

ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 28, 2025

Present – President Meléndez, Councilmembers Gruber, Harris, Lightfoot, Lupien, Martin, Monroe, Patterson, Smith – 9.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
Vice President Harris

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- RECOGNITION CEREMONIES.

Special Recognitions:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Mary Cariola Center
Center for Disability Rights
Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities
Best Buddies WNY
Arc of Monroe
Starbridge
Autism Up (Golisoano Autism Center)
GiGi's Playhouse
Heritage Christian Services
540 W Main
Catalyst Consulting Associates

Divine 9 - First Family Executive Board

Eta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Dr. Cam Lewis (President)
Walter Larkin Jr. (Director of Education)
Dr. Tori Matthews (Vice President)
Whitney McClary (Treasurer)
Jonathan Nthekeha (Parliamentarian)
James Waters Jr. (Corresponding Secretary)
Theo Adams (Sergeant at Arms)
Jamayne Fleming (Recording Secretary)
Rashaad Parker (Chaplain)
Willie Robinson (Foundation President)
Tommy Smith III (Financial Secretary)
Alex Leonty (Historian)
Richard McCollough (Media Director)

Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Lisa Harris: President
Jazzmen Hickson: Vice President
Marshae Puryear: Recording Secretary
Yolanda Jones: Assistant Recording Secretary
Karen Jones: Corresponding Secretary
Latia Rourk: Treasurer
Rose Mitchell: Vice Treasurer
Marcia Fugate: Financial Secretary
Sharon Belle Render: Graduate Advisor
Jocelyn Cox-Hiler: Parliamentarian
Joan Anderson: Public Relations Officer
Veronica Rolon: Historian
Brandi Smith: Hostess
Martina Ochron: Sergeant at arms

Carter Street R-center

Anthony L. Flowers
Arianna C. D. Council
David B. Scott Jr.
Jasmine M. Chastine
Jeffrey S. Reese
Joseph F. Reed
Maleek J. Mason
Matthew D. Miller
Naker Fuqua
Nashalee Lopez
Nier N. Fuqua
Shamaria K. Burrows

13th Annual Witness Palestine Film Festival

Katie Seidl
Cole Seidl
Elaine Johnson
Victoria Hartman
Deanna Abid
Emel Abid
Jonathan Khoury
Casey Asprooth-Jackson
Ahlam Abid
Martin Hawk

Island Buzz

Bruce Stewart

Retirement:

DRHS:

Migdalia Mendez

Library

Cherrin Arnold
Stephanie Penns

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

By Councilmember Patterson

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2024 be approved as published in the official sheets of the Proceedings.

Adopted unanimously.

THE CITY CLERK—THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED:

The Council submits a Disclosure of Interest Form from **Councilmember Gruber** on Int. No. 25.

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- PRESENTATION AND REFERENCE OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- RECEIVED AND FILED

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

No Public Hearings for the month of January.

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT --- INTRODUCTION OF AND ACTION UPON LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Meléndez introduced a motion to consider Int. No. 32 without referring to a committee. Moved by Vice President Harris; 2nd by Councilmember Martin.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-1

Re: Agreement with Rochester Area Community Foundation for Neighbors In Action

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing an agreement with the Rochester Area Community Foundation (President/CEO Simeon Bannister, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY) in the amount of \$100,000 to implement a city-wide grant program open to neighborhood and community organizations in support of the Neighbors In Action program. A total of \$300,000 will be distributed as the city's funds will be combined with \$100,000 from RACF and \$100,000 from the ESL Federal Credit Union (ESL) to launch the Neighbors In Action (NIA) competitive grant program. This agreement will be funded by the 2024-25 Budget of Undistributed and will have a term of two years or until such time as all grant funds have been fully disbursed.

The newly-launched Neighbors in Action program is inspired by the original Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) program initially launched in 1996 and will serve as a platform for residents and community organizations to contribute directly to neighborhood development. Direct access to City resources and small grants to support community-driven projects will promote a more vibrant, united City of Rochester. RACF will launch the grant application process via their website. Potential grants could include beautification projects, clean up and maintenance, murals and public art, neighborhood branding, neighborhood festivals and events, organized youth or adult activities, or any other project designed to enhance the neighborhood. The review team will consist of representatives from RACF and ESL as well as representatives from the Mayor's Office and Neighborhood and Business Development. Assistance in completing the grant application and the final project delivery will be provided by representatives from the Neighborhood Service Centers.

Additional information can be found on the City's website at www.CityofRochester.gov/NIA.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-1
(Int. No. 32)

Authorizing agreement to implement a Neighbors in Action grant program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) to implement a city-wide grant program to neighborhood and community organizations in support of the Neighbors In Action initiative (the Program). The agreement shall provide for the distribution of Program grants funded from \$100,000 in City funds from 2024-25 Budget of Undistributed as well as from additional funds provided by RACF or other parties. The agreement shall have a term of two years, which may be extended if necessary to provide for the disbursement of all Program funds.

Section 2. The agreement authorized shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
AND ACTION THEREON

By Councilmember Patterson
January 28, 2025

TO THE COUNCIL

The **NEIGHBORHOODS, JOBS & HOUSING COMMITTEE** recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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| Int. No. 1 | Authorizing the sale of real estate |
| Int. No. 2 | Authorizing a shared services and grant agreements and amending the 2024-25 Budget for the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation |
| Int. No. 3 | Authorizing a license agreement with South Wedge Planning Committee for the use of City property as a community garden |
| Int. No. 30 | Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing an agreement for the Community Cannabis Support Initiative |

The **NEIGHBORHOODS, JOBS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE** recommends the following entitled legislation to be **HELD** in Committee:

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| Int. No. 4 | Local Law amending the City Charter with respect to the organization of the zoning, permitting and compliance functions within the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development |
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Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Patterson
Mitch Gruber
Kimberly Smith
LaShay D. Harris
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.

NEIGHBORHOODS, JOBS & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Received, filed and published.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-2
Re: Sale of Real Estate

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation approving the sale of two residential structures and one vacant lot being sold to the adjoining owner to cure a title issue. City records have been checked to ensure that the purchasers (except those buying unbuildable vacant lots) do not own other properties with code violations or delinquent taxes, and have not been in contempt of court or fined as a result of an appearance ticket during the past five years.

The first property, listed on Attachment A under the heading, I. Negotiated Sale – Improved Property, is 27 New York Street. It will be sold to Sheila Marie Williams of 4 Dove Tail Lane, Fairport, New York. The purchaser will rehabilitate the property and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy within one year.

The second property, listed on Attachment A under the heading, II. Sealed Bid Sale – Improved Property, is 411 Seneca Parkway. It will be sold to Lenmar, Inc. (Leonard Gingello, Owner) of 2080 Nine Mile Point Road, Penfield, New York. The purchaser will rehabilitate the property and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy within one year.

The final property, listed on Attachment A under the heading, III. Negotiated Sale– Vacant Land, is 63 Karnes Street. It will be sold the adjoining owner, Chadmar Rouse, of 32 Raeburn Avenue, Rochester, New York to cure a title issue caused by an encroachment of the driveway of the adjacent two family-structure onto the City-owned parcel. All applicable maps are included in Attachment B.

The first year projected tax revenue for these properties, assuming full taxation, current assessed valuations and current tax rates, is estimated to be \$8,962.

All City taxes and other charges, except water charges against properties being sold by the City, will be canceled on the first day of the month following adoption of the ordinance because either the City has agreed to convey the property free of City tax liens and other charges, or these charges have been included in the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-1

Ordinance No. 2025-2
(Int. No. 1)

Authorizing the sale of real estate

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the negotiated sale of the following residential parcel to Sheila Marie Williams for the price listed:

Address	SBL#	Lot Size	Purchase Price
27 New York St	120.43-1-21	33 x 105	\$13,500

Section 2. The Council hereby approves the sale of the following improved property by sealed bid to Lenmar, Inc. for the price listed:

Address	SBL#	Lot Size	Purchase Price
411 Seneca Parkway	090.58-3-4	60 x 140	\$195,600

Section 3. The Council hereby approves the negotiated sale of the following vacant parcel to the owner of an adjoining parcel for the price listed:

Address	SBL#	Lot Size	Purchase Price
63 Karnes St	105.49-3-61	40 x 128	\$450

Section 4. City taxes and other City charges, except water charges, against said properties are hereby canceled up to the first day of the month following the date of adoption of this ordinance for the reason that the City has agreed to convey said properties free of City tax liens and other charges or because these charges have been included in the purchase price.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-3

Re: Budget Amendment and Agreement – Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the administration of the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation and affiliated agreements. The legislation will:

- 1) Authorize and establish a Shared Services Agreement between the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation (Lia Anselm, 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY), an entity formed and approved by New York State, and the City of Rochester; and authorize maximum total compensation of \$194,837.74 to be funded as follows:
 - a. \$55,680 from the 2024-25 Budget of Neighborhood and Business Development
 - b. \$15,000 from the 2024-25 Budget of the Mayor’s Office
 - c. \$124,157.74 from the grant funds previously appropriated to the Urban Development Action Grants Development Special Revenue Fund via Ordinance No. 2021-8
- 2) Amend the 2024-25 Budget of the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development by a total of \$55,700, appropriating \$55,680 of funds from the General Fund fund balance restricted by Enterprise Community Partners from Anti Displacement Learning Network (ADLN) funds for the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund (HTF). These funds were initially committed to fund balance via Ord. No. 2021-397 but later changed to restricted via Ordinance No. 2022-41.
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute such agreements and other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the agreements authorized herein.

