

**Rochester City Council Public Hearing  
August 15, 2017  
Council Chambers  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager  
Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager  
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney  
Gregg DeNobile, Resident  
Lou Archambault, Resident  
Paul Lynch, Resident  
Matt Pappas, Resident  
Kelley-Jaye Cleland, NH Lottery  
Commission

**COUNCILORS EXCUSED**

Councilors Willis

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCarley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Cassie Givara, Deputy City Clerk, took a silent roll call. All councilors were present except for Council Willis, who had been excused.

**2. Public Hearing/ Public Input Regarding to the Adoption of the Provisions of SB 191 Establishing Keno and Relative to Funding for Kindergarten.**

With the passage of SB 191, the State of New Hampshire allows its cities and towns to allow the operation of keno games with all net proceeds collected by the lottery commission from keno operations to be deposited in the education trust fund in order to provide grants to kindergarten students.

The Rochester City Council may vote to place on the official ballot

for the upcoming regular municipal election, the following question:  
**"Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the City of Rochester?"**

Mayor McCarley opened the public hearing to review the above matter. She invited the public to come forward to address the City Council.

Kelley-Jaye Cleland from the NH Lottery commission made a brief presentation outlining how Keno works and how implementing Keno in Rochester could help fund full-day kindergarten. Ms. Cleland asked if there were any questions from the council regarding Keno. There were no questions at this time.

Gregg DeNobile, resident, expressed the need for clarification on how Keno could benefit Rochester where a full-day Kindergarten program is currently available. Mr. DeNobile indicated that there were already funds received for education from the NH Lottery generated from other games.

Lou Archambault, resident, made a presentation on the potential disadvantages of implementing Keno. Requested that there be a demographics study released addressing which residents Keno would be geared towards.

Paul Lynch, resident, said he believes the council should remain open and explore the potential of implementing Keno.

Kelley-Jaye Cleland from the NH Lottery Commission addressed the council for a second time to challenge several points Mr. Archambault made in his presentation in regards to the odds of winning Keno and problem gambling. Ms. Cleland invited questions from Council.

Ms. Cleland advised that the funds generated from Keno would be specific to the state of NH. Although other states do offer Keno, the funds are not pooled and distributed between states. Ms. Cleland defined "pouring station"; Only establishments selling beer, wine or liquor for consumption in-house would be able to offer Keno, such as bars and restaurants. Convenience stores and state facilities such as liquor stores would not be eligible.

Ms. Cleland outlined that the funds generated from Keno from the entire state are split up and distributed by the Education Trust Fund evenly throughout the cities and towns based on the amount of kindergarten students enrolled in each community. The dispersal is via grant funding. All communities offering kindergarten receive the funds

regardless of whether or not they have voted to implement Keno.

Mayor McCarley advised that the council would not be voting on Keno tonight. There will be a vote at the September 5, 2017, Regular Council Meeting regarding whether or not to include Keno on the November ballot.

Matt Pappas, resident, addressed the council in favor of the additional funding which would be generated by Keno on top of the existing state funding and encouraged the council to explore this issue further and educate the public.

### **3. Adjournment**

Mayor McCarley closed the public hearing at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk