

**CITY COUNCIL  
ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Nonpublic Session Minutes**

**Date:** February 1, 2022

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session**

Made by: Rice

Seconded by: Lachapelle

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.*

\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

X\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(d) *Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.*

\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(e) *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled*

\_\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(i) *Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.*

**Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:**

(circle replies below)

Mayor Callaghan      Yes      No      Not Present

Deputy Mayor Lachapelle      Yes      No      Not Present

Councilor Fontneau      Yes      No      Not Present

Councilor Gilman	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Beaudoin	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hamann	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Malone	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Larochelle	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Hailey	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Rice	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Gray	Yes	No	Not Present
Councilor Berlin	Yes	No	Not Present

#### **Entered nonpublic session**

Time: 7:40 pm

#### **Other persons present during nonpublic session:**

City Manager Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager Katie Ambrose, Fire Chief Perry Plumer, Assistant Fire Tim Wilder, Economic Development Director Michael Scala, and City Attorney Terence O'Rourke

#### **Description of matters discussed, and final decisions made:**

##### Fire Station Three

Chief Plummer and Assistant Chief Wilder presented potential sites for a third fire station. CM Cox presented history on the issue of a third fire station and stated that the owners of the old VFW building at 43 Highland Street wished to sell the parcel to the City. Plummer presented the capabilities of either 181 Highland Street or the VFW building to serve as the new fire station. Plumer's preferred site is 181 Highland, but stated that the VFW already has water and septic

though the existing building would have to be torn down. Plummer answered questions from several councilors regarding the strengths and weaknesses of each site. Plummer answered questions about response times from mutual aid municipalities and how the new station would help alleviate longer response times.

**Council Action:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to begin negotiations to purchase either parcel on Highland Street. Motion made by Lachapelle, Seconded by Berlin.

**Yea:** Unanimous

**Nay:** N/A

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** and return to public session

Made by: Lachapelle

Seconded by: Rice

**Motion:** **PASSED** / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

**Public session reconvened**

Time: 9:24 pm

**Motion made to seal these minutes?** **Yes** No (circle one)

**Indefinitely?** **Yes** No (circle one)

If yes, motion made by: Rice

Seconded by: Lachapelle

because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would:

☐ Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

☒ Render a proposed action ineffective.

☐ Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism.

**Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:**

(2/3's vote of members present required)

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**These minutes recorded by:** City Attorney Terence O'Rourke