In 2022, City Council approved the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund (HTF), with a small pot of funds from the NYS Attorney General's Office and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. (Enterprise) through the Anti Displacement Learning Network, a statewide peer learning initiative. The planning team focused on an HTF as an innovative and flexible vehicle dedicated to promoting engagement as well as to fill gaps in housing opportunities and stability for people at risk of displacement. This also fulfills a recommendation from the City's Comprehensive Plan, **Rochester 2034**, in Section HSG-5g: "Explore the feasibility and value of a housing trust fund to raise additional resources to help invest in housing and community development goals". Rochester's HTF, known as the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation (RHSF), launched in July 2024. A list of the current Board of Directors is included with this transmittal as Exhibit A.

While the infrastructure of the RHSF as a non-profit public authority has been in process, several programs have been awarded grants to further the mission of the entity, funded by Enterprise as well as City American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. These include Property Improvement and Housing Stabilization awards to local non-profit agencies to directly address and mitigate the displacement of low-income households.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-2

Ordinance No. 2025-3
(Int. No. 2)

Authorizing a shared services and grant agreements and amending the 2024-25 Budget for the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the Rochester Housing Stability Fund Corporation (RHSFC) to provide staff assistance, office space, supplies, financial services, administrative support and other types of assistance to the RHSFC.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with RHSFC to fill gaps in housing opportunities and to provide stability for people at risk of displacement. The maximum compensation for the agreement shall be \$194,837.74, which shall be funded in the amounts of \$55,680 from the 2024-25 Budget of Neighborhood and Business Development (NBD), \$15,000 from the 2024-25 Budget of the Mayor's Office and \$124,157.74 from the Anti-Displacement Learning Network grant funds authorized in Ordinance No. 2021-8.

Section 3. The agreements authorized herein shall contain such other terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such other agreements and documents as may be necessary to effectuate the agreements.

Section 4. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of NBD by \$55,700, which amount is hereby appropriated in the amount of \$55,680 from a portion of the \$450,000 in Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Anti-Displacement Learning Network grant funds that were committed and then restricted for a Housing Trust Fund in Ordinance No. 2021-397 and Ordinance No. 2022-41, respectively.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-4

Re: License Agreement for Community Garden – South Wedge Planning Committee

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing a license agreement between the City and South Wedge Planning Committee, (Jennifer Posey, Executive Director, 224 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY) for the use of premises located at 122 Hamilton Street. The license agreement has a term of five years, and there is no fee.

South Wedge Planning Committee has maintained this site since 2012 and was approved for their original five year agreement in 2020 via Ordinance No. 2020-64. The organization has demonstrated a sustainable gardening operation that is supported by the immediate neighborhood. The garden has been maintained at a high standard and has had no complaints. There are currently four organizations who have five-year garden permits. A map of the parcel is included in Attachment A.

The City retains the right to terminate all or part of the license with 90 days written notice.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-3

Ordinance No. 2025-4
(Int. No. 3)

Authorizing a license agreement with South Wedge Planning Committee for the use of City property as a community garden

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester has received a proposal from the South Wedge Planning Committee for the continued use of a City-owned parcel of land located at 122 Hamilton Street as a community garden for a term of five years;

WHEREAS, the South Wedge Planning Committee has maintained this site since approximately 2012 during which the garden has been operated and maintained at high standards;

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 21-23 of the Municipal Code, the Council is following additional procedures due to the lengthier tenure of the proposed use; and

WHEREAS, the term of the use is reasonable and necessary in light of its intended purpose and the public will benefit throughout the term of the use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a license agreement with the South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. for the said committee to maintain a community garden at the City-owned property at 122 Hamilton Street.

Section 2. The license agreement shall have a term of five years, provided that the City shall retain the right to terminate all or part of the license upon 90 days' written notice.

Section 3. The license agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-5

Re: Community Cannabis Support Initiative - Appropriation and Professional Services Agreement

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods, Fostering Prosperity and Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation relating to a Community Cannabis Support Initiative to provide services to Rochester residents seeking to be a part of the emerging "legal" cannabis industry under an agreement with BLOOM ROC.

This local organization provides unique strategic solutions to invest and pool resources, talents, and expertise in the emerging cannabis industry. BLOOM ROC's overarching aim is to create and protect sustainable economic development in marginalized communities by fostering tangible and lasting enhancements in the early stages of cannabis businesses using a model they call S.E.E. (Social and Economic Equity).

This legislation will:

- 1) Amend the 2024-25 Budget of the Office of the Mayor by appropriating \$50,000 in fund balance that this Council previously committed to Emerging Community Initiatives in Resolution No. 2024-28.
- 2) Authorize a professional services agreement with BLOOM ROC to provide direct educational and other support services to Rochester residents seeking to be a part of the emerging "legal" cannabis industry and BLOOM ROC shall provide thereafter a report to the City that summarizes their progress, including the number of residents served. The maximum compensation for the agreement will be \$50,000, funded by the 2024-25 Budget of the Office of the Mayor from the funds authorized above.

BLOOM ROC has a well-established curriculum to support those seeking to be a part of the emerging "legal" cannabis industry and the city's funding will support city residents' access to and continuation of BLOOM ROC's Incubator Program; Town Halls; and other educational programs and community outreach.

Prior Bloom ROC programming included:

- **8 Week Incubator Program** - Focused on Adult-Use Application Preparation and Support using a hybrid model (In-Person/Virtual); Individualized Education; One on One's; using a Community Hub Model; Professional Development and Support from Ancillary Partners; Networking with clients/customers and like-minded individuals in the Canna-Community.
 - Supported 140 potential S.E.E. applicants with small group and 1-on-1 technical assistance programming.
 - Submitted 25 applications representing the Finger Lakes and the Western regions over four licensing types.
 - 7 Applicants engaged throughout the Technical Assistance Provider program.
 - 5 Non-provisional applicants, two provisional applicants.
 - 5 Non-Provisional Application deficiencies were cured.
- **Town Halls** – Community gatherings held to keep stakeholders informed and updated on BLOOM ROC's cannabis education.
 - Hosted 6 Town-halls designed to inform residents of industry updates locally, regionally, and throughout the state.
- **Education** - focused on cannabis and Public Health; Public Health Data and Trends; all focused on the impact of cannabis legalization on public health and strategies for promoting responsible use and reducing potential harms.
 - 3 monthly educational learning experiences held.
 - Includes participation in government and civic engagement focused on the Finger Lakes Region of New York.
 - Overview of the Cannabis Advisory Board and funding expectations focused on the Cannabis Advisory Board and other funding expectations from New York State.
- **Community Outreach** -
 - Spent 275 hours directly engaging Rochester's disproportionately impacted East/West/North-side communities, touching over 67 streets, 5 regional dispensaries, and 7 NY licensees.
 - Engaged over 564 residents in the region.
 - Engaged community giveback that supported 25 vulnerable families with essential items.
 - Tabled at the Science of Cannabis Symposium in Rochester, New York.
 - Exhibited at the Cannabis World Business Expo in New York.

The term for the Community Cannabis Support Initiative shall extend to December 31, 2025, and the deadline for providing all reporting shall be June 30, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Patterson
Northeast Councilmember

Miguel A. Melendez, Jr., President
At-Large

LaShay D. Harris, Vice President
South District

Mitch Gruber
At-Large

Bridget A. Monroe
Northwest District

Attachment No. AY-4

Ordinance No. 2025-5
(Int. No. 30)

Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing an agreement for the Community Cannabis Support Initiative

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Office of the Mayor by \$50,000, which amount is hereby appropriated from a portion of the remaining Fund Balance of the 2023-24 Budget of City Council & Clerk that Council committed to emerging community needs in Resolution No. 2024-28.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with BLOOM ROC Inc. to provide direct educational and other support services to Rochester residents seeking to be a part of the emerging legal cannabis industry as part of a Community Cannabis Support Initiative. The term for these services shall extend to December 31, 2025, and the deadline for providing all reporting shall be June 30, 2026. The maximum compensation for the agreement shall be \$50,000, which shall be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of the Office of the Mayor.

