

**City Council Special Meeting  
May 26, 2020  
Council Chambers  
6:30 PM**

**COUNCILORS PRESENT REMOTELY**

\*Councilor Abbott  
Councilor Belken  
Councilor Bogan  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hainey  
Councilor Hamann  
Councilor Hutchinson  
\*Councilor Lachance  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor Rice  
Councilor Walker  
Deputy Mayor Lauterborn  
Mayor McCarley

**OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY**

Blaine Cox, City Manager  
Katie Ambrose, Deputy City Manager  
Terence O'Rourke, City Attorney  
Mark Sullivan, Deputy Finance  
Director

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCarley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read the preamble as follows:

Good Evening, as Chairperson of the City Council, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of City government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

a.) **Providing public access to the meeting by telephone:** At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual

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circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting. The public can call-in to the below number using the conference code. Some meetings will allow live public input, however you must have pre-registered online, otherwise, the meeting will be set to allow the public to "listen-in" only, and there will be no public comment taken during the meeting. [Public Input Registration](#) (Please note: In order to notify the meeting host that you would like to speak, press 5\* to be recognized and unmuted)

Phone number: 857-444-0744

Conference code: 843095

b.) **Public Access Troubleshooting:** If any member of the public has difficulty accessing the meeting by phone, please email [PublicInput@RochesterNH.net](mailto:PublicInput@RochesterNH.net) or call 603-332-1167.

c.) **Public Input:** Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the City of Rochester will be taking extra steps to allow for public input, while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. In lieu of attending the meeting, those wishing to share comments, when permitted, with the City Council (Public Hearing and/or Workshop settings) are encouraged to do so by the following methods:

- **Mail:** City Clerk/Public Input, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867 (*must be received at least three full days prior to the anticipated meeting date*)
- **email** [PublicInput@rochesternh.net](mailto:PublicInput@rochesternh.net) (*must be received no later than 4:00 pm of meeting date*)
- **Voicemail** 603-330-7107 (*must be received no later than 12:00 pm on said meeting date in order to be transcribed*)

Please include with your correspondence the intended meeting date for which you are submitting. *All correspondence will be included with the corresponding meeting packet (Addendum).*

## 2. Roll Call

Mayor McCarley requested a roll call. Kelly Walters, City Clerk, called the roll. The following City Councilors indicated that they were alone in the room or with an occasional passerby presence: Councilors Abbott, Belken, Bogan, Gray, Hainey, Hamann, Hutchinson, Lachance, Lachapelle, Rice, Walker, Deputy Mayor Lauterborn, and Mayor McCarley.

**3. First Responder Stipends *motion to apply for funds and approve payment thereof***

Councilor Lachapelle **MOVED** to Apply for Funds for the First Responder Stipends and Approve Payment thereof. Councilor Walker seconded the motion. Mayor McCarley indicated that the City Manager would contact the unions regarding this matter; however, it is not likely there will be any objections. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous roll call vote of 13 to 0. Councilors Walker, Rice, Belken, Bogan, Lachapelle, Hamann, Lauterborn, Hainey, Abbott, Gray, Hutchinson, Lachance, and Mayor McCarley voted in favor of the motion.

**4. Adjournment**

Mayor McCarley **ADJOURNED** the Special City Council meeting at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Walters,  
City Clerk