

**City Council Public Hearing
March 21, 2023
Council Chambers
6:00 PM**

COUNCILORS PRESENT

Councilor Beaudoin
Councilor Berlin
Councilor de Geofroy
Councilor Desrochers
Councilor Gilman
Councilor Gray
Councilor Hailey
Councilor Hamann
Councilor Larochelle
Councilor Malone
Deputy Mayor Lachapelle
Mayor Callaghan

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine Cox, City Manager
Katie Ambrose, Deputy City Manager
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney
Susan Rice, resident

COUNCILORS EXCUSED

Councilor Fontneau

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Callaghan called the City Council Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. Deputy City Clerk Cassie Givara took a silent attendance. All Councilors were present except for Councilor Fontneau, who was excused.

Councilor Beaudoin led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. FY24 CDBG Annual Action Plan

There was no one present to speak regarding this item.

3. Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$450,000.00 for City Hall and Opera House Life Safety Building Upgrades

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

ROCHESTER, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester hereby authorized a supplemental appropriation in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) to cover the costs associated with the City Hall and Opera House life safety building upgrades project. The supplemental appropriation will be derived in its entirety from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

To the extent not otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to establish and/or designate such multi-year, non-lapsing accounts and or account numbers as are necessary to implement the transactions contemplated in this Resolution.

City Manager Cox explained that this resolution is in regards to life safety improvements throughout City Hall, including the Opera House. Staff began discussion the needed improvements in 2021, and it was then realized there were issues that needed to be addressed to meet the international building codes. The City then retained the services of an architectural and engineering firm with expertise in this area to determine the upgrades, prepare the bid documents, and execute construction services. The cost estimate given at that time (approximately 8 months ago) \$427,246.00, although the prices have likely increased since that time. He gave further detail on some of the upgrades and improvements included in the proposal.

Susan Rice, resident, inquired about the \$500,000 capital reserve fund for downtown buildings that had been established the year prior. She inquired why this fund could not be utilized for the proposed improvements.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Callaghan **ADJOURNED** the City Council Public Hearing at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Givara
Deputy City Clerk