Section 3. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

By Vice President Harris
January 28, 2025

To the Council:

The **PEOPLE, PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

- Int. No. 5 Authorizing a grant agreement to fund Climate Action Plan related strategies, **as amended**
- Int. No. 6 Authorizing a grant agreement and funding for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Energy Communities program
- Int. No. 7 Authorizing an appropriation and an amendatory professional services agreement related to the North Clinton Avenue Milling and Resurfacing Project (Marietta Street to East Ridge Road)
- Int. No. 8 Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$1,887,000 Bonds of said City to finance the costs of the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair Project

- Int. No. 9 Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$401,000 Bonds of said City to finance certain costs of the City Hall Sidewalk Replacement Project
- Int. No. 10 Authorizing an agreement for the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair and the Sidewalk Replacement projects
- Int. No. 11 Authorizing a grant agreement with the New York State Council on the Arts and amending the 2024-25 Budget
- Int. No. 12 Authorizing a grant agreement to support Crisis Intervention Services
- Int. No. 13 Authorizing agreements for the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Justice Assistance Grant program
- Int. No. 14 Authorizing an agreement for database and case management services for Rochester Animal Services
- Int. No. 15 Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing an agreement for senior support services

Respectfully submitted,
 LaShay D. Harris
 Willie Lightfoot (*absent*)
 Mary Lupien
 Michael A. Patterson
 Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.

PEOPLE, PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Received, filed and published.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-6

Re: Grant Acceptance- New Venture Fund/Sustainable Cities Fund

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Sustaining Green and Active Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the implementation of Climate Action Plan (CAP) related strategies for the City of Rochester. This legislation will:

1. Authorize the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the New Venture Fund (NVF); and
2. Authorize the receipt and use of \$125,000 in anticipated grant funds from NVF to finance the project.

In November 2024, the City was notified of an award of \$125,000 through the Sustainable Cities Fund (SCF), a project of the New Venture Fund (NVF), which is available to cities participating in the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities (BASC) program. SCF is working with its fiscal partner, NVF, by providing grants to BASC participants for projects that advance solutions to address climate

change and advance racial wealth equity. The grant will fund the incremental cost to fully electrify homes, which will include increased levels of insulation, installation of heat pumps for space heating, cooling and water heating in homes that are being rehabilitated through the City's existing whole-house rehabilitation programs managed by the Neighborhood and Business Development Department Bureau of Housing. By investing in sustainable homes, the City of Rochester is facilitating the reduction of natural gas consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions. This project directly supports the Rochester CAP Energy Efficiency and Fuel Switching strategies and builds on existing efforts to electrify homes. No City matching funds are required for this grant program.

Once the grant agreement with NVF is in place, the City will begin to implement the Project. The Project is expected to be completed by June 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-5

Ordinance No. 2025-6
(Int. No. 5)

Authorizing a grant agreement to fund Climate Action Plan related strategies, as amended

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New Venture Fund (NVF), as fiscal partner for the Sustainable Cities Fund, for the receipt and use of \$125,000 through the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities (BASC) program.

Section 2. The agreement shall have such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. The Council hereby authorizes the receipt and use of a \$125,000 in anticipated reimbursements from NVF through the BASC program agreement authorized in Section 1 herein, which amount is hereby appropriated to implement strategies related to the City's Climate Action Plan.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Underlining indicates new text

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-7
Re: Grant Acceptance – New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Clean Energy Communities Program

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Sustaining Green and Active Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the implementation of Climate Action Plan related strategies for the City of Rochester. This legislation will:

1. Authorize the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); and,
2. Authorize the receipt and use of \$300,000 in anticipated grant funds from NYSERDA to finance the Project.

In November 2024, the City was awarded \$300,000 through NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Grant Program, which provides grants to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA-identified high-impact actions. The grant will be used to fund LED residential street lights to convert existing less efficient luminaires. No City matching funds are required for this grant program.

By LED street light technology, the City of Rochester is facilitating the reduction of electricity usage and associated greenhouse gas emissions. This Project directly supports the City of Rochester Municipal Operations Climate Action Plan strategies to reduce energy consumption and builds on existing efforts towards upgrading the City's street lighting system.

Once the grant agreement with NYSERDA is in place, the City will begin to implement the Project. The Project is expected to be completed by December 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-6

Ordinance No. 2025-7
(Int. No. 6)

Authorizing a grant agreement and funding for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Energy Communities program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for the implementation of Climate Action Plan related strategies to implement LED residential street lights (Project).

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. The sum of \$300,000 in anticipated grant funds from the NYSERDA grant authorized in Section 1 herein is hereby appropriated to the Project.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-8

Re: North Clinton Avenue Milling and Resurfacing Project (Marietta Street to East Ridge Road)

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Sustaining Green and Active Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the North Clinton Avenue Milling and Resurfacing Project. This legislation will:

1. Appropriate \$230,000 in anticipated reimbursements from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to finance a portion of the engineering design and construction administration services for the Project; and,
2. Authorize an amendatory professional services agreement with CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect, D.P.C. dba CPL (Todd M. Liebert, C.E.O., 255 Woodcliff Drive, Suite 200, Fairport, NY) to provide additional engineering design and construction administration services for the Project. The original agreement for \$450,000 was authorized in Ordinance No. 2023-310. This amendment will increase the compensation by \$230,000 to a maximum total of \$680,000. The cost of the amendatory agreement will be funded with \$230,000 in New York State funds appropriated herein.

The Project includes, but is not limited to, milling and resurfacing of the pavement, spot curb and sidewalk replacement, curb ramp upgrades, street lighting upgrades, new pavement markings, signing upgrades, adjustment and/or repair of manholes, catch basins, and water valve castings, and other various improvements as funding allows. The addition of bicycle facilities, curb bump-outs, and other elements of the Complete Streets Policy will be evaluated during preliminary design. These improvements will improve the surface drainage and riding quality of the roadway, improve accessibility, and expand the useful life of the pavement structure.

The amendatory agreement will provide additional design services related to additional safety related improvements. The Project recently received Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funds issued directly to the City by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). For that reason, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations and FHWA policy, no MWBE or DBE goals can be applied towards any phase of the project (i.e. design, construction and resident project representation). This determination was made by the Law Department after consultation with FHWA.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2026. This amendatory agreement will result in the creation and/or retention of the equivalent of 2.5 full-time jobs.

The term of the agreement shall remain three months after completion of the two-year guarantee inspection of the Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-7

Ordinance No. 2025-8
(Int. No. 7)

Authorizing an appropriation and an amendatory professional services agreement related to the North Clinton Avenue Milling and Resurfacing Project (Marietta Street to East Ridge Road)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby appropriates \$230,000 in anticipated reimbursements from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to fund a portion of the engineering design and construction administration services for the North Clinton Avenue Milling and Resurfacing project (Project).

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an amendatory agreement with CPL Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Architect, D.P.C. to provide additional engineering design and construction administration services for the Project. This amendatory agreement shall amend the existing agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 2023-310 to increase the maximum compensation by \$230,000 to a new total of \$680,000. The cost of the amendatory agreement shall be funded by the anticipated reimbursements appropriated in Section 1 herein.

Section 3. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-9

Ordinance No. 2025-10

Ordinance No. 2025-11

Re: City Hall Sidewalk, Stair and Areaway Replacement and Repair

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Sustaining Green and Active Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the City Hall Sidewalk, Stair and Areaway Replacement and Repair Project. This legislation will:

1. Authorize the issuance of bonds totaling \$1,887,000 and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to partially finance the street and building portion of the construction and resident project representation (RPR) services for the Project; and,
2. Authorize the issuance of bonds to be funded by the Local Works Fund totaling \$401,000 and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to partially finance the sidewalk portion of the construction and resident project representation (RPR) services for the Project; and,
3. Establish \$550,000 as maximum compensation for a professional services agreement with Vanguard Engineering, P.C. (Joseph Carl Ardieta, C.E.O., 133 South Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York) for RPR services for the Project. The cost of the agreement will be funded from the sources outlined in the chart on the following page.

The Project includes, but is not limited to, sidewalk and curb replacement, upgrade of sidewalk curb ramps, stair replacement, rehabilitation or closure of existing areaways, new street lighting, streetscape improvements, milling and resurfacing of the pavement, replacement of traffic pavement markings, and adjustment and repair of manholes, catch basins, and water valve castings. These improvements will enhance the surface drainage and riding quality of the roadway, improve accessibility for all users and expand the useful life of the pavement structure.

The Project was designed by Greenman-Pederson, Inc. and Popli Design Group.

