 40 “holds” (pending loan requests) during the ECF period.

The ECF program ends June 30, 2023. Continuing and expanding the MiFi Program will provide a crucial service to community members who do not have regular connection to the internet, allowing them to search and apply for job opportunities, access educational and learning tools, secure online banking and financial assistance, and access many more resources that the internet offers. Those opportunities and resources will help address the challenges of housing and homelessness, substance abuse, mental health and violence, consistent with the community needs that we identified in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
City Council President



INTRODUCTORY NO.

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Ordinance No.

Appropriating funds and amending the 2022-23 Budget to support the Public Library's MiFi Program

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

Section 1. The sum of \$150,000 allocated for the Police Accountability Board in the 2022-23 Budget of the City Council & Clerk is hereby appropriated to help fund the Rochester Public Library's "MiFi Program" for acquiring and loaning out personal wireless devices to patrons who lack adequate access to the internet.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2022-157, the 2022-23 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Public Library by \$150,000 from the funds appropriated in Section 1.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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INTRODUCTORY NO.

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Malik D. Evans
Mayor
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
City Council President

June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity: Resolution of
Budgetary Intent – Public Utility Study

Pursuant to Section XIV of the Rules of Council, we hereby request that the Council act on the attached resolution of budgetary intent at the June 20th meeting without requiring prior reference to and discharge from a standing committee. Prompt action is required prior to the start of the 2023-24 fiscal year on July 1, 2023.

This resolution requests that the City commit funds toward a State and/or County-initiated public utility study, using underrun funds from the City Council & Clerk budget, as authorized by Resolution No. 2022-50.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
President, Rochester City Council

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June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Resolution of Budgetary Intent –
Public Utility

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a Resolution of Budgetary Intent requesting to commit up to \$500,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of a public utility feasibility study.

Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) utility has been besieged with customer service and billing issues over the past 18 months, while the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) has yet to take any action to address or correct these shortcomings.

While the City needs to strongly advocate for the PSC to initiate a full rate and billing study of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, locally we can look at the provision of energy and can entertain a feasibility study of how best to provide power to our citizens. This type of feasibility study needs to include the possible creation of a municipally owned utility, but should also potentially look at other options that could include exploring the potential for improving the existing utility, with the goal of more stable service provision while ensuring fair and affordable energy rates.

Rochester City Council believes this a regional issue that affects municipalities in every County within RG&E's current service area, which means Monroe County and/or New York State would be the optimal levels of government to explore energy provision in our local region.

The Council would commit the City to contribute an amount toward this effort proportional to the City population within the proposed service area under the provision that the County (Counties) and/or the State should take full control of a process for a feasibility study including any corresponding Request for Proposal (RFP) that might be issued to do so.

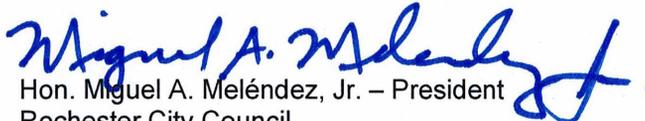
Resolution No. 2022-50 approved on December 20, 2022 resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories: Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence.

In this resolution, City Council requests the following action:

1. The Council will commit no more than \$500,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of a public power utility feasibility study, this will only occur if, and only if, partners at the State and/or County level initiate a feasibility study of this nature.
2. The City will not independently engage in any study and would only take part financially in a State and/or County initiated study. The City will not contribute more funds nor initiate a study on its own.

3. The City contribution will only be proportionate to the City population within the service area, based on the 2020 census, and will be calculated based upon the total contributions to the study by the State and/or the County.
4. The Mayor shall enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Monroe County, and potentially other counties among the Finger Lakes region, to contribute to the cost of a State and/or County-run feasibility study process.
5. The Mayor shall present such intermunicipal agreement for the approval of the Council and upon approval of the agreement; the corresponding committed fund balance will be appropriated for this purpose.
6. If no action is taken prior to the end of the fiscal year, these dollars be repurposed through an act of Council for identified Council priorities.

Respectfully submitted,


Hon. Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. – President
Rochester City Council

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Council 2

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Resolution No.

