



**City Council Agenda
City Council - Special Meeting
December 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

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A. *Call to Order/Roll Call*

B. *Order of Agenda*

C. *Open Comment Period*

- C.1. [The inclusion of the Open Comment Period on a Special Council Meeting agenda will be subject to the approval of the Council. If approved, the Open Comment Period for the December 22, 2025, Council meeting shall be limited to topics listed on the published agenda.](#)**

[Sign-up In Person 30 Minutes before the meeting. View Open Comment guidelines for additional ways to participate. Virtual participation is not available at this time.](#)

D. *Reports and Recommendations*

D.1. Contract Award: Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex - Project No. J2870

1. Authorizing Amendment No. 1 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in the amount of \$27,978,635 to Knutson Construction for the Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex - Project No. J2870; and
2. Authorizing a budget of \$24,207,087 for City and CMAR purchases of tax-exempt materials for the Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex - Project No. J2870; and
3. Authorizing staff to look for Value Engineering and additional funding opportunities to add back into the project selected deducts and add alternates up to the \$65,000,000 allocation; and
4. Authorizing interim financing in the amount of \$1,772,000 from Economic Vitality fund to cover the property purchase and 50% of the road, utilities, grading etc. serving the south remnant lots to allow addition of the recommended alternates and deducts.

Clerk's Note: This item was adopted at the December 8, 2025, Council meeting, and was subsequently vetoed by Mayor Norton. The veto automatically places the item back on the next agenda for reconsideration. To override a veto, the item must pass with a supermajority of the body voting Aye (5 regardless of quorum). The item may only be considered as it was passed. No amendments may be made.

D.2. Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex Operator Agreement

Approving the Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex Operator Agreement with Sports Academy.

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D.3. Council Initiated Action - Allocating Funds for Salvation Army Security Needs and Rental Assistance Program

Considering a Council Initiated Action (CIA) requesting that City Council allocate \$20,000 from the Contingency Fund to Salvation Army to support security needs for their Dental and Medical programs and for their Rental Assistance program.

Clerk's Note: This item was adopted at the December 1, 2025, Council meeting, and was subsequently vetoed by Mayor Norton. The veto automatically places the item back on the next agenda for reconsideration. To override a veto, the item must pass with a supermajority of the body voting Aye (5 regardless of quorum). The item may only be considered as it was passed. No amendments may be made.

E. Other Business

E.1. Executive Session - Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) - the Council will adjourn to a closed session to discuss a litigation matter, Molly Dennis v. City of Rochester, et al.

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F. Adjournment