Vanguard Engineering PC was selected for RPR services through a request for proposal process, which is described in the attached summary.

Bids for construction were received on November 19, 2024. The apparent low bid of \$2,136,000 was submitted by Nardozzi Paving & Construction LLC (James J.A. Nardozzi, President, 124 N. Genesee St, Geneva, New York).

The Project will be funded as follows:

Source of Funds	Design and Material Testing	Construction	Street Lighting	RPR	Contingency	Total
Bonds authorized herein	\$0	\$1,388,039.85	\$72,200	\$337,850	\$88,910.15	\$1,887,000
Local Works bonds authorized herein	0	236,665.80	0	156,750	7,584.20	401,000
Pure Waters reimbursement authorized ordinance No. 2023-44	0	79,771.39	0	0	4,000	83,771.39
2010-11 Cash Capital	572.79	0	0	0	0	572.79
2012-13 Cash Capital	21,304.30	0	0	0	0	21,304.30
2014-15 Cash Capital	11,611.56	0	0	0	0	11,611.56
2015-16 Cash Capital	47,614.21	0	0	12,507.71	0	60,121.92
2016-17 Cash Capital	130,875.94	369,124.06	0	0	0	500,000
2017-18 Cash Capital	1,374.48	415.51	0	0	0	1,789.99
2019-20 Cash Capital	830	0	0	0	0	830
2020-21 Cash Capital	0	5,003.17	0	0	292.29	5,295.46
2021-22 Cash Capital	52,282	28,763.52	0	0	0	81,045.52
2022-23 Cash Capital	56,979	21,060.11	0	2,892.29	2,107.71	83,039.11
2023-24 Cash Capital	0	7,156.59	0	0	0	7,156.59
2024-25 Cash Capital	0	0	0	40,000	0	40,000
Total	\$323,444.28	\$2,136,000	\$72,200	\$550,000	\$102,894.35	\$3,184,538.63

MWBE goals are below:

Contract Type	Aggregated Annual Award	Aggregated Annual Award: Minorities	Aggregate Annual Award: Women
Public Works Construction Projects	30%	20%	10%
Public Works Consultants	30%	15%	15%
Professional Services Consultants	30%	15%	15%

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2025 and be substantially complete in fall 2025. The construction of the Project will result in the creation and/or retention of the equivalent of 31.1 full-time jobs.

The term of the agreement shall be three months after completion of the two-year guarantee inspection of the Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-8

Ordinance No. 2025-9
(Int. No. 8)

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$1,887,000 Bonds of said City to finance the costs of the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair Project

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, New York (herein called "City"), is hereby authorized to finance (a) a portion of the costs of the City Hall Stair and Areaway project on the City Hall property at 30 Church Street, to include stair replacements and rehabilitation or closure of building areaways at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,138,237.25 and (b) the Street Replacement and Repair Project, to include new street lighting, streetscape improvements, milling and resurfacing of the pavement, replacement of traffic pavement markings, and adjustment and repair of manholes, catch basins, and water valve castings on the streets adjacent to City Hall, at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,145,301.38 ("Project"). The aggregate estimated maximum cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$2,283,538.63. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,887,000 in bonds of the City, which amount is hereby appropriated therefor, \$83,771.39 in Pure Waters reimbursements authorized by Ordinance 2023-44, \$572.79 from 2010-11 Cash Capital, \$21,304.30 from 2012-13 Cash Capital, \$11,611.56 from 2014-15 Cash Capital, \$60,121.92 from 2015-16 Cash Capital, \$1,789.99 from 2017-18 Cash Capital, \$830 from 2019-20 Cash Capital, \$5,295.46 from 2020-21 Cash Capital, \$81,045.52 from 2021-22 Cash Capital, \$83,039.11 from 2022-23 Cash Capital, \$7,156.59 from 2023-24 Cash Capital, \$40,000 from 2024-25 Cash Capital and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the City to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$1,887,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), this Ordinance, and other proceedings and determinations related thereto.

Section 3. The City intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City, pursuant to this Ordinance, in the amount of \$1,887,000. This Ordinance is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of said class of objects or purposes described in Section 1(a) of this Ordinance, within the limitations of Section 11.00. a. 12(a)(2) of the Law, is fifteen (15) years. The period of probable usefulness of said class of objects or purposes described in Section 1(b) of this Ordinance, within the limitations of Sections 11.00. a. 20, 5 and 92 of the Law, is twenty (20) years.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by an ad valorem tax upon all the taxable real property within the City. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and of said Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the City Council relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining debt service, prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Director of Finance, as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such Ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing Ordinance, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in "The Daily Record," a newspaper published in Rochester, New York, having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated the official newspaper of said City for such publication.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes - President Meléndez, Councilmembers Gruber, Harris, Lightfoot, Martin, Monroe, Patterson, Smith - 8.

Nays - Councilmember Lupien - 1.

Ordinance No. 2025-10
(Int. No. 9)

Bond Ordinance of the City of Rochester, New York authorizing the issuance of \$401,000 Bonds of said City to finance certain costs of the City Hall Sidewalk Replacement Project

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rochester, in the County of Monroe, New York (herein called "City"), is hereby authorized to finance a portion of the costs of the City Hall Sidewalk Replacement Project, comprised of sidewalk and curb replacements and curb ramp upgrades on and along the sides of the City Hall property (30 Church Street) that face Church and Fitzhugh streets (the "Project"). The estimated maximum cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$901,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$401,000 bonds of the City, which amount is hereby appropriated for the Project, \$500,000 from 2016-17 Cash Capital and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the City to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$401,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), this Ordinance, and other proceedings and determinations related thereto.

Section 3. The City intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City, pursuant to this Ordinance, in the amount of \$401,000. This Ordinance is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of said class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, within the limitations of 11.00 a. 24 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by an ad valorem tax upon all the taxable real property within the City. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and of said Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the City Council relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining debt service, prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Director of Finance, as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Ordinance and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such Ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing Ordinance, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in "The Daily Record," a newspaper published in Rochester, New York, having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated the official newspaper of said City for such publication.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes - President Meléndez, Councilmembers Gruber, Harris, Lightfoot, Martin, Monroe, Patterson, Smith - 8.

Nays - Councilmember Lupien - 1.

Ordinance No. 2025-11
(Int. No. 10)

Authorizing an agreement for the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair and the Sidewalk Replacement projects

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with Vanguard Engineering, P.C. to provide resident project representative (RPR) services for the City Hall Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair and the Sidewalk Replacement projects (collectively, the Project). The maximum compensation shall be \$550,000 funded in the amounts of \$337,850 from the proceeds of bonds authorized in a concurrent ordinance for the Stair, Areaway and Street Replacement and Repair portion of the Project, \$156,750 from the proceeds of bonds authorized in a concurrent ordinance for the Sidewalk Replacement portion of the Project, \$12,507.71 from 2015-16 Cash Capital, \$2,892.29 from 2022-23 Cash Capital, and \$40,000 from 2024-25 Cash Capital. The term of the agreement shall extend to three months after the completion of the two-year guarantee inspection of the Project.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes - President Meléndez, Councilmembers Gruber, Harris, Lightfoot, Martin, Monroe, Patterson, Smith - 8.

Nays - Councilmember Lupien - 1.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-12

Re: Grant Agreement and Budget Amendment – New York State Council on the Arts

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the Roc Paint Division mural arts program. This legislation will:

1. Authorize an agreement with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for the receipt and use of a one-time NYSCA Support for Organizations grant for \$40,000 to support the Roc Paint Division Program. The term of the grant agreement is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 and this is the first time that DRHS has received this funding.
2. Amend the 2024-25 Budget of DRHS by \$3,900 for personnel expenses for the initiative.
3. Amend the 2024-25 Budget of Undistributed Expenses by \$1,300 for fringe benefit expenses for the initiative.

The remaining \$34,800 in grant funds will be anticipated and included in the 2025-26 Budgets of DRHS and Undistributed Expenses, contingent upon approval. The Roc Paint Division youth mural arts program has proven the transformative power of art in empowering youth, fostering community engagement, and beautifying urban spaces with artful murals. Funding from the New York State Council on the Arts will allow for the creation of a full-time Lead Public Arts Coordinator position responsible for developing and managing a year-round Roc Paint Division mural arts employment program.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-12
(Int. No. 11)

Authorizing a grant agreement with the New York State Council on the Arts and amending the 2024-25 Budget

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) for the receipt and use of a one-time NYSCA Support for Organizations grant in the amount of \$40,000, which is hereby appropriated to support the Roc Paint Division Program. The term of the agreement shall be January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Department of Recreation and Human Services by \$3,900 and to the Budget of Undistributed Expenses by \$1,300, to reflect the receipt of a portion of the grant funds authorized herein.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-13

Re: Grant Agreement and Budget Amendment – New York State Office of Mental Health

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Areas: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the New York State Office of Mental Health Senate Majority Initiative grant for the Crisis Intervention Services unit. This legislation will:

1. Authorize an agreement with New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) for the receipt and use of a Senate Majority Initiative Grant of \$100,000 for the Crisis Intervention Services unit. The term of the grant is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and this is the first time that the Department of Recreation and Human Services (DRHS) has received this award.
2. Amend the 2024-25 Budget of DRHS by \$65,000, the amount of the aforementioned grant award to be utilized for peer navigation services and supplies.
3. Amend the 2024-25 Budget of Cash Capital by \$35,000, the amount of the aforementioned grant award to be utilized for a vehicle for the Person in Crisis team.

