CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2024
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Bikson at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Mayor Stuart Bikson, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Salvia, Councilmembers Christian Hauser, Debbie Jones, Sara King, Steve Sage and Marilyn Trent.
ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Bikson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SCHEDULED/NON SCHEDULED/PRESENTATIONS
4A. Presentation from Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) representative Lindsey Wood.

4B. Presentation of Quarterly Financial Report for period ending September 30, 2024 from Finance Department.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To accept the Quarterly Financial Report for period ending September 30, 2024 and approve the recommended budget amendments.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

Public Comment. NONE.

5. MINUTES
5A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024 will be at a future meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
6A. Special Event Application from the Principal Shopping District to hold the 2024 Kris Kringle Market December 6 and 7, 2024 on West Fourth Street and Walnut Boulevard.
MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Principal Shopping District to hold the 2024 Kris Kringle Market December 6 and 7, 2024 on West Fourth Street and Walnut Boulevard.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.
NONE.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE.

9. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS
9A. Ordinance Amendment to the City Code, Chapter 32 Offenses, Article VI Offenses against public safety, Division 2 Weapons to add Section 32-315 Disclosure of Concealed Pistol – Introduction and First Reading.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Hauser seconded,
To give Introduction and First Reading to an Ordinance Amendment to the City Code, Chapter 32 Offenses, Article VI Offenses against public safety, Division 2 Weapons to add Section 32-315 Disclosure of Concealed Pistol.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

9B. Council considered an amendment to the City's Blight Ordinance. Council held lengthy discussion regarding the amendment and heard comments from seven residents. In conclusion, Council decided to form a subcommittee of City Council to further review the amendment and the circumstances brought by the residents and report back to the full Council in the future.

10. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS
10A. Contract extension with Priority Waste for trash hauling for a 5 year period.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the contract extension with Priority Wast for trash hauling for a 5 period through November 2029.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10B. Quote from Peerless Midwest to complete cleaning and motor overhaul of water Well #3 at the Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed $65,038.00.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Quote from Peerless Midwest to complete cleaning and motor overhaul of water Well #3 at the Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed $65,038.00.
VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10C. Recommendation from City Engineer AEW to award a contract to Superior Excavating Inc. for DPW Stormcepter Structures Installations in the amount of $134,651.00 ($88,290.00 base bid with $34,120.00 contingency).

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the request from Councilmember Sara King to abstain from voting on this item due to her employment.

VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

MOTION: Trent moved, Salvia seconded,
To approve the Recommendation from City Engineer AEW to award a contract to Superior Excavating Inc. for DPW Stormcepter Structures Installations in the amount of $134,651.00 ($88,290.00 base bid with $34,120.00 contingency).

VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
ABSTAIN: King.
Motion Carried.

10D. Recommendation From Finance Director Moggio to approve the Agreement with Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) to extend the amortization period for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) from 9 years to 14 years to ensure that the 115 Trust does not deplete funds as quickly.

MOTION: Salvia moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Recommendation From Finance Director Moggio to approve the Agreement with Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) to extend the amortization period for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) from 9 years to 14 years to ensure that the 115 Trust does not deplete funds as quickly.

VOTE: YES: Bikson, Salvia, Hauser, Jones, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
Motion Carried.

10E. Check Register Reports for October 10 and 17, 2024.

11. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

11A. Paint Creek Trailway Commission- Sage stated they continue working on their Master Plan and advised that there will be a budget increase of 3%.

11B. Rochester Avon Recreation Authority – King stated they worked on their budget.

11C. Parking Advisory Committee- Mayor stated they discussed new technology, a collections vendor for parking fines, rate increases for permits and not having additional EV charging stations in the decks.

11D. Downtown Development Authority– Trent stated that Rewold and Sons will be the contractor for The Graham.

11E. Budget and Finance Committee– Trent stated they reviewed the Master Fee Schedule and that they will be reviewing the contracts with Dino Hill, Community House and the Clothes Closet.

11F. Rochester Area Youth Assistance– Jones stated there will be a class on communication.

11G. Historical Commission – Sage announced that Founders' Day will be March 22, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT.
Police Chief Rouhib reminded the public that Trick Or Treat hours are 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Public Comment. NONE.

12. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.
City Manager Banda noted that leaf pick up will begin and chipping would be suspended.

City Clerk O'Connor gave an election update.

Salvia commented on the State Funding for the Community House renovations.

Jones reminded that the budget SWOT exercise is Monday, November 11 at 6:00 pm.

Trent commented on attending a SEMCOG seminar.

Mayor Bikson stated there will be a meeting Thursday regarding the Library.

13. ADJOURN
Mayor Bikson adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

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Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk Stuart Bikson, Mayor