

**Rochester City Council Workshop
September 16, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:12 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Bogan
Councilor Collins
Councilor Gates
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Keans
Councilor Lachapelle
Councilor Lauterborn
Councilor Torr
Councilor Varney
Councilor Walker

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager
Fred Leonard, Resident
Tom Kaczynski, Resident
John McKenna, Rochester Opera
House
Anthony Ejarque, Rochester Opera
House

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Councilor Larochelle

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jean called the City Council Workshop to order at 7:12 PM, Deputy City Clerk Marcia Roddy took a silent roll call. All Council members were present, with the exception of Councilor Larochelle, who had been excused.

2. Public Input

Mayor Jean invited members of the public to come forward to speak.

Fred Leonard, resident, said his wife, who works in the Police Department's Dispatch Center, recently got her paystub in an envelope that also contained a flyer from the Rochester Opera House. He questioned whether this was something that the City had paid for, whether it be the copying expense or the insertion expense.

Tom Kaczynski, resident, said at a recent finance meeting it was brought up that the City is still seeking a full time attorney. He thinks this should be reconsidered since the expense of hiring a full-time attorney (salary, benefits, office, etc.) is substantial and the City could do without that expense.

Mayor Jean closed Public Input at 7:17 PM.

Councilor Varney asked Deputy City Manager Cox to look into the Opera House flyer that was in the employees' paystub envelopes.

3. Communications from the City Manager

There was none.

4. Communications from the Mayor

**4.1 September 9, 2014, Primary Election Results
Revised Results - *forthcoming***

Mayor Jean announced that the voting results from the September 9, 2014, Primary Election are posted on the City's website, as well as being available in the City Clerk's office.

5. Opera House Presentation

John McKenna, President of the Opera House Board of Governors, gave a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council regarding the "Current State and Plans of the Rochester Opera House." He and Anthony Ejarque, Board Member, discussed the progress of the Board Governance, financials and debt, theater performances, attendance, and strategic objectives.

6. Department Reports

There were no comments on the Department Reports as provided. However, Councilor Walker made note of the fact that the packet did not contain some of the Department Reports and they were listed as "forthcoming." He wanted to know why that happens. Deputy City Manager Cox said that the City Clerk's office tries to get the reports in time for the packet, but sometimes the departments do not get to them in time. He said he would look into the problem and communicate with the departments to get their reports to the Clerk's office in time for inclusion in the packet.

7. Other

There was no other business before the Council.

8. Non-Public Session

8.1 Non-Public Session, Labor Negotiations, RSA 91-A:2 I(a)

8.1.1 AB 38 Managers' Collective Bargaining Agreement

8.1.2 AB 39 School Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to enter Non-Public Session at 7:40 PM under RSA 91-A:2 I(a), Labor Negotiations. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Councilors Gray, Lauterborn, Keans, Bogan, Varney, Hamann, Torr, Collins, Lachapelle, Gates, Walker, and Mayor Jean all voted yes. Councilor Larochelle had been excused from the meeting.

Councilor Bogan left the meeting at that time.

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to exit non-public session at 8:25 PM and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

9. Adjournment

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia H. Roddy

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