These funds will be used to expand the services provided by the Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) unit. Specifically, \$60,000 of the funds will go towards an agreement with a consultant to develop the best use of peers for the Person in Crisis team. The consultant will be chosen through a request for proposal process and will have the expertise in utilizing peers to help community members in crisis. An additional \$5,000 will be used to buy supplies for the new CIS mobile unit. The final \$35,000 will be used to buy a new vehicle for the Person in Crisis team to use to answer calls on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-13
(Int. No. 12)

Authorizing a grant agreement to support Crisis Intervention Services

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) for the receipt and use of a Senate Majority Initiative Grant in the amount of \$100,000, which is hereby appropriated to support the City's Crisis Intervention Services unit. The term of the agreement shall be July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Department of Recreation and Human Services by \$65,000 and to the Budget of Cash Capital by \$35,000, from the appropriation authorized in Section 1 herein.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-14

Re: Grant Agreement – US Department of Justice, 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Justice Assistance Grant Program

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Justice Assistance Grant program. The legislation will:

1. Authorize an agreement with the United States Department of Justice for the receipt and use of the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$136,642. The term of the grant is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.
2. Authorize \$12,450 as total maximum compensation for an agreement with Monroe County for implementation of the “Operation Nightwatch” program. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. The cost of the agreement will be funded by the grant authorized herein. “Operation Nightwatch” is a program of the Monroe County Office of Probation that allows Probation Officers to engage people on probation in specialized supervision. Under the terms of the grant acceptance, this portion of the grant award must be allocated to Monroe County, who has chosen to allocate their funds to this program.

A portion of the grant funds (\$108,887) will be utilized for the salaries and fringe expenses for a full time Clinical Supervisor in the Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) unit. These funds were anticipated and included in the 2024-25 Budget of the Department of Recreation and Human Services (DRHS) and Undistributed Expenses, and will be included in the 2025-26 Budgets of DRHS and Undistributed Expenses, contingent upon approval. The Clinical Supervisor will provide supervision support to CIS staff and interns to ensure that clients are provided the best and most-up-to-date services. The remaining grant funds (\$15,305) will be used for an agreement with a Consultant to hire and supervise a Peer Navigator to work with the DRHS Person in Crisis Team. There will be a request for proposals process to choose the Consultant to hire and supervise the Peer Navigator.

The City has received JAG funding for more than 18 years. The prior JAG grant award was last authorized by City Council on November 14, 2023 via Ordinance No. 2023-354.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-14
(Int. No. 13)

Authorizing agreements for the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Justice Assistance Grant program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice for the receipt and use of funding in the amount of \$136,642 from the 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. The term of the agreement shall be October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Monroe in the maximum amount of \$12,450 to fund the Monroe County Office of Probation's Operation Nightwatch program. Said amount shall be funded from a portion of the grant appropriated in Section 1 herein. The term of the agreement shall be October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

Section 3. The agreements authorized herein shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-15

Re: Agreement – PetHealth Services (USA) Inc.

Council Priorities: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing a non-monetary agreement with PetHealth Services (USA) Inc. (C.E.O., Michelle Cole, 3315 Algonquin Rd., Suite 450, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008), for database and case management software services. The term of this agreement will be for one year, with the option to renew for 4 additional one-year terms. There are no funds associated with this agreement. Instead, Animal Services purchases our microchips from PetHealth Services (USA) Inc. and they in turn provide this software system free of charge.

Rochester Animal Services requires a functionally robust database system such as PetPoint, provided by PetHealth Services (USA) Inc. This allows us to efficiently manage the shelter's population, our community's lost and found animals, and animal control caseload while also providing an interface for the public to view animals available for adoption.

PetHealth Services (USA) Inc. was selected for these services based on their industry-wide history of service to their shelters, ease of use of their public-facing features, and outstanding privacy and confidentiality practices.

A Justification for no RFP is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-15
(Int. No. 14)

Authorizing an agreement for database and case management services for Rochester Animal Services

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with PetHealth Services (USA) LLC (PetHealth) to provide database and case management software services for Rochester Animal Services (RAS) in return for RAS purchasing its pet microchips from PetHealth. The term of the agreement shall be one year with the option to extend for up to four additional periods of one year each.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-16
Re: Agreement – Lifespan

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing \$100,000 as maximum compensation for an agreement with Lifespan for services related to senior support in the City of Rochester. The cost of this agreement will be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of City Council/Clerk's Office as outlined in Resolution No. 2024-27. This legislation will:

1. Amend the 2024-25 Budget of City Council and Clerk by \$100,000 with funds appropriated from Fund Balance that this Council previously committed to Senior Support Services in Resolution No. 2024-27.
2. Authorizes a professional services agreement with Lifespan supporting: their Home Safe Home program; two senior centers; and to purchase/initiate a Grandpads pilot. The agreement will provide \$20,000 for the Home Safe Home program that provides an in-home safety assessment to seniors; and provides minor home safety modifications. Currently, they serve over 300 older adults in the City for a cost of \$240/home. The agreement will also allocate \$75,000 to the Wolk Café at Sibley Square and the Lily Café at the Maplewood YMCA. Two senior centers in the City of Rochester that provide a space for people aged 60 and over to make new friends, learn, participate in education and fun activities, and have breakfast or lunch. The older adult center in Sibley's also has the only older adult food cupboard in the county exclusively for older adults. Finally, the agreement allocates \$5,000 towards the purchase and implementation of a Grandpads pilot. Grandpads are designed for seniors are more user-friendly than traditional

mobile tablets. It allows users to engage in video chats, view pictures, check news, and send messages (among other features).

The City of Rochester's older adult population increased 64 percent in the past decade, the highest rate of any major city in the state. Programs and services are needed to support our aging population, to allow people of all ages and backgrounds to thrive, enjoy and have equal access to community amenities.

The firm was selected for these services based on their expertise in the aging community. Lifespan has provided support to aging adults and caretakers in the region for more than thirty years. A full justification for not issuing a request for proposals is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel A. Meléndez
President

LaShay D. Harris
Vice-President

Mitch Gruber
Councilmember At-Large

Attachment No. AY-10

Ordinance No. 2025-16
(Int. No. 15)

Appropriating funds, amending the 2024-25 Budget and authorizing an agreement for senior support services

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the City Council and Clerk by \$100,000, which amount is hereby appropriated from a portion of the remaining Fund Balance of the 2023-24 Budget of City Council & Clerk that Council committed to emerging community needs in Resolution No. 2024-27.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. to provide senior support services that include: a Home Safe Home program; providing two senior centers for people aged 60 and over to socialize, participate in educational activities, and have breakfast or lunch; operating a food cupboard for older adults; and implementing a pilot "Grandpads" program to provide mobile tablet computers that are more useful for seniors. The term for the services shall extend to June 1, 2025, and the deadline for providing all reporting shall be June 30, 2025. The maximum compensation for the agreement shall be \$100,000, which shall be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of City Council & Clerk.

Section 3. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

By Councilmember Gruber
January 28, 2025

To the Council:

The **BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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| Int. No. 16 | Authorizing an agreement for the 2024 , <u>2025</u> Rochester International Jazz Festival, <u>as amended</u> |
| Int. No. 17 | Authorizing an intermunicipal agreement to fund Lilac Festival promotional services |
| Int. No. 19 | Authorizing an agreement and appropriating funds related to the Financial Empowerment Center |
| Int. No. 20 | Approving wage and salary increases for employees of the Rochester Housing Authority |
| Int. No. 21 | Authorizing administrative tax cancellations and refunds of \$1,000 or less for 2025 |
| Int. No. 22 | Appropriating Firefighters' Insurance Funds |
| Int. No. 23 | Authorizing an agreement relating to City employee time clocks |
| Int. No. 24 | Authorizing an agreement relating to software licenses and support services for scheduling the staffing of the Fire, Police and Emergency Communications/911 departments |
| Int. No. 25 | Resolution approving appointment and reappointment to the Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees |
| Int. No. 26 | Resolution relating to appointments to the Board of Assessment Review |
| Int. No. 27 | Resolution extending the Rules of Council through 2025 |
| Int. No. 31 | Resolution approving an appointment to the Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc. |

The **BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** recommends the following entitled legislation to be **HELD** in Committee:

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| Int. No. 18 | Authorizing an amendatory agreement related to the Racial and Structural Equity (RASE) Commission's recommendations |
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Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Gruber
Stanley Martin
Bridget Monroe
LaShay D. Harris
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.

