CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ROCHESTER
400 SIXTH STREET, ROCHESTER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 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, Sara King, Steve Sage and Marilyn Trent.
ABSENT: Councilmember Debbie Jones.

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

Mayor Salvia announced the passing of Mary Lee Kowalcyk, the former Manager of the Rochester Community House.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SCHEDULED/NON SCHEDULED/PRESENTATIONS
4A. Presentation from Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm Director Pat McKay.

4B. Presentation from Councilmember Marilyn Trent about the new micro forest to be located near Scott Street Park near the Community Garden.

Public Comment. NONE.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
5A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Regular Meetings of March 10, 2025 and March 24, 2025.
MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Regular Meetings of March 10, 2025 and March 24, 2025.
VOTE: YES: Salvia, Bikson, Hauser, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Jones.
Motion Carried.

5B. Special Event Application from the Paint Creek Center for the Arts to hold Art & Apples Festival on September 5 to 7, 2025 in the Municipal Park.
MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Paint Creek Center for the Arts to hold Art & Apples Festival on September 5 to 7, 2025 in the Municipal Park.
VOTE: YES: Salvia, Bikson, Hauser, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Jones.
Motion Carried.

5C. Special Event Application from the Dysautonomia Internation Organization to hold the Detroit POTS 5k run/walk on September 28, 2025 in the Municipal Park.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for the Dysautonomia Internation Organization to hold the Detroit POTS 5k run/walk on September 28, 2025 in the Municipal Park.

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

5D. Special Event Application from the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority to hold Music in the Park on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 16 & 28, 2025 in the gazebo amphitheater at Lions Park.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for Rochester Avon Recreation Authority to hold Music in the Park on June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 16 & 28, 2025 in the gazebo amphitheater at Lions Park.

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

5E. Special Event Application from Leader Dogs for the Blind to hold the 2025 Bark & Brew 5k event on June 8, 2025 along City streets ending at the parking lot of Rochester Mills Brewery.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for Leader Dogs for the Blind to hold the 2025 Bark & Brew 5k event on June 8, 2025 along City streets ending at the parking lot of Rochester Mills Brewery.

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

5F. Special Event Application from The Kiwanis Club of Rochester to hold Music in the Park on June 19 & 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2025 in the Band Shell in Municipal Park.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for The Kiwanis Club of Rochester to hold Music in the Park on June 19 & 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2025 in the Band Shell in Municipal Park.

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

5G. Special Event Application from Back Door Taco & Tequila Bar at 401 S. Main, to hold the Cinco de Mayo event on May 5, 2025 within the 4 parking spaces adjacent to their building on W. Fourth Street.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To approve the Special Event Permit for Back Door Taco & Tequila Bar at 401 S. Main, to hold the Cinco de Mayo event on May 5, 2025 within the 4 parking spaces adjacent to their building on W. Fourth Street.

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

6. OLD BUSINESS/ TABLED ITEMS.

NONE.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7A. Public Hearing to consider authorizing issuance of 2025 Capital Improvement Bonds in the amount of $2,610,000.00 and to approve the Resolution. Tom Colis gave Council an overview of the process.

Mayor Salvia opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

No one addressed Council.

Mayor Salvia closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION: Hauser moved, Trent seconded,
To adopt the Resolution authorizing issuance of 2025 Capital Improvement Bonds in the amount of $2,610,000.00.
VOTE: YES: Salvia, Bikson, Hauser, King, Sage and Trent.
NO: None.
ABSENT: Jones.
Motion Carried.

8. LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

8A. Resolution confirming the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District 2025-01. This follows the Public Hearing held March 23, 2025.

MOTION: Trent moved, Hauser seconded,
To adopt the Resolution confirming the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District 2025-01 including the Roll and Map.

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

9. REPORTS AND REGULAR BUSINESS

9A. Agreement for Labor Attorney services from Elizabeth Young of Shultz Young Law Firm.

MOTION: Hauser moved, King seconded,
To approve the Agreement for Labor Attorney services from Elizabeth Young of Shultz Young Law Firm.

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

9B. Downtown Development Authority Chair Ben Giovanelli and Director Kristi Trevarrow presented the DDA's proposed FYE 2026 budget with changes to cross charges for personnel with the Principal Shopping District to accommodate the opening of The Graham Market.

9C. Downtown Development Authority Director Kristi Trevarrow presented the FYE 2026 Principal Shopping District budget detailing the changes in cross charges to the DDA for personnel and changes to event to address their budget shortfall.

MOTION: King moved, Trent seconded,
To approve the proposed Principal Shopping District FYE 2026 Principal Shopping District budget including the 50/50 personnel cross charges with the DDA, the changes to programs and shift of Big, Bright Light Show to the DDA.

VOTE: YES: Salvia, Hauser, King and Trent.
NO: Bikson and Sage.
ABSENT: Jones.
Motion Carried.

9D. Notice of cancellation of the Public Hearing scheduled for April 28, 2025 for the Zoning Ordinance because the Planning Commission has not completed their review and have not made a recommendation to Council.

MOTION: Hauser moved, Trent seconded,
To cancel the Public Hearing scheduled for April 28, 2025 for the Zoning Ordinance because the Planning Commission has not completed their review and have not made a recommendation to Council.

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

9E. The Developers for 704 Woodward, Champion Development Group, presented their request to begin the process for a Brownfield at the location due to the unexpected costs with contamination clean up. It was originally expected that the clean up would cost about $1,000,000.00, but the testing exposed more sever contamination than expected. After the presentation, Administration asked Council for a head nod if they agree that the Developer could begin the Brownfield process. Council agreed. The Developer will submit their proposal to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for consideration.

9F. Resolution requesting reimbursement for costs for West Nile Virus prevention to Oakland County in the amount of $1,666.36.

MOTION: Bikson moved, Sage seconded,
To adopt the Resolution requesting reimbursement for costs for West Nile Virus prevention to Oakland County in the amount of $1,666.36.

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

9G. Check register reports for March 26 and April 3, 2025.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

10A. Historical Commission – Sage stated that the headstone cleaning will be May 10, 2025 in preparation for the America 250 celebration next year.

10B. Rochester Area Youth Assistance – report postponed.

10C. Rochester Avon Recreation Authority – King advised there was not a new meeting to report on.

10D. Cemetery Advisory Committee – report postponed.

10E. Planning Commission – Hauser stated there were Public Hearing held on the Community House plans, for 265 E. Second St., for a Special Exception request at 203 E. University and for a façade change at 626 N. Main. They also held the Public hearing for the revised Zoning Ordinance after which in person meeting time for the public was scheduled for April 17.

10F. Sister City Committee – Trent stated they heard for David Work at RARA.

10G. Principal Shopping District – This report was covered earlier.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE.

12. GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS.
City Clerk O'Connor reminded of the deadline to petitions for City Council election is April 22, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and the withdrawal deadline is Friday, April 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.; she advised that she would be sending the Boards and Commissions applications and list; and she asked Council if there was support for her to work with City Attorney Kragt on a Charter Amendment to eliminate the Primary Election in the future. Council was in favor.

Bikson commented that Mary Lee Kowalcyk created the modern Community House and she will be missed.

Hauser commented on Administration working with Jana Yezak and the Assistance League's concerns with the zoning of the building on South Street.

Mayor Salvia reminded of the Arbor Day tree planting on April 22, that the micro forest ribbon cutting and planting will be May 3, 2025, reminded of Memorial Day events at Mt. Avon Cemetery begin at 8:00 a.m. and she advised that the State of the City address will be held in the Fall.

13. ADJOURN
Mayor Salvia adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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