CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2025
7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SCHEDULED/NON SCHEDULED/PRESENTATIONS
4A. Recognition of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve volunteers.

4B. Proclamation recognizing David Carter of Carter Cemetery Restoration for his work supervising the headstone cleaning at Mt. Avon Cemetery.

Public Comment.
Heather McBain, Nurse at Rochester Henry Ford, asked Council for support regarding their contract negotiations.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
5A. Special Event Application from the Principal Shopping District to hold Sidewalk Sales on July 17, 18 and 19, 2025 in downtown.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Principal Shopping District to hold Sidewalk Sales on July 17, 18 and 19, 2025 in downtown.

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

5B. Special Event Application from the Principal Shopping District to hold Dancin' in the Streets event on Friday, July 18, 2025 from 6pm to 10pm along W. Fourth Street.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Principal Shopping District to hold Dancin' in the Streets event on Friday, July 18, 2025 from 6pm to 10pm along W. Fourth Street.

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

5C. Check Register Reports for May 8 and 15, 2025.

MOTION: Sage moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the Check Register Reports for May 8 and 15, 2025.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.
NONE.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE.
8. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS
NONE.

9. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS
9A. Update from City Engineer Aseel Putros about the Clinton River Trail washout. She reported that the design is about 70% complete. It is being rebuilt with clay instead of sand with a culvert to regulate the water level. She said we are waiting for approval from EGLE regarding the water level for the wetland area. Once received the project will go out for bidding.

9B. Award of Tree Maintenance bid to Davey Tree Expert for 3 years as follows: Year 1 Zones 3 & 6 $31,000; Year 2 Zones 1 & 4 $30,000; and Year 3 Zones 2 & 5 $29,000.

MOTION: Hauser moved, Jones seconded,
To Award the Tree Maintenance bid to Davey Tree Expert for 3 years as follows: Year 1 Zones 3 & 6 $31,000; Year 2 Zones 1 & 4 $30,000; and Year 3 Zones 2 & 5 $29,000.

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

9C. Request to approve $51,356.00 to Mierzwa Paving to replace pathways in the Municipal Park.

MOTION: Jones moved, Sage seconded,
To approve the Request to approve $51,356.00 to Mierzwa Paving to replace pathways in the Municipal Park.

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

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

10A. City Beautiful Commission– Jones stated they are going to install a raised bed garden near the all abilities park and they are also doing a nature microphone in the park.

10B. Paint Creek Trailway Commission- Sage stated they are still looking for a Manager and they are on track with the bridge 31.7 project.

10C. Rochester Community House – Salvia said there are 2 new members, they talked about the building renovations and they are going to hire Sue Keels.

10D. Rochester Avon Recreation Authority – King said they approved the expense for the front awning, the parking lot is going to be repaired and they are having a ribbon cutting for the hammock park on June 25.

10E. Downtown Development Authority – Trent said they talked about the ground breaking for the Graham, they approved their budget, they discussed an art plan with artists and they discussed the mural on the Huntington Bank.

10F. Rochester Historic Commission – Sage stated they welcomed 2 new members and they asked if there is a way to get a list of historical homes that would qualify for the historic plaque program and he asked about the Harris Fountain.

Asset Management Committee – Hauser said there will be road work on First Street and Walnut Blvd this year and they are looking at needed work on the East Side in particular the curbs in the area and the work will be done next year.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE.

12. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.

City Clerk O'Connor advised that if the Charter Amendment eliminating the Primary Election that the filing deadline for Council will change from April to July.

City Manager Banda thanked staff for their work on Memorial Day.

City Attorney Kragt said the Charter Amendment has been received by the Attorney General's Office.

King asked for an update on Council's request to refer to the Planning Commission changes to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for retail sales on South Street. City Attorney Kragt answered that Council can make a motion to refer the issue to Planning Commission to allow for limited retail sales that support a primary business in the Industrial District along South Street.

MOTION: Hauser moved, King seconded,
To refer to Planning Commission consider a Zoning Ordinance amendment that pertains to uses in the I1 and I2 Industrial Districts to provide for retail sales that are associated withs a primary business.

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

Jones commented about the ribbon cutting for the Lions Park and gave an update on the skate park project saying they reviewed plans and received input.

Trent congratulated Mayor Salvia on being recognized as a top Advisor in the State and thanked volunteers that helped with the garden area at the Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Hauser commented on the Park during the weekend and ongoing blight enforcement.

Bikson thought the Memorial Day event was very nice.

Mayor Salvia thanked "Team Rochester" for a successful Memorial Day event and announced the creation of a new "America 250" committee. She also highlighted the City's trip to the Priority Wast facility.

13. ADJOURN
Mayor Salvia adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk Nancy Salvia, Mayor