Resolution of Budgetary Intent – Public Utility Study

WHEREAS, Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) utility has been besieged with customer service and billing issues over the past 18 months, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) has yet to take any action to address or correct these shortcomings, and

WHEREAS, the City needs to strongly advocate for the PSC to initiate a full rate and billing study of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, and

WHEREAS, locally we can look at the provision of energy and can entertain a feasibility study of how best to provide power to our citizens – including the creation of a municipally owned utility, but also other options that could include exploring the potential for improving the existing utility, with the goal of more stable service provision while ensuring fair and affordable energy rates, and

WHEREAS, the Council believes this a regional issue that affects municipalities in every County within RG&E's service area, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County and New York State would be the optimal levels of government to explore this in our local area, and as such, should take full control of the process for a feasibility study and conduct any corresponding Request for Proposal (RFP), and

WHEREAS, the Council would commit the City to contribute an amount toward this effort proportional to the City population within the proposed service area, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-50 approved on December 20, 2022 resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the present fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories (Community Needs) in amounts and shares to be determined and approved by the Council in subsequent legislation, and

WHEREAS, the community needs identified were Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence; and

WHEREAS, Council would like to commit these funds to such purposes,

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

Section 1. The Council will commit no more than \$500,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of a public power utility feasibility study, this will only occur if, and only if, partners at the State and/or County level initiate a feasibility study of this nature.

Section 2. The City will not independently engage in any study and would only take part financially in a State and/or County-initiated study. The City will not contribute more funds nor initiate a study on its own.

Section 3. The City contribution will only be proportionate to the City population within the service area, based on the 2020 census, and will be calculated based upon the total contributions to the study by the State and the County.

Section 4. The Mayor shall enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Monroe County, and potentially other counties among the Finger Lakes region, to contribute to the cost of a County run feasibility study process.

Section 5. The Mayor shall present such intermunicipal agreement for the approval of the Council and upon approval of the agreement; the corresponding committed fund balance will be appropriated for this purpose.

Section 6. If no action is taken within the fiscal year, these dollars should be repurposed through an act of Council for identified Council priorities.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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City Council President

INTRODUCTORY NO.

265

June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity: Resolution of
Budgetary Intent – Neighborhood
Service Center Evaluation

Pursuant to Section XIV of the Rules of Council, we hereby request that the Council act on the attached resolution of budgetary intent at the June 20th meeting without requiring prior reference to and discharge from a standing committee. Prompt action is required prior to the start of the 2023-24 fiscal year on July 1, 2023.

This resolution requests the evaluation of the Neighborhood Service Centers utilizing underrun funds from the City Council & Clerk budget, as authorized by Resolution No. 2022-50.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
President, Rochester City Council

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June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Resolution of Budgetary Intent –
Neighborhood Service Center
Evaluation

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a Resolution of Budgetary Intent requesting to commit up to \$150,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of an evaluation of the Neighborhood Service Centers.

The City's Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs) are an important resource for residents and employers, which include and coordinate with Code Enforcement Officers and other staff resources from the Neighborhood and Business Development Department as well as the Rochester Police Department.

All NSCs do not operate consistently from one quadrant to another, which can include disparities in staffing, public usage, public access, and services provided. Council believes the NSCs are vital and require greater investment of resources as well as an alignment of NSC coverage areas with City Council Districts to reduce confusion and to be more consistent.

Council is also interested in an external study to explore the future of the NSCs and to answer: if the services provided at the NSCs are in fact those services the public wants; are there additional services citizens would want to use at the NSCs; are the offices physically located in the appropriate places; should other city services be collocated with the NSCs; should the role of the police be expanded/reduced; are the current office hours optimal for community need; can the Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives position added in the Department related to the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods program oversee or have a role in administering the NSC; among other questions,

Resolution No. 2022-50 approved on December 20, 2022 resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories: Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence.

In this resolution, City Council requests the following action:

1. The Council will commit up to \$150,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of the aforementioned study.
2. The Mayor is hereby requested to engage a consultant to study the NSCs, to evaluate performance to date, and to recommend future directions for NSCs taking into account the aforementioned issues and other relevant areas to study.
3. The Council requests that City Council play a role in assisting the Mayor's office in the crafting of the parameters of the study.

