

**City of Rochester Council Hearing  
February 18, 2020  
Council Chambers  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT**

Councilor Abbott  
Councilor Belken  
Councilor Bogan  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hainey  
Councilor Hamman  
Councilor Hutchinson  
Councilor Lachance  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor Rice  
Councilor Walker  
Deputy Mayor Lauterborn  
Mayor McCarley

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Blaine Cox, City Manager  
Katie Ambrose, Deputy City Manager  
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney  
Edward Donnell, Owner Frank's Taxi

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCarley called the City Council Hearing to order at 7:01 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took the roll call. All Councilors were present, except for Councilor Lachapelle who recused himself from the hearing.

**3. Taxi Cab License Denial Appeal Hearing**

Mayor McCarley invited anyone wishing to speak on behalf of the petitioner to come forward.

Edward Donnell, Owner of Frank's Taxi Service, addressed Council in regards to his taxi license being denied by the City or Rochester Licensing Board. Mr. Donnell stated that he was advised by his lawyer not to say too much, but he did read a prepared statement on his own behalf.

Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney, addressed Council and gave background on the Licensing Board's decision to repeal Frank's Taxi Service's license. Mr. O'Rourke stated that in the required background check done by the Board, it had come to light that Frank's Taxi service had been indicted by a grand jury on 6 felony counts of Medicaid fraud related directly to the business. He gave further information on these indictments and advised Council on the reasoning behind the businesses' license being repealed.

Mayor McCarley requested a motion to deny the appeal of Frank's Taxi Service. Councilor Walker **MOVED** to **DENY** the appeal. Councilor Rice seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a majority voice vote to deny the appeal of Frank's Taxi Service.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Mayor McCarley **ADJOURNED** the City Council Hearing at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara  
Deputy City Clerk