



**City Council Agenda
City Council - Regular Session
January 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

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Pledge of Allegiance

[Vision, Principles, and Priorities for the City of Rochester](#)

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 Meetings of December 1, 2025, December 8, 2025, and December 22, 2025](#)**

Accepting the minutes and video of the December 1, 2025, December 8, 2025, and December 22, 2025, meetings as the official record of the City Council.

- F.2. [Rochester City Council Annual Appointments to Various Committees, Boards, and Commissions](#)**

Approving the 2026 appointments of Councilmembers to various boards, commissions, and committees as indicated in the attached listing.

F.3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Approving the Mayoral appointments of:

1. Ryan Tator to the Heritage Preservation Commission, effective immediately, to fill the unexpired term of D. Dobmeyer ending December 31, 2026.
2. David Olson to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission, effective immediately, to fill the unexpired term of K. Kilpatrick ending December 31, 2026.
3. Stewart Rassier to the Sustainability and Resiliency Commission, effective immediately, to their first three-year term ending December 31, 2028 (replacing W. Varela).
4. Liam Arroyo to the Sustainability and Resiliency Commission-Youth Representative, effective immediately, to fill the unexpired term of W. Tran ending December 31, 2027.

F.4. Accounts Payable for January 5, 2026

Approving the listing of total disbursements for January 5, 2026, in the amount of \$52,445,294.50, including investment purchases of \$32,175,808.50 and accounts payable of \$20,269,486.

F.5. 2026 Deposit, Facsimile Signature & Investment Authorization, and Assignment of Securities

Adopting the following Resolutions:

1. Approving the 2026 Designation of Depositories.
2. Approving the 2026 Authorization of Facsimile Signatures.
3. Approving the 2026 Assignment of Securities.

F.6. Annual Designation of Official Newspaper

Adopting designation of the Rochester Post-Bulletin as the official newspaper for 2026 City printing, publishing, and advertising beginning January 5, 2026, at the rate established by Minnesota State Statutes for legal publications.

F.7. Annual Gambling Permit for Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 at Kinney Creek Brewery

Adopting a Resolution authorizing an annual premises gambling permit for Rochester Elks Lodge 1091, operating out of Kinney Creek Brewery, located at 1016 7th St NW.

F.8. Rochester Downtown Alliance: Social Ice 2026 Community Festival

Adopting a Resolution approving the special event permit application for the Rochester Downtown Alliance: Social Ice 2026 Community Festival and officially declaring the event a community festival.

F.9. Cornerstone OnDemand for Learning Management System (LMS)

Authorizing a Renewal Contract with Cornerstone OnDemand, in the amount of \$95,841.91, from Dec. 26, 2025 - Dec. 25, 2026, for continued access to Cornerstone Learning Management System (LMS).

F.10. Broker Selection and Listing Agreement for Marketing of the Vacant Land Adjacent to Fire Station 2

Adopting a Resolution authorizing Dialect Real Estate Advisors to select and proceed with a listing agreement with North Rock Real Estate as the exclusive brokerage firm for the marketing and sale of the approximately 1.1-acre parcel of vacant land adjacent to Fire Station 2.

F.11. 2026-28 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Engineering Technicians’ Association

Adopting a Resolution approving the recommended changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the Engineering Technicians’ Association, for the years 2026-28.

F.12. Downtown Historic District Property Preservation Program Funding

Adopting a Resolution authorizing Downtown Property Preservation Program funding (GSIA) in the amount of \$76,495 for the property located at 328 South Broadway.