4. The Council requests such a report be completed and submitted to them for review during the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Hon. Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. – President
Rochester City Council

Resolution No.

Resolution of Budgetary Intent – Neighborhood Service Center Evaluation

WHEREAS, the City's Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs) are an important resource for residents and employers, and

WHEREAS, the NSC Offices often include and coordinate with Code Enforcement Officers and other staff resources from the Neighborhood and Business Development Department and

WHEREAS, the Rochester Police Department also maintain a presence in the NSCs, and

WHEREAS, all NSCs do not operate consistently from one quadrant to another which includes disparities in staffing, public usage, public access, and services provided, and

WHEREAS, NSCs are vital and require greater investment of resources, and

WHEREAS, an alignment of NSC coverage areas with City Council Districts will reduce confusion and be more consistent, and

WHEREAS, Council is also interested in an external study to explore the future of the NSCs and to answer if the services provided at the NSCs are in fact those services the public wants; are there additional services citizens would want to use at the NSCs; are these important sector resources physically located in the appropriate places; should other city services be collocated with the NSCs; should the role of the police be expanded/reduced; are the current office hours optimal for community need; can the Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives position added in the Department related to the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods program oversee or have a role in administering the NSC; among other questions,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-50 approved on December 20, 2022 resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the present fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories (Community Needs) in amounts and shares to be determined and approved by the Council in subsequent legislation, and

WHEREAS, the community needs identified were Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence; and

WHEREAS, Council would like to commit these funds to such purposes, and

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

Section 1. The Council will commit up to \$150,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of the aforementioned study.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby requested to engage a consultant to perform such study of the NSCs, to evaluate performance to date, and to recommend future directions for NSCs taking into account the aforementioned issues and other relevant areas to study.

Section 3. The Council requests that City Council play a role in assisting the Mayor's office in the crafting of the parameters of the study.

Section 4. The Council requests such a report be completed and submitted to them for review during the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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INTRODUCTORY NO.

266

June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity: Resolution –
Rochester Police Department
Workflow Plan

Pursuant to Section XIV of the Rules of Council, we hereby request that the Council act on the attached resolution at the June 20th meeting without requiring prior reference to and discharge from a standing committee.

This resolution requests the Rochester Police Department initiate a workflow study to evaluate the staffing model, including but not limited to, deployment of officers, usage of overtime, location of section offices, and public access to information.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Resolution – Rochester Police
Department Workflow Plan

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a Resolution requesting that the Mayor authorize the Rochester Police Department to engage in a workflow plan.

City Council has been interested in the Rochester Police Department's staffing levels and staffing models for some time. National staffing shortages across the field of law enforcement have made these issues more pressing.

In order to best address this, City Council would like the Mayor to initiate a process to conduct and complete a workflow study of the Rochester Police Department. It has been the Rochester City Council's desire to see a formal and comprehensive workflow study conducted for the Rochester Police Department for some time.

This resolution seeks that:

1. The Mayor authorize the Rochester Police Department to engage in this study and to recommend options for future direction of the Department.
2. This report be completed and submitted to Council for review in the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year.

Council's objective is to gain a better understanding of police deployments based on the current model, which would be helpful to identify a correct staffing model and to challenge the current model. The study should address all Police Department realignment including location and placement of section offices.

Council would like this study conducted with a crime-data driven staffing model as the end goal. The study should evaluate the output of the Office of Business Intelligence to understand what data is recorded, and what data is available to the public to ultimately make recommendations to fill existing information gaps on the Open Data Portal. The current Brady Gun Trace Data Report highlighted such missing data.

