

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**January 20, 2015**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:07 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

Councilor Bogan  
Councilor Collins  
Councilor Gates  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Keans  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor Larochelle  
Councilor Lauterborn  
Councilor Torr  
Councilor Varney  
Councilor Walker  
Mayor Jean

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Manager Daniel Fitzpatrick  
Deputy City Manager Blaine Cox  
Gregg DeNobile, resident  
Tom Kaczynski, resident  
Steve Beaudoin, State Representative  
Doris Gates, resident

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Councilor Hamann

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jean called the City Council Workshop to order at 7:07 PM. Deputy City Clerk Marcia Roddy took a silent roll call. All members were present, with the exception of Councilor Hamann, who was excused.

**2. Public Input**

Mayor Jean invited any members of the public to come forward and speak relevant City Council matters.

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Steve Beaudoin, resident and State Representative from Rochester, spoke about a House Bill regulating backflow and testing installation. The bill would change the existing RSA 485.11, which currently calls for high hazard backflow devices to be tested twice per year, and for low hazard backflow devices to be tested once per year. His proposed bill would change high hazard devices to be tested once per year and for low hazard devices not to be tested at all. He explained the enormous costs to property owners in Rochester if the bill requiring backflow testing and devices installed is implemented. He urged the City Council to support his bill that would save property owners considerable expense.

Tom Kaczynski, resident, spoke on 79-E and his interpretation that it is a redistribution of wealth. His concern is that this is a national level idea that is finding its

way down to the small city level. He considered such projects as subsidies. He also spoke against the proposal and requirement for sprinklers to be installed at the Elizabeth Seton School at a cost of \$140,000.

Doris Gates, resident, said she has been researching assessments and property taxes. She said she has met with the Assessor and spoken with staff in the Assessment office. She voiced her concerns with how she has been treated with regard to her contacts and research with the Assessor.

Gregg DeNobile, resident, spoke about taxes. He quoted a section of the Declaration of Independence and how it relates to present day issues regarding taxation. He cited many of his concerns with future costs and spending.

Mayor Jean closed Public Input at 7:27 PM.

**3. Communications from the City Manager**

There was no discussion.

**4. Communications from the Mayor**

There was no discussion.

**5. Department Reports**

Councilor Varney questioned the Economic Development Department report regarding the Buxton Retail Marketing and the discussion concerning extending the retail marketing software license. The City Manager said yes, it has been extended, but the City is not paying for it as another funding source had been found to extend it through June.

**6. Adjournment**

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED to ADJOURN** the Workshop at 7:28 PM. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia H. Roddy*

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