

**Rochester City Council Public Hearing
September 18, 2018
Council Chambers
7:00 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Abbott
Councilor Bogan
Councilor Gates
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Hutchinson
Councilor Keans
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Torr
Councilor Walker
Mayor Varney
Mayor McCarley

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney
Julia Libby, E911 Committee liaison
Mark Klose, Fire Chief
Kenny-Lynn Dempsey, Dept of Safety
Steven Weaver, Community Baptist Church
Karen, Emmanuel Church Employee
Ralph Roberts, Main Street resident

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCarley called the Rochester City Council Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM. Deputy City clerk Cassie Givara took a silent roll call. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Lachapelle, who was excused. Deputy Mayor Varney was connecting remotely via telephone.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Renumbering of Addresses on Eastern Avenue in Compliance with E911 Standards

Resolution Authorizing the Renumbering of Address on Eastern Avenue in Compliance with E911 Standards

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER:

That pursuant to RSA 231:133, RSA 231:133-a and consistent with the State of New Hampshire's E911 standards, the City Council hereby authorizes the

renumbering of street addresses on Eastern Avenue as shown in Exhibit A (See Addendum A)

Julia Libby, City of Rochester E911 Committee liaison, introduced Kenny-Lynn Dempsey from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety State 911.

Ms. Dempsey indicated that there were a couple items which the State had identified which could potentially cause confusion for first responders. On Eastern Avenue, there are primarily odd numbers on the left side of the road and even numbers on the right side of the road. However, the beginning of the road starts with even numbers on the right side which change to odd numbers on one side, and vice versa on the opposite side of the road. This inconsistent numbering can cause confusion for emergency responders, especially if mutual aid is needed from other communities.

Ms. Dempsey said the state recommends using a 50-foot address increment. When this guideline is followed, there will always be available address numbers if a property is ever subdivided or if there is new development.

Chief Klose reported that there had been an issue in the past where a fire truck responded to the wrong address during a structure fire due to the numbering on Eastern Avenue.

Steven Weaver, Pastor of Community Baptist Church on Eastern Avenue, inquired if the new numbering would be reflected on Google maps and other online mapping sites and how quickly the change would be reflected on these sites.

Ms. Dempsey responded that the State notifies Google of street name changes as well as changes in address ranges, although they do not give Google specific house numbers as they are not part of the right-to-know law. Ms. Dempsey stated that Google maps does use the 50-foot address increment when calculating addresses, so anyone looking for the church using this mapping tool will be able to find it.

Mr. Weaver referenced the Real ID license which will soon be required by the federal government in order to enter federal buildings or to travel by air. Mr. Weaver inquired if the cost of a new driver's license reflecting the address change would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Chief Klose reported that the Rochester Postmaster is part of the E911 Committee and attending all the meetings, so he is aware of the impending changes in addresses. Ms. Libby indicated that the post office will continue to

deliver to the old address number as well as the new address for a year after the change has been made.

Karen, Employee at Emmanuel Church, voiced her support for the address changes on Eastern Avenue. She also inquired how the utility billing would be handled with the new addresses and how long the process of the address changes would take.

Ms. Libby stated that all City departments would be notified of the new addresses and any changes would be handled internally for billing and distribution.

Mayor McCarley stated that most likely, the vote on changing these addresses would come back to Council at their next Regular meeting on October 2, 2018.

Ms. Dempsey alerted residents that their deeds on Eastern Avenue properties would not have to be changed until the owners either refinanced or sold their properties.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Renumbering of 31 Main Street to 33 Main Street in Compliance with E911 Standards

Resolution Authorizing the Renumbering of 31 North Main Street to 33 North Main Street in Compliance with E911 Standards

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER:

That pursuant to RSA 231:133, RSA 231:133-a, and consistent with the State of New Hampshire's E911 standards, the City Council hereby authorizes the renumbering of 31 North Main Street to 33 North Main Street.

Ralph Roberts, resident of 31 Main Street in East Rochester, addressed the Council regarding the two Main Streets in Rochester. Mr. Roberts expressed reluctance to change his address until one of the Main Streets was renamed in order to clear up confusion which will remain even if his house is renumbered.

Mr. Roberts suggested that instead of renumbering all the houses, there can be an "A" added as a suffix to one of the house numbers. Ms. Dempsey reported that having two houses with the same number, even if one is followed by a letter, can still potentially cause confusion for first responders and the state strongly recommends against it.

4. Adjournment

Mayor McCarley adjourned the Rochester City Council Public Hearing at 7: 17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Existing Number		Proposed Number
5 Eastern Ave	to	6 Eastern Ave
7 Eastern Ave	to	10 Eastern Ave
8 Eastern Ave	to	18 Eastern Ave
9 Eastern Ave	to	22 Eastern Ave
10 Eastern Ave	to	25 Eastern Ave
11 Eastern Ave	to	26 Eastern Ave
13 Eastern Ave	to	30 Eastern Ave
15 Eastern Ave	to	34 Eastern Ave
17 Eastern Ave	to	40 Eastern Ave
19 Eastern Ave	to	52 Eastern Ave
14 Eastern Ave	to	45 Eastern Ave
18 Eastern Ave	to	51 Eastern Ave
21 Eastern Ave	to	58 Eastern Ave
24 Eastern Ave	to	63 Eastern Ave
34 Eastern Ave	to	75 Eastern Ave
46 Eastern Ave	to	74 Eastern Ave
48 Eastern Ave	to	78 Eastern Ave
50 Eastern Ave	to	82 Eastern Ave
51 Eastern Ave	to	83 Eastern Ave
52 Eastern Ave	to	86 Eastern Ave
54 Eastern Ave	to	90 Eastern Ave
55 Eastern Ave	to	95 Eastern Ave
56 Eastern Ave	to	94 Eastern Ave
58 Eastern Ave	to	98 Eastern Ave
60 Eastern Ave	to	106 Eastern Ave
61 Eastern Ave	to	105 Eastern Ave
83 Eastern Ave	to	167 Eastern Ave
84 Eastern Ave	to	168 Eastern Ave
85 Eastern Ave	to	171 Eastern Ave
86 Eastern Ave	to	172 Eastern Ave
87 Eastern Ave	to	175 Eastern Ave
90 Eastern Ave	to	176 Eastern Ave
91 Eastern Ave	to	181 Eastern Ave
92 Eastern Ave	to	182 Eastern Ave
94 Eastern Ave	to	188 Eastern Ave
95 Eastern Ave	to	191 Eastern Ave
99 Eastern Ave	to	203 Eastern Ave
100 Eastern Ave	to	198 Eastern Ave
102 Eastern Ave	to	206 Eastern Ave

105 Eastern Ave	to	209 Eastern Ave
108 Eastern Ave	to	214 Eastern Ave
107 Eastern Ave	to	219 Eastern Ave
112 Eastern Ave	to	222 Eastern Ave
113 Eastern Ave	to	227 Eastern Ave
114 Eastern Ave	to	226 Eastern Ave
116 Eastern Ave	to	230 Eastern Ave
117 Eastern Ave	to	237 Eastern Ave
119 Eastern Ave	to	241 Eastern Ave
120 Eastern Ave	to	238 Eastern Ave
123 Eastern Ave	to	255 Eastern Ave
128 Eastern Ave	to	250 Eastern Ave
129 Eastern Ave	to	261 Eastern Ave
130 Eastern Ave	to	256 Eastern Ave
132 Eastern Ave	to	262 Eastern Ave
139 Eastern Ave	to	265 Eastern Ave
133 Eastern Ave	to	271 Eastern Ave
136 Eastern Ave	to	276/278 Eastern Ave
135 Eastern Ave	to	273 Eastern Ave
137 Eastern Ave	to	279 Eastern Ave
138/140 Eastern Ave	to	284 A& B Eastern Ave
141 Eastern Ave	to	285 Eastern Ave
145 Eastern Ave	to	291 Eastern Ave
151 Eastern Ave	to	295 Eastern Ave
153 Eastern Ave	to	38 Vernon Ave