Council would like this study to pay attention to departmental overtime, to analyze response times and the closing of jobs against priority categories – using GPS data to determine actual response times and the length of time spent on calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. – President
Rochester City Council

Resolution – Rochester Police Department Workflow Plan

WHEREAS, Council would like the Mayor to initiate a process to conduct and complete a workflow study of the Rochester Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the Rochester Police Department is a large and critically important Department within City government, and

WHEREAS, staffing levels and staffing models have been a focus of attention, particularly in the last few years which have seen national staffing shortages across the law enforcement field, with Rochester being no exception, and

WHEREAS, a better understanding of police deployments based on the current model would be helpful to identify a correct staffing model and challenge the current model, which would be instrumental in conducting an effective workflow study for the Department, and

WHEREAS, it has been the Rochester City Council's desire to see a formal and comprehensive workflow study conducted for the Rochester Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Council would like this study conducted with a crime-data driven staffing model as the end goal, and

WHEREAS, the study needs to address all Police Department realignment including location and placement of section offices, and

WHEREAS, Council would like this study to pay attention to departmental overtime, and

WHEREAS, the study must evaluate the output of the Office of Business Intelligence to understand what data is recorded and what data is available to the public to ultimately make recommendations to fill existing information gaps on the Open Data Portal, which was recently shown in the current Brady Gun Trace Data Report, and

WHEREAS, the study must analyze response times and the closing of jobs once completed against priority categories and GPS data to determine actual response times and the length of time spent on calls, and

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby requested to authorize the Rochester Police Department to engage in the aforementioned study and to recommend options for future direction of the Department.

Section 2. The Council requests that this report be completed and submitted to Council for review in the first quarter of calendar year 2024.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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267

June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity: Resolution of
Budgetary Intent – Affordable Housing
and Social-Emotional Wellness

Pursuant to Section XIV of the Rules of Council, we hereby request that the Council act on the attached resolution of budgetary intent at the June 20th meeting without requiring prior reference to and discharge from a standing committee. Prompt action is required prior to the start of the 2023-24 fiscal year on July 1, 2023.

This resolution requests additional investments in affordable housing projects and social-emotional support programs, utilizing underrun funds from the City Council & Clerk budget, as authorized by Resolution No. 2022-50.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
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June 20, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Resolution of Budgetary Intent –
Affordable Housing and Social-
Emotional Wellbeing

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a Resolution of Budgetary Intent requesting to commit up to \$750,000 of fund balance available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year from the 2022-2023 Budget of the City Council & Clerk for the purposes of affordable housing projects and social-emotional support programs.

Under Resolution No. 2022-50, approved on December 20, 2022, City Council resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the present fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories.

The community needs categories are: Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence. Council would like to commit funds from the 2022-2023 Budget of the City Council & Clerk the purposes of affordable housing projects and social-emotional support programs.

This resolution would:

1. Commit up to \$750,000 of fund balance from the 2022-23 Budget of the City Council & Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of affordable housing projects and social-emotional support programs.
2. The Mayor is hereby requested to develop a plan to spend the funds with the goals of reducing homelessness & increasing affordable housing options; and providing additional mental health resources & social-emotional wellness programs in the City of Rochester.
3. The Mayor shall draft such plan with input of the Neighborhood and Business Development Committee and the Recreation and Human Services Committee of City Council.
4. Upon presentation of the plan by the Mayor to City Council, the corresponding committed fund balance will be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. – President
Rochester City Council

INTRODUCTORY NO.

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Resolution No.

Resolution of Budgetary Intent – Affordable Housing and Social-Emotional Wellbeing

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-50 approved on December 20, 2022 resolved that any funds appropriated to the Budget of the City Council & Clerk - PAB that remain unspent at the end of the present fiscal year can only be appropriated to the following four community need categories (Community Needs) in amounts and shares to be determined and approved by the Council in subsequent legislation, and

WHEREAS, the community needs identified were Housing & Homelessness; Substance Abuse Treatment; Mental Health; and Public Safety & Violence; and

WHEREAS, Council would like to commit these funds to such purposes,

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

Section 1. The Council will commit up to \$750,000 of fund balance from the Budget of the City Council and Clerk available at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year for the purposes of affordable housing projects and social-emotional support programs.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby requested to develop a plan to spend the funds with the goals of reducing homelessness & increasing affordable housing options; and providing additional mental health resources & social-emotional wellness programs in the City of Rochester.

Section 3. The Mayor shall draft such plan with input of the Neighborhood and Business Development Committee and the Recreation and Human Services Committee of City Council.

Section 4. Upon presentation of the plan by the Mayor to City Council, the corresponding committed fund balance will be appropriated for this purpose.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.