BUDGET, FINANCE, & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Received, filed and published.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-17

Re: Agreement - Rochester International Jazz Festival, LLC, 2025 Rochester International Jazz Festival

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing \$243,000 as the annual maximum compensation for an agreement with Rochester International Jazz Festival, LLC (principal: Marc Iacona) to designate the City of Rochester as the lead government sponsor of the 2025 Rochester International Jazz Festival (RIJF). The cost of this agreement will be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of the Bureau of Communications. The term of the agreement is one year.

The 22nd annual festival will be 9 days long, from June 20- June 28 and will include more than 325 shows at 20 diverse indoor and outdoor city venues in Downtown Rochester. The City's sponsorship will help to underwrite 60+ free outdoor concerts in public spaces, including the Gibbs Street (or "Jazz Street") stage that showcases local high schools, continuing education music programs, and regional acts, and the Parcel 5 and East Avenue stages, that will feature national and international talent. The festival also provides free jam sessions, workshops, and a lunch series at the Central Library in the heart of Downtown. The events are designed to attract approximately 15,000-25,000 visitors each night of the festival. Last year, attendance topped 200,000 people.

City Council approved legislation in the same amount for last year's festival via ordinance 2024-99, and in the five years prior to that, except in 2021 when the festival did not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Jazz Festival applied for support through the annual Special Events Funding Application (SEFA) process that provides City sponsorships to events on public spaces that meet defined criteria. The City enhances its support of all events receiving SEFA funding with in-kind equipment rental and in-kind public safety services, which will be determined by City staff during the special event permitting and planning process.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-17
(Int. No. 16)

Authorizing an agreement for the ~~2024~~ 2025 Rochester International Jazz Festival, as amended

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Rochester International Jazz Festival LLC to designate the City of Rochester as the lead government sponsor of the 2025 Rochester International Jazz Festival. The maximum compensation of this agreement shall

be \$243,000, which shall be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of the Bureau of Communications. The agreement shall have a term of one year.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

~~**Strikeout~~ indicates deleted text, new text is underlined

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-18

Re: Intermunicipal Agreement with Monroe County for authorization of funds for Lilac Festival, Inc.

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to a Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Rochester and Monroe County (the County). The Intermunicipal Agreement will provide the County with \$50,000 that the County will combine with its own contribution and disburse to Lilac Festival, Inc. The term will be for one year, and funding is available in the 2024-2025 Budget of the Bureau of Communications.

Lilac Festival, Inc. (LFI), a not-for-profit corporation, is licensed by Monroe County to produce the annual Lilac Festival in Highland Park. LFI is comprised of representatives from Visit Rochester, Monroe County, and the City of Rochester. LFI has the sole and exclusive right to direct, produce, and sponsor the annual Lilac Festival. For the past several years, LFI has worked with a promotor to operate, manage, produce, and promote the Lilac Festival.

In the Summer of 2024, LFI issued a new request for proposals to provide long-term promotional services to ensure the Lilac Festival continues to be a success. To meet this goal, the City of Rochester and Monroe County will provide a one-time payment to help defray start-up costs for the new promotor.

Like other City-supported festivals, the City provides in-kind public safety services and equipment rental to the Lilac Festival.

The 127th edition of the Lilac Festival will take place in May 2025 at Highland Park. The free, 10-day event attracts more than 500,000 attendees per year.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-18
(Int. No. 17)

Authorizing an intermunicipal agreement to fund Lilac Festival promotional services

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Monroe (County) for the City to contribute \$50,000, which shall be combined with a County contribution and paid to Lilac Festival, Inc. to obtain long-term promotional services for the Lilac Festival. The agreement term shall be one year. The City's contribution will be funded from the 2024-25 Budget of the Bureau of Communications.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-19

Re: Financial Empowerment Center Grant Acceptance

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Fostering Prosperity and Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to funding for the City's Financial Empowerment Center program. This legislation will:

- 1) Authorize a grant agreement with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc (Jonathan Mintz, Executive Director, 44 Wall St #1050, New York, NY, 10005) with a term of 18 months for receipt and use of a \$90,000 grant for the Financial Empowerment Center.
- 2) Appropriate the \$90,000 in Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc grant funding to the Financial Empowerment Special Revenue Fund

This "Small Business Boost" funding will be used to enhance the existing Financial Empowerment Center's services to better serve small businesses. The Financial Empowerment Center is administered through The Housing Council at PathStone and provides free one-on-one financial counseling as a public service. Through this Small Business Boost grant, the Financial Empowerment Center will develop partnerships and strengthen connectivity between small business support services, launch and maintain financial counseling for small business, and participate in an ongoing evaluation of the effort by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. To date, the Rochester Financial Empowerment Center has served over 3,100 clients who have cumulatively increased their savings by over \$2 million and reduced their debt by over \$4.5 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-19
(Int. No. 19)

Authorizing an agreement and appropriating funds related to the Financial Empowerment Center

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, Inc. for the receipt and use of a \$90,000 grant for the Financial Empowerment Center. The term of the agreement shall be eighteen (18) months.

Section 2. The funds received in the agreement authorized in Section 1 herein are hereby appropriated to the Financial Empowerment Special Revenue Fund.

Section 3. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-20

Re: Rochester Housing Authority – Salary Range Increases

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing salary range increases for both bargaining and non-bargaining unit titles at the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA). The last time the salary ranges for bargaining unit titles at RHA were increased was in April of 2022 and the last time the salary ranges for non-bargaining unit titles at RHA were increased was in July 2021. In efforts to attract and retain employees as part of RHA's Strategic Plan, RHA recently contracted with Salary.com, LLC to evaluate the salary ranges for all of their titles to determine if they were comparable with the salary ranges of similar titles at similar organizations. Based on the results of this evaluation, the salary ranges of titles that were identified as not being comparable are being adjusted.

The salary range increases for bargaining unit titles and non-bargaining unit titles was unanimously approved by RHA's Board of Commissioners at their December 4, 2024 meeting and in accordance with Section 32 of the New York State Housing Law, City Council's approval is needed for all salary and wage schedule changes for the Rochester Housing Authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-11

Ordinance No. 2025-20
(Int. No. 20)

Approving wage and salary increases for employees of the Rochester Housing Authority

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 32 of the New York State Public Housing Law, the Council hereby approves the increases in salary ranges that have been approved by the Rochester Housing Authority for its bargaining unit employees and its non-bargaining unit employees to commence on February 20, 2025, and directs that a list of the approved increases shall be placed on file in the City Clerk's Office and with the Department of Human Resource Management.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-21
Re: Authorization – 2025 Administrative Tax Cancellations and Refunds

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing the Director of Finance to cancel or refund certain erroneous *ad valorem* taxes, charges and fees up to \$1,000 per account during the 2025 calendar year.

Each year, approximately 61,531 tax bills are issued by the City. In 2023-24, these bills contained a total of \$263,141,115.53 in City and School taxes, charges and fees, and delinquencies. Of that amount, taxes and charges totaling \$1,498,061.84 or 0.569 % of the total billed amount, were subsequently determined to be erroneous and were canceled. These cancellations involved 789 accounts or 1.30 % of the total number.

Pursuant to Section 556 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the City Council is required to approve all cancellations. Under the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Laws of 1984, however, it may delegate to the Director of Finance the authority to approve such cancellations, under certain conditions. Additionally, under Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997, the State allows administrative cancellations of up to \$2,500 per account.

Delegation of this authority was initially approved by the Council in March 1987. Annual authorization is required to allow for the delegation to continue. Council's most recent authorization (Ordinance No. 2023-380) allowed the Director of Finance to cancel up to \$1,000 per account during the 2024 calendar year. Council's delegation of this authority reduces the amount of time required to correct a taxpayer's account and, in some instances, to issue a refund.