- F.13. Bid Advertisement: Mayo Civic Center Marquee Sign and Mayo Park Improvements**
1. Authorizing advertisement for bids and scheduling a bid opening date upon approval of plans from the United States Economic Development Agency grant team for the Mayo Civic Center Marquee Sign and Mayo Park Upgrades Project.
 2. Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Experience Rochester for local match portion of project cost.
- F.14. Contract Award: Security Equipment for Mayo Civic Center**
- Awarding a contract in the amount of \$88,666 to CEIA USA for the purchase of four (4) security Opengate screening stations for use at the Mayo Civic Center.
- F.15. Revocable Permit and Agreement with DT Roch MF LLC for Private Improvements in the Public Right-of-Way**
- Authorizing a Revocable Permit and Agreement ("the agreement") with DT Roch MF LLC for encroachment of a building overhang and various balconies into the 2nd Ave SW, 5th St SW, and public alley right-of-ways.
- F.16. Revocable Permit and Agreement with CityView Flats, LLC - Private Sanitary Sewer Service on City Property**
- Authorizing a revocable permit and agreement ("the agreement") with CityView Flats, LLC for placement of a private sanitary sewer service on City property.
- F.17. Environmental Assessment Worksheet No. CD2025-004ENV, by Pulte Homes of Minnesota, LLC**
- Adopting a Resolution accepting and approving a negative declaration of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) No. CD2025-004ENV, by Pulte Homes of Minnesota, LLC, for the future development of 300 single-family residential units.
- F.18. Design Variance to the State Aid Route Standards for 6th Street Bridge, Neighborhood Safety & Riverfront Improvements Project**
- Adopting a Resolution requesting a design variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) State Aid Operations Rules design standards for the 6th Street Bridge, Neighborhood Safety & Riverfront Improvements Project.
- F.19. 2026 Minnesota Department of Transportation: Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant**
- Adopting a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Active Transportation Planning Assistance and authorizing the City Administrator to execute related documents, if awarded.
- F.20. Rochester Technology Campus Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review**
- Adopting a Resolution approving the Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Record of Decision for Rochester Technology Campus
- F.21. Land Swap Purchase Agreement between the City of Rochester and Onward Investors Value Fund III, LP**
- Authorizing a Land Swap Purchase Agreement a land swap agreement between the City of Rochester and Onward Investors Value Fund III, LP.

F.22. Grid North Partners Joint Development Agreement for Rochester Public Utilities' Participation in the Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project

Adopting a Resolution approving the following:

1. Executing the Joint Development Agreement (JDA) for Rochester Public Utilities' participation in the Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project at an ownership level of \$28,884,000, plus a 15% contingency of \$4,332,600, for a total authorized amount of \$33,216,600; and
2. Delegating authority to the RPU project manager to perform the acts to execute the project; and
3. Delegating the RPU General Manager and the Rochester City Attorney the authority to approve any final non-material changes to the JDA prior to execution; and
4. Delegating the RPU General Manager and the Rochester City Attorney the authority to approve the execution of all future amended and restated December 2012 CAPX2020 operating agreements required to incorporate the Mankato to Mississippi River Project facilities.

F.23. Amendments to Destination Medical Center Corporation (DMCC) Articles of Incorporation and Funding Agreements

Adopting a Resolution approving amendments to the following agreements to reflect a DMCC biennial budget:

1. The First Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of DMCC.
2. The First Amendment to Agreement for DMCC Funding and Support.
3. The Second Amendment to the Working Capital Loan Agreement – DMCC and City.
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Public Hearing Guidelines

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G. Public Hearings

G.1. Reconstruction of Center Street E from the Zumbro River Bridge to 11th Ave NE/SE - Project No. J7348

Adopting a Resolution levying the proposed assessments related to the Reconstruction of Center Street E from the Zumbro River Bridge to 11th Ave NE/SE - Project No. J7348

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

1. 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); and
2. Directing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for First Reading.

G.3. Major Land Subdivision No. CD2025-041PLAT by Oak Grove RST LLC

Adopting a Resolution Approving Major Land Subdivision No. CD2025-041PLAT, by Oak Grove RST LLC, to be known as Prairie Oaks, with nine conditions, for the subdivision of 15 acres into 37 Lots and two Outlots.

G.4. Major Land Subdivision No. CD2025-042PLAT by Pulte Homes of Minnesota LLC

Adopting a Resolution approving Major Land Subdivision No. CD2025-042PLAT, by Pulte Homes of Minnesota LLC, to subdivide approximately 141 acres into 300 residential lots and six outlots.

H. Reports and Recommendations

I. Council Initiated Actions

I.1. Council Initiated Action – Resolution Reaffirming Rochester’s Support for Its Somali Community and Commitment to Inclusion

Considering a Council Initiated Action (CIA) requesting that City Council adopt a resolution reaffirming Rochester’s support for its Somali community and commitment to inclusion.

J. Ordinance First Readings

J.1. Historic Landmark Designation - 225 NW 1st Ave - Central Park

Receiving and filing the First Reading designating Central Park as a local historic landmark site and amending the zoning map to reflect the historic landmark site.

K. Ordinance Second Readings

K.1. Text Amendment No. CD2025-001TA by the City of Rochester

Adopting an Ordinance approving Text Amendment No. CD2025-001TA, to amend language in various areas of the Unified Development Code (UDC).

L. Tabled Items

M. Other Business

N. Adjournment