



**City Council Agenda
City Council - Regular Session
March 2, 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*

View the open comment period guidelines [online](#).

- 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 February 18, 2026](#)

Accepting the minutes and video of the February 18, 2026, meeting as the official record of the City Council.

F.2. [Accounts Payable for March 2, 2026](#)

Approving the listing of total disbursements for March 2, 2026, in the amount of \$96,002,560.52, including investment purchases of \$20,391,649.04 and accounts payable of \$75,610,911.48.

F.3. [Ethical Practices Board - 2025 Annual Report](#)

Receiving and filing the attached 2025 Annual Report of the Ethical Practices Board.

- F.4. Updates to the Council Rules of Procedure & Code of Conduct**
Adopting the revised Council Rules of Procedure & Code of Conduct.
- F.5. Budget Amendment for the Public Safety Aid**
Adopting a Resolution authorizing a budget amendment for the Public Safety Aid.
- F.6. City of Rochester Conduit Debt Policy**
Adopting the City of Rochester Conduit Debt Policy.
- F.7. 2026-28 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), Local 526 Representing Rochester Public Safety Telecommunicators**
Adopting a Resolution approving the recommended changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the LELS, Local 526 – Public Safety Telecommunicators, for the years 2026-28.
- F.8. Minnesota Office of Justice Programs 2026-2028 Crisis Response Grant**
Authorizing the Police Department to apply for the 2026-2028 Department of Public Safety Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Crisis Response Grant.
- F.9. Bid Award: Fire Station 3 Mechanical Upgrades**
Adopting a Resolution approving a contract in the amount of \$590,000 to DMC Plumbing and Heating for replacement of existing mechanical systems at Fire Station 3.
- F.10. Bid Award: Mayo Civic Center Auditorium Stage Replacement**
Adopting a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$107,605 to Benike Construction for Auditorium Stage Replacement.
- F.11. Contract Award: Forte Audio-Visual Conferencing and Hearing Accessibility Systems**
Award a contract in the amount \$190,425.46 to Forte for installation of Audio-Visual Conferencing Systems and Hearing Accessibility System at the Maintenance Service Center Facility
- F.12. Contract Award: Owner Provided Mechanical Equipment**
Awarding a contract in the amount of \$156,158 to Schwab Vollhaber Lubratt (SVL) for owner provided mechanical equipment for LINK Volume D Maintenance Bay Addition - Project No. J8707.
- F.13. Contract Award: Evans Companies for the 6th St SW Storm Sewer Extension Project - Project No. J6741**
Adopting a Resolution approving a contract with Evans Companies in the amount of \$137,591.50 for the 6th St SW Storm Sewer Extension Project - Project No. J6741.
- F.14. Revocable Permit and Agreement with Mayo Clinic - Pedestrian Tunnel in 1st St SW Right-of-Way**
Authorizing a revocable permit and agreement with Mayo Clinic for placement of a pedestrian tunnel within the 1st St SW right-of-way.
- F.15. Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Purchase Offer for Easements**
Approving the purchase offer from Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) for two easements on City-owned land.

Public Hearing Guidelines

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

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G. Public Hearings

H. Reports and Recommendations

H.1. Rochester Public Transit - Spring Service Changes

Reviewing the proposed Spring service changes for Rochester Public Transit. No Council action is requested.

H.2. Reimagining 6th Avenue West from Civic Center Dr to 2nd St SW - Project Number J8908

Adopting the corridor concept plan on 6th Avenue West from Civic Center Dr to 2nd St SW and authorizing the preparation of final design plans and bid documents for the reconstruction of 6th Avenue West from Civic Center Drive to W. Center Street - Project Number J8908

H.3. Project Update: Reconnecting the Downtown Mobility Network - Project Number J8909

Requesting City Council direction on the preferred option to advance for re-establishing the north-south connection of the downtown mobility network.

I. Council Initiated Actions

J. Ordinance First Readings

J.1. Zone Change No. CD2025-008ZC by Sunshine Behavioral Health Group, LLC.

Receiving and Filing the First Reading of Zone Change No. CD2025-008ZC, by Sunshine Behavioral Health Group, LLC., amending the zoning designation on a 2.71-acre site from LI (Light Industrial) to MXG (Mixed Use General).

J.2. Zone Change No. CD2025-007ZC by INH Properties

Receiving and Filing the First Reading of Zone Change No. CD2025-007ZC, by INH Properties, to rezone approximately 1.2 acres of land from R-2x (Low Density Residential Infill) to R-3 (Medium Density Residential).

K. Ordinance Second Readings

L. Tabled Items

M. Other Business

M.1. Rochester Economic Development Authority (EDA) Meeting of March 2, 2026

1. Recessing to a meeting of the Rochester Economic Development Authority (EDA).
2. Adopting the findings of the Rochester EDA.

N. Adjournment