CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2025
7:00 P.M.

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

2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Stuart Bikson, Councilmembers Christian Hauser, Sara King, Debbie Jones, Steve Sage and Marilyn Trent.
ABSENT: Mayor Nancy Salvia.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SCHEDULED/NON SCHEDULED/PRESENTATIONS
4A. Community Partner presentation from Rochester Community Schools Director of Career Readiness, Karen Malsbury.

Public Comment. NONE.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
5A. Receive the Check Register Report of February 20, 2025.

MOTION: Sage moved, Jones seconded,
To Receive the Check Register Report of February 20, 2025.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.
NONE.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE.

8. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS
NONE.

9. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS

9A. Request to schedule a Public Hearing for April 14, 2025 regarding the proposed issuance of tax-exempt bonds, a portion of the proceeds, not to exceed $1,000,000.00 will be used to finance all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, furnishing and equipping improvements to the Rochester Community House, 826 Ludlow.

MOTION: Trent moved, Jones seconded,
To schedule a Public Hearing for April 14, 2025 regarding the proposed issuance of tax-exempt bonds, a portion of the proceeds, not to exceed $1,000,000.00 will be used to finance all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, furnishing and equipping improvements to the Rochester Community House, 826 Ludlow.

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

9B. Request to schedule a Public Hearing for March 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to review the necessity of Special Assessment District Roll PSD 2025-01. DDA Director Kristi Trevarrow gave Council a detailed presentation on the PSD and the proposed SAD.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To schedule a Public Hearing for March 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to review the necessity of Special Assessment District Roll PSD 2025-01.

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

9C. Request from the Downtown Development Authority to continue the Outdoor Dining Platform Program for 2025 from May through October.

MOTION: Trent moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the request from the Downtown Development Authority to continue the Outdoor Dining Platform Program for 2025 from May through October.

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

9D. Request to schedule a Public Hearing for March 24, 2025 regarding the reprogramming of 2021 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of $10,641.45 from the Memorial Grove project to replace walking paths in the Municipal Park.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the request to schedule a Public Hearing for March 24, 2025 regarding the reprogramming of 2021 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of $10,641.45 from the Memorial Grove project to replace walking paths in the Municipal Park.

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

9E. Agreement with Oakland County Tactical Consortium (OAK-TAC) to provide professional training and leadership to law enforcement personnel and other programs.

MOTION: Jones moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Agreement with Oakland County Tactical Consortium (OAK-TAC) to provide professional training and leadership to law enforcement personnel and other programs and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

9F. Agreement with Oakland County Program Year 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Subrecipient Agreement, including Attachments A – E.

MOTION: Jones moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the agreement with Oakland County Program Year 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Subrecipient Agreement, including Attachments A – E and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

9G. Agreement with Apartment Services Company for Mt. Avon Cemetery lawn mowing for 2025 at $55,125.00, 2026 at $56,227.50 and 2027 at 57,352.05.

MOTION: Trent moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the agreement with Apartment Services Company for Mt. Avon Cemetery lawn mowing for 2025 at $55,125.00, 2026 at $56,227.50 and 2027 at 57,352.05.

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

9H. Quote from Environmental Wood Solutions to dispose of the collected leaves from the DPW outdoor ground storage area at a cost of $39.50 per ton for an estimated total cost of $31,212.00.

MOTION: Hauser moved, Sage seconded,
To authorize Councilmember Sara King to abstain from voting on the motion for this item due to a conflict.

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

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the quote from Environmental Wood Solutions to dispose of the collected leaves from the DPW outdoor ground storage area at a cost of $39.50 per ton for an estimated total cost of $31,212.00.

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

9I. City Clerk O'Connor reviewed the process for the annual nominations and appointments to Boards and Commissions.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

10A. OPEB retirement board- report postponed.

10B. Rochester Area Youth Assistance – Jones said they discussed recent events.

10C. Sister City Committee – Jones said they discussed the Memorial Day Parade and events and stated that this will be the last year that the Chamber will organize the parade.

10D. SEMCOG – report postponed.

10E. Cemetery Advisory Committee – Jones stated they continue to work on plans to honor America 250 with headstone cleaning beginning in May.

10F. Historical Commission – Sage reminded that Founders' Day event is March 23, 2025 at Van Hoosen Farm Calf Barn. He also stated that Heritage Days Festival will be postponed for 2025.

10G. Principal Shopping District - Hauser stated they scheduled 3 Public Hearings: for the Zoning Ordinance and 2 for the Community House, one for site plan and one for the temporary tent.

10H. Principal Shopping District – Jones noted that Deck Art is May 15 & 16 and they discussed the Makers' Market and Citywide art plan.

10I. Older Persons' Commission – Bikson stated they had the FY2024 Audit and they reviewed their Code of Conduct.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE.

12. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.
City Manager Nik Banda noted that the tennis courts nets were up and the Tree Committee is working on a micro forest.

City Clerk O'Connor reminded of the deadline to submit petitions is April 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

King gave an update on the Cat Committee saying they will be working in the area of Castell and Taylor in the Spring.

Jones stated that the renovated Lions Park Pavillion has 6 concerts scheduled and gave an update on the skatepark.

Hauser advised that the City Code amendment for the Blight Ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda.

13. ADJOURN
Mayor Pro Tem Bikson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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