



**City Council Agenda
City Council - Regular Session
March 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

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A. *Open Comment Period*

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- A.1. [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.](#)**

B. *Call to Order/Roll Call*

C. *City Administrator's Report*

D. *Mayor's Report*

E. *Order of Agenda*

F. *Consent Agenda*

F.1. [Minutes for the City Council Meeting of March 2, 2026](#)

Accepting the minutes and video of the March 2, 2026, meeting as the official record of the City Council.

F.2. [2026 Celebration of a City, LLC - Rochesterfest](#)

Adopting a Resolution approving the special event permit application for the 2026 Celebration of a City, LLC - Rochesterfest and declaring the event a community festival.

- F.3. Annual Gambling Permit for the Byron Youth Football Association at Townies Philly Kitchen + Bar**
Adopting a Resolution authorizing an annual premises gambling permit for the Byron Youth Football Association, operating out of Townies Philly Kitchen + Bar, located at 244 Soldiers Field Dr SW.
- F.4. Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Rochester Code of Ordinances Chapter 2-16 Relating to Public Ethics**
1. Approving proposed Ordinance amendments to sections 2-16-2 and 2-16-7 of Chapter 2-16 relating to Public Ethics, and
2. Directing the City Attorney's office to prepare the Ordinance for First Reading at a future council meeting.
- F.5. Recommendation of Rachel Fautsch as Transit & Parking Services Director**
Approving the recommendation of Rachel Fautsch as Transit and Parking Services Director, effective for the current pay period.
- F.6. Amendments to Chapter 5-21 of the Rochester Code of Ordinances Relating to Mobile Food Units**
1. Approving proposed Ordinance amendments to the Rochester Code of Ordinances (RCO) Ch. 5-21 relating to Mobile Food Units; and
2. Directing the City Attorney's office to prepare an Ordinance for first reading on April 6, 2026.
- F.7. Public Safety Funds to Purchase Used Aerial Fire Apparatus**
Adopting a Resolution authorizing the use of Public Safety funds to purchase a used aerial fire apparatus.
- F.8. 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Member Application**
Adopting a Resolution acknowledging the City's support and sponsorship of an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to host a Minnesota GreenCorps member for the 2026-2027 program year.
- F.9. 2025 Certification of Contributions Related to the Destination Medical Center Development**
Authorizing the submittal of the Certification of Contributions form related to the Destination Medical Center (DMC) development for the 2025 calendar year to the Department of Employment and Economic Development.
- F.10. Bid Advertisement – 65th St NW and Fairway Dr Roundabout Project - Project No. J7355**
Authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 65th St NW and Fairway Dr Roundabout Project - Project No. J7355.
- F.11. Bid Advertisement - Reconstruction of Superior Dr NW from 26 ST NW to 28 ST NW and 26 ST NW from Superior Dr NW to West Circle Dr NW - Project No. J7352**
Authorizing the advertisement for bids and scheduling a bid opening on April 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for Reconstruction of Superior Dr NW from 26 ST NW to 28 ST NW and 26 ST NW from Superior Dr NW to West Circle Dr NW - Project No. J7352.
- F.12. Bid Advertisement - Link Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) West Transit Village Drivers Facilities and Public Restrooms - Project No. J8707**
Authorizing an advertisement for bids with a bid opening date of April 7, 2026, for the Link Bus Rapid Transit WTV Drivers Facilities and Public Restrooms - Project No. J8707.

F.13. Bid Award: Mayo Civic Center Marquee Sign and Mayo Park Improvements

Adopting a Resolution approving a contract with Pember Companies, Inc. for construction for the Mayo Civic Center Marquee Sign and Mayo Park Upgrades Project

F.14. Contract with WHKS for Design of the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Pipe Lining Rehabilitation at Various Locations - Project No. J4348

1. Authorizing a contract with WHKS, in the amount of \$34,660 from March 17, 2026, to March 17, 2027, for the design of the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Pipe Lining Rehabilitation at Various Locations - Project No. J4348 and;
2. Authorizing City staff to advertise for bids and schedule a bid opening once the project's design is completed.

F.15. Contract with WHKS for Design of the 2027 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation at Various Locations - Project No. J4349

1. Authorizing a contract with WHKS, in the amount of \$33,280 from March 17, 2026, to March 17, 2028, for the design of the 2027 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation at Various Locations - Project No. J4349 and;
2. Authorizing City staff to advertise for bids and schedule a bid opening once the project's design is completed.

F.16. Contract Amendment with Toole Design Group for Professional Engineering Design Services for the Reimagining 6th Avenue West Project - Project Number J8908

Authorizing contract amendment No.3 in the amount of \$1,463,262.21 for the reconstruction of 6th Avenue West from West Center to Civic Center Drive as well as the cross streets of 3rd Ave NW, 2nd Ave NW, 1st Ave NW, and W. Center between 6th Avenue and 5th Avenue. - Project Number J8908.

