

**ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**June 17, 2014**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Collins  
Councilor Gates  
Councilor Gray  
Councilor Hamann  
Councilor Keans  
Councilor Kittredge  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor Larochele  
Councilor Lauterborn  
Councilor Torr  
Councilor Varney  
Councilor Walker

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager  
Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager  
Gregg DeNobile, Resident  
Fred Leonard, Resident  
Tom Kaczynski, Resident

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Mayor Jean

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Varney called the Workshop to order at 7:00 PM. Marcia Roddy, Deputy City Clerk, took a silent roll call. All Councilors were present, except for Mayor Jean, who had been excused.

Deputy Mayor Varney said that item #6 on the Agenda regarding the Salmon Falls Road Sewer and Water Line Extensions Funding was going to be reallocated to the Special Meeting immediately following the Workshop meeting.

**2. Public Input**

Gregg DeNobile, resident, questioned the revenue from the Granite Ridge TIF. He asked if the City officials had read the information regarding the TIF district carefully. He pointed out that there are too many unclear items in it. He questioned whether the amount the City would be spending on it would actually be beneficial to the City. Also, Mr. DeNobile asked if the State had been contacted regarding the proposed TIF district as Route 11 is a State road.

Fred Leonard, resident, commented on the proposed Granite Ridge TIF district. He had researched other communities across the country who had TIF districts and came to the conclusion that they are not beneficial to the cities. He said the districts do not grow and, in fact, tend to slow economic growth.

Tom Kaczynski, resident, also commented on the Granite Ridge TIF district. He said he supports growth in Rochester, but would prefer to see it as a gradual "as needed" development. He did not see the TIF district as benefiting the taxpayers or the tax rate in Rochester.

Public input was closed at 7:20 PM.

**3. Communications from the City Manager**

The City Manager had no communications.

**4. Communications from the Mayor**

There were not communications from the Mayor.

**5. Department Reports**

There was no discussion.

**6. Adjournment**

Councilor Walker **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the Workshop at 7:22 PM. Councilor Lachapelle seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia H. Roddy*

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