The following conditions will continue to apply:

1. A report summarizing all cancellations approved by the Director of Finance during any month will be submitted to the Council by the fifteenth day of the subsequent month; and

2. The total cancellations approved by the Director for any fiscal year will not exceed the amount of the tax reserve (provision for uncollected or delinquent amounts) established by the Council for that year.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-21
(Int. No. 21)

Authorizing administrative tax cancellations and refunds of \$1,000 or less for 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law § 556(8), the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to approve the cancellation of real property taxes and/or charges or fees added to those taxes subject to the following conditions:

- a. The amount to be cancelled for any year for any particular account shall be \$1,000 or less.
- b. A report summarizing all cancellations approved by the Director during any month shall be submitted to the City Council by the 15th day of the subsequent month.
- c. The total amount of cancellations approved by the Director for any fiscal year will not exceed the amount of the tax reserve (provision for uncollected or delinquent amounts) established by the Council for that year.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in effect for calendar year 2025.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-22
Re: Firefighters' Insurance Fund

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing expenditures from the Firefighters' Insurance Fund ("Two Percent Fund") as per the Settlement Agreement between the Rochester Firefighters, Inc., Local 1071, IAFF, AFL-CIO and the City of Rochester dated August 7, 2012. The legislation will:

1. Appropriate a total of \$542,500 from the Firefighters Insurance Fund at the request of the Rochester Firefighters Two Percent Committee ("TPC") to benefit City firefighters.
2. Appropriate a total of \$265,833.23 from the Firefighters' Insurance Fund for uses nominated by the City to benefit City firefighters.

The Firefighters' Insurance Fund is the City Fund established to collect and distribute monies received from the State pursuant to Sections 9104 and 9105 of the Insurance Law, and is under the custody of the City Treasurer.

Ordinance No. 2012-313 authorized the settlement agreement resulting from litigation brought by Rochester Firefighters Local 1071. These funds must be used in a manner that is consistent with the Court Order and with the provisions of Insurance Law Sections 9104 and 9105. Fund expenditures must be for the benefit of firefighters as provided in statutory law, case law, administrative rules and regulations, and the New York State Comptroller's Opinions.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement the firefighters have formed a not-for-profit corporation named the Rochester Firefighters Two Percent Committee ("TPC") to be the firefighters' representative for purposes of the Fund. Items to be paid from the Fund may be nominated by the firefighters or by the City.

The following are firefighter nominated items submitted by the TPC to be appropriated from the Firefighters' Insurance Fund.

- 1) Firehouse items set forth in Section 1G of the original agreement (\$140,000).
- 2) Legal, Accounting, and Administrative expenses (\$47,000).
- 3) Fire house cable and internet expenses (\$45,000).
- 4) RFBA Firefighters Ball (\$20,000).
- 5) Building Expenses (\$150,000).
- 6) Demand Fund account expenses (\$77,000).
- 7) Critical Illness Plan (\$60,000).
- 8) Audit of the Two Percent Fund held by the City of Rochester and the Two Percent Committee (\$3,500).

The following are City nominated items submitted by the TPC to be appropriated from the Firefighters' Insurance fund:

- 1) Snow plow services for apparatus bay driveways at firehouses (\$50,310).
- 2) Linen and laundry expense (\$100,000).
- 3) Small equipment and minor firehouse renovations (\$114,023.23).
- 4) Audit of the Two Percent Fund held by the City of Rochester and the Two Percent Committee (\$1,500).

The City of Rochester has engaged EFPR Group to conduct an audit of the Two Percent Fund held by the City of Rochester and the Two Percent Committee ("TPC"). The cost of the audit is estimated at \$5,000, of which the City will pay 30% and the Two Percent Committee ("TPC") will pay 70% of the auditing fee, as per Section 1J of the agreement. The cost of the audit will be funded from the respective Two Percent Fund accounts controlled by the City of Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Appropriating Firefighters' Insurance Funds

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The following funds are hereby appropriated from the Firefighters' Insurance Fund ("Two Percent Fund") for the following purposes to benefit the firefighters of the City in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement with Rochester Firefighters Local 1071 dated August 7, 2012 ("Agreement") that was authorized in Ordinance No. 2012-313:

- A. Firefighter Nominated Items. A total of \$542,500 at the request of the Rochester Firefighters Two Percent Committee ("TPC") as follows:
 - 1) Firehouse items set forth in Section 1G of the Agreement (\$140,000);
 - 2) Legal, accounting and administrative expenses (\$47,000);
 - 3) Firehouse cable and internet expenses (\$45,000);
 - 4) Rochester Firefighters' Benevolent Association Firefighters Ball (\$20,000);
 - 5) Building Expenses (\$150,000);
 - 6) Demand Account expenses (\$77,000);
 - 7) Critical Illness Plan (\$60,000); and
 - 8) Audit of the Two Percent Fund held by the City of Rochester and the TPC (\$3,500).

- B. City Nominated Items. A total of \$265,833.23 for uses nominated by the City of Rochester as follows:
 - 1) Snow plow services for apparatus bay driveways at firehouses (\$50,310);
 - 2) Linen and laundry expense (\$100,000);
 - 3) Small equipment and minor firehouse renovations (\$114,023.23); and
 - 4) Audit of the Two Percent Fund held by the City of Rochester and the TPC (\$1,500).

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-23

Re: Agreement – TimeClock Plus, LLC (TCP)

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing \$313,290.34 as maximum compensation for an agreement with TimeClock Plus, LLC (TCP) (Daryl Rolley, CEO, San Angelo, Texas), for time clocks, implementation of time clocks, one-time training, and licenses for the City's Department of Environmental Services (DES) and Department of Recreation and Human Services (DRHS). The term of the agreement will be for three (3) years. The cost of this agreement will be funded for the first year from Cash Capital: 2015-16 (\$15,026), 2016-17 (\$37,214), 2017-18 (\$13,971.28), and 2024-25 (\$154,296). Years two (2) and three (3) will be funded from the 2025-2026 (\$45,401.53), 2026-2027 (\$47,381.53) Operating Budgets of the Department of Human Resource Management, contingent upon approval of future budgets.

The City of Rochester's Department of Environmental Services and Department of Recreation and Human Services employees have used UKG time clocks since 2018 to track time worked and approve time cards. In 2025, the City will be migrating from UKG Kronos to Workday Time and Scheduling and the UKG time clocks need to be replaced with clocks that are compatible with Workday.

A comprehensive inter-departmental review of TCP's functionality and capabilities indicated that the most efficient and effective replacement solution for the UKG time clocks. These time clocks are available for direct purchase via the group purchasing organization Omnia Partners and therefore would not typically have required Council authorization, however the need for the City to enter into a Master Licensing agreement does require Council authorization. A No RFP Justification form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-12

Ordinance No. 2025-23
(Int. No. 23)

Authorizing an agreement relating to City employee time clocks

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with TimeClock Plus, LLC for time clocks and for implementation support, training and licenses necessary to track time cards for City employees. The term of the agreement shall be three years. The maximum compensation for the agreement shall be \$313,290.34, which shall be funded as follows:

- a) For year one:
 - i. \$15,026 from 2015-16 Cash Capital;
 - ii. \$37,214 from 2016-17 Cash Capital;
 - iii. \$13,971.28 from 2017-18 Cash Capital; and
 - iv. \$154,296 from 2024-25 Cash Capital).
- b) For the year two: \$45,401.53 from the 2025-26 Budget of the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM).

c) For year three: \$47,381.53 from the 2026-27 Budget of DHRM,
contingent upon the approval of future years' budgets.

Section 2. This agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-24
Re: Agreement – Ultimate Kronos Group (UKG)

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing \$324,016.20 as maximum compensation for an agreement with Ultimate Kronos Group (UKG) (Jennifer Morgan, CEO, Lowell, Massachusetts), for licenses for UKG TeleStaff Cloud for scheduling for the City's Fire, Police, and Emergency Communications/911 departments, The term of the agreement will extend through 09/27/2028. The cost of this agreement will be funded from 2024-2025 (\$24,613.20), 2025-2026 (\$94,045), 2026-2027 (\$99,688), and 2027-2028 (\$105,669) Operating Budgets of the Department of Human Resource Management, contingent upon approval of future budgets.

The City of Rochester's Police and Emergency Communications Department/911 employees have used UKG TeleStaff, an on-premises solution, since 2018 to schedule employee time. In 2020, the City contracted with UKG to migrate to the Cloud version, which has not been completed. Because of that contract, the City's licenses have already been converted to Cloud licenses, and UKG honors the support agreement for the on-premises solution. As a result, we did not perform an RFP.