F.17. Contract Amendment 1: WHKS for Final Design of the Reconstruction of 400 Block Center St W, 10 Block of 5th Ave NW, and 400 Block of 1st St NW - Project No. J7857

Authorizing a contract Amendment 1 with WHKS, in the amount of \$53,780 with contract extension to December 31, 2027, for Reconstruction of 400 Block Center St W, 10 Block of 5th Ave NW, and 400 Block of 1st St NW - Project No. J7857.

F.18. Contract Amendment 1: WHKS for Sanitary Sewer Improvements West Zumbro WZ-04-1019 - Project No. J7854

Authorizing:

1. Contract Amendment 1 with WHKS, in the amount of \$52,000 with contract extension to December 31, 2026, for the design of the Sanitary Sewer Improvements West Zumbro WZ-04-1019 - Project No. J7854 Phase 2 and;
2. Advertisement for bids and scheduling a bid opening once the design is completed for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements West Zumbro WZ-04-1019 - Project No. J7854 Phase 2.

F.19. City-Owner Contract Amendment No. 1: Public Utilities to Serve Skyline Flats - Project No. J5643

Authorizing:

1. A City-Owner Contract Amendment No. 1 for Project No. J5643, "Public Utilities to Serve Skyline Flats" with City execution conditional upon full execution of the contract by Owner, Contractor, and Engineer, and;
2. Professional Technical Services Contract Amendment No. 1 with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Incorporated, for an additional \$6,600, related to City-Owner Contract Amendment No. 1 for Project No. J5643, "Public Utilities to Serve Skyline Flats," subject to City execution of the City-Owner Contract Amendment No. 1.

F.20. Revocable Permit and Agreement with Mayo Clinic - Pedestrian Tunnel in Center St W Right-of-Way

Authorizing a revocable permit and agreement with Mayo Clinic for placement of a pedestrian tunnel within the Center St W right-of-way.

F.21. Revocable Permit and Agreement with Metropolitan Market Place LLC

Authorizing a revocable permit and agreement with Metropolitan Market Place LLC to place a sculpture and its components within the 1st Avenue SW public right of way.

F.22. Pre-Development Agreement with Sadik Sabriye

Authorizing a pre-development agreement with Sadik Sabriye for Lots 12 & 13, Block 2, Rose Harbor Fourth Addition.

F.23. Lease Agreement with Rochester Shuttle Service, LLC

Authorizing the execution of a five-year lease agreement with Rochester Shuttle Service, LLC for the City-owned property at 3800 West River Parkway NW.

F.24. Environmental Assessment Worksheet No. CD2025-005ENV by City of Rochester

Adopting a Resolution accepting and approving a negative declaration of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) No. CD2025-005ENV, by City of Rochester, for the Rochester Regional Sports and Recreation Complex, for the development of a sports entertainment complex that can serve 5,000 or more persons.

F.25. Annexation Petition No. CD2026-001ANX by City of Rochester

1. Approving Annexation Application No. CD2025-001ANX, by the City of Rochester, to incorporate approximately 124.61 acres of land into the City Limits with the Unified Development Code (UDC) Mixed Use General (MX-G) zoning district; and authorizing a singular reading of the Annexation Ordinance, and
2. Directing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for First Reading.

F.26. Airline Operating Agreement - United Airlines

Authorizing an airline operating agreement for United Airlines to conduct commercial air service at RST.

F.27. Master Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Professional On-Call Airport Consulting Services for the Rochester International Airport (RST)

Authorizing the master services agreement with Mead & Hunt to provide on-call airport consulting services for the next five-year period at the Rochester International Airport (RST).

Public Hearing Guidelines

View the public hearing guidelines [online](#).

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G. Public Hearings

G.1. Issuance of General Obligation Revenue Bonds Pursuant through Conduit Financing on Behalf of Mayo Clinic

Adopting a Resolution for Issuance of General Obligation Revenue Bonds Pursuant to Conduit Financing on Behalf of Mayo Clinic in the amount of \$750,000,000 for a Mayo Clinic project consisting of renovations and upgrades to various facilities as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 - 469.165.

H. Reports and Recommendations

I. Council Initiated Actions

J. Ordinance First Readings

K. Ordinance Second Readings

K.1. Creating Chapter 5-24 Relating to Film Permits

Adopting the proposed Ordinance creating Chapter 5-24 Relating to Film Permits.

K.2. Zone Change No. CD2025-006ZC by Oak Grove RST LLC

Adopting an Ordinance approving Zone Change No. CD2025-006ZC, by Oak Grove RST LLC, amending the zoning designation on a 13-acre site from AG (Agriculture) to R-1 (Mixed Use Single Family).

L. Tabled Items

M. Other Business

N. Adjournment