UKG TeleStaff on-premises is reaching its end-of-life, and we need to migrate to the Cloud to ensure Police and 911 employees know their schedules and get paid accurately. (End of Engineering support December 31, 2025, and End of Life March 31, 2027). Additionally, RedAlert Scheduling is already outdated, risking that those employees will lose access to their schedules and accurate pay.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-13

Ordinance No. 2025-24
(Int. No. 24)

Authorizing an agreement relating to software licenses and support services for scheduling the staffing of the Fire, Police and Emergency Communications/911 departments

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with UKG Inc. (UKG) to provide licenses and support services for the UKG TeleStaff Cloud application for scheduling the staffing of the Fire, Police and Emergency Communications/911 departments for a term extending through September 27, 2028. The maximum compensation for the agreement shall be \$324,015.20, which shall be funded in the amounts of \$24,613.20 from the 2024-25 Budget of the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM), \$94,045 from the 2025-26 Budget of DHRM, \$99,688 from the 2026-27 Budget of DHRM and \$105,669 from the 2027-28 Budget of DHRM, contingent on the approval of future years' budgets.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Resolution No. 2025-1

Re: Appointment and Reappointment–Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation confirming the appointment of Elizabeth Call, Rochester, NY 14620, and the reappointment of Jeffrey Tucker, Rochester, NY 14619 to the Rochester Public Library (RPL) Board of Trustees for five-year terms from January 1, 2025–December 31, 2029. The RPL Board unanimously voted to recommend both candidates at the November 2024 Board meeting.

Ms. Call has agreed to serve on the Board and the Board's Nominating Committee is recommending the appointment to a new five-year term left vacant by retiring trustee, Katherine Baynes. Ms. Call is a University Archivist at the Rochester Institute of Technology and resides in the Upper Monroe neighborhood.

Ms. Call's Curriculum Vitae has been submitted to the City Clerk.

Dr. Tucker has served on the RPL Board since September 27, 2023, when he filled a vacancy for a partial term. Dr. Tucker is an Associate Professor of English at the University of Rochester and a resident of the 19th Ward.

Dr. Tucker's Curriculum Vitae and RPL Board meeting attendance record has been submitted to the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Resolution approving appointment and reappointment to the Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals to the Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees, each for a term of five years encompassing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

Name	Resident	Category
Elizabeth Call	Rochester, NY 14620	Appointment
Jeffrey Tucker	Rochester, NY 14619	Reappointment

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Resolution No. 2025-2
Re: Appointment – Board of Assessment Review

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a resolution to:

1. Approve the Appointments of the following individual to the Board of Assessment Review as Panel Members with a term expiring September 30, 2029:

Board of Assessment Review Panel Member (term expiring September 30, 2029)

➤ **Gerard Roberts**; 32 Berkeley Street; Rochester, New York 14607

2. Approve the Appointments of the following individuals to the Board of Assessment Review as Panel Members with a term expiring September 30, 2025:

Board of Assessment Review Panel Members (term expiring September 30, 2025)

- **Orlando Rivera**; 737 Flower City Park; Rochester, New York 14615
- **David Haygood**; 130 Lincoln Avenue; Rochester, New York 14611
- **Damaris Rivera**; 87 Langford Road; Rochester, New York 14615
- **Maya Daniels**; 137 Lehigh Avenue; Rochester, NY 14619
- **Genyssa M. Torres**; 115 Norran Drive #2; Rochester, NY 14609
- **William Sullivan**; 203 Chili Avenue; Rochester, New York 14611
- **Shawn Quail**; 502 Seward Street; Rochester, New York 14608
- **Robert A. Criddle**; 265 Mount Hope Avenue #405; Rochester, New York 14620

This resolution shall take effect immediately and resumes for all Appointees are on file with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
President

Resolution No. 2025-2
(Int. No. 26)

Resolution relating to appointments to the Board of Assessment Review

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the appointment of

Gerard Roberts 32 Berkeley Street, Rochester 14607

to the Board of Assessment Review for a term expiring on September 30, 2029.

Section 2. The Council hereby approves the appointments of

Orlando Rivera 737 Flower City Park, Rochester 14615

David Haygood 130 Lincoln Avenue, Rochester 14611

Damaris Rivera 87 Langford Road, Rochester 14615

Maya Daniels 137 Lehigh Avenue, Rochester 14619

Genyssa M. Torres 115 Norran Drive, Apt. 2, Rochester 14609

William Sullivan 203 Chili Avenue, Rochester 14611

Shawn Quail 502 Seward Street, Rochester 14608

Robert A. Criddle 265 Mt. Hope Avenue, #405, Rochester 14620

to the Board of Assessment Review for terms expiring on September 30, 2025.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Resolution No. 2025-3
Re: Resolution Establishing the Rules for City Council in 2025

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation establishing the 2025 Rules of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
City Council President

Resolution No. 2025-3
(Int. No. 27)

Resolution extending the Rules of Council through 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby adopts and extends through the year 2025 the Rules of Council adopted for the year 2024 in Resolution No. 2024-4, provided, however, that that the regular meetings for 2025 shall be held on the dates and times adopted in Resolution No. 2024-54.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Resolution No. 2025-4

Re: Appointment - Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc.

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a resolution to:

1. Approve the Appointment of **C. Mitchell Rowe** (306 Beach Avenue; Rochester, New York 14612) to the Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc. with a term expiring December 31, 2025.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A resume for C. Mitchell Rowe is on file with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
President

Resolution No. 2025-4
(Int. No. 31)

Resolution approving an appointment to the Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the appointment of:

C. Mitchell Rowe of 306 Beach Avenue; Rochester, New York 14612

to the Board of the High Falls Business Improvement District Management Association, Inc. for a term expiring on December 31, 2025, pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law § 980-m (b), which reverses one Board position for appointment by the municipal legislature.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted unanimously.

By Councilmember Lightfoot
January 28, 2025

To the Council:

The **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** recommends for **ADOPTION** the following entitled legislation:

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| Int. No. 28 | Authorizing a grant agreement for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program |
| Int. No. 29 | Authorizing an agreement and amending the 2024-25 Budget for Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention |

Respectfully submitted,
Willie J. Lightfoot
Mitch Gruber
Mary Lupien (*absent*)
Stanley Martin
Bridget Monroe
Michael A. Patterson (*absent*)
Kimberly Smith (*absent*)
LaShay D. Harris
Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Received, filed & published.

TO THE COUNCIL
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-25
Re: Grant Agreement – 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS-DHSES) for the receipt and use of \$169,773 from the 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant and amending the 2024-25 Budgets of the Fire Department by \$39,000 and Undistributed Expenses by \$13,000 for related personnel expenses. The remaining non-personnel expenses (\$62,000) will be funded directly from a Special Revenue Fund specific to this grant. Since this is a multi-year grant, any remaining personnel expenses will be appropriated in the 2025-26 Budget of the Fire Department, contingent upon its approval.

This grant was initially received by the Rochester Fire Department in 2010. It is provided to support building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities for achieving preparedness and resilience in the event of terrorist attacks, severe weather and other significant events in the Rochester/Monroe County region. Grantees are required to build capabilities that relate to the prevention of, protection from, or response to significant events. The program period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, and no matching funds are required.

The 2024 SHSP allocation will be used for equipment, such as: Rescue Task Force personal protective equipment, Structural Collapse response equipment, Hazmat Team specialty training courses and Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) supplies (\$62,000). Funding will also support overtime back-fill for structural collapse, rescue task force sustainment training and Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) training classes (\$80,500) and fringe benefits for all personnel expenses included in the funding allocation (\$27,273).

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Attachment No. AY-14

Ordinance No. 2025-25
(Int. No. 28)

Authorizing a grant agreement for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS-DHSES) for the receipt and use of a \$169,773 grant from the 2024 State Homeland Security Program. Said funds are appropriated to support preparedness and resilience in the event of terrorist attacks, severe weather and other significant events.

Section 2. The term of the agreement shall be from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

Section 3. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and condition as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations of the 2024-25 Budget of the Fire Department by \$39,000 and to the 2024-25 Budget of Undistributed Expenses by \$13,000, which amounts are hereby appropriated from the Program grant authorized herein for related personnel expenses.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 2025-26

Re: Agreement – New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Grant

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the receipt and use of \$49,600 for the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention (MVTIFP) grant, and amending the 2024-25 Budget of the Police Department by \$27,300 to reflect a portion of this grant.

This award, for the reduction of auto theft and insurance fraud, will provide overtime in the amount of \$44,600 to support Police Department deployment in high-theft areas and increased investigations of insurance fraud. The grant also provides \$5,000 to train police officers in specialized anti-theft techniques and technology. This grant does not cover fringe which is estimated at \$16,300.

The term of this agreement is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. RPD has received this grant for over ten years and the last agreement was approved in Ordinance 2024-28.

Respectfully submitted,
Malik D. Evans
Mayor

Ordinance No. 2025-26
(Int. No. 29)

Authorizing an agreement and amending the 2024-25 Budget for Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the receipt and use of funds from the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention program in the amount of \$49,600. The term of the agreement shall be January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Police Department by \$27,300 to reflect a portion of the grant funds authorized in Section 1 herein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Passed unanimously.

President Meléndez introduced a motion for the Councilmembers to go into Executive Session.
Moved by Vice President Harris; 2nd by Councilmember Martin

The general Council meeting was resumed following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

HAZEL L. WASHINGTON
City Clerk