



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge to the Flag and prayer was led by Mayor Bearrows.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor John Bearrows. Absent: Councilor Valdivieso. A quorum of six was present. Also, present City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, City Clerk Rose Huéramo, and City Attorney Dominick Lanzito.
- III. **PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** Swearing-In Ceremony - Noah Messer, Firefighter
- IV. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
 1. Mayor's Report: None.
 2. Council Members: None.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 1. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIUS VOTE with Recommendations:**
 - a) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - 7/8/24
 - b) Approve Payment Registers - 7/8/24, 7/15/24
 - c) Approve Payroll - 6/24/24-7/7/24
 - d) Accept & Place on File - June FinancialsMotion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move consent agenda items (a) through (d) to be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
 2. **An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing to consider the Designation of the Redevelopment Project Area for the Proposed Rochelle Eastern Gateway Tax Increment Financing District and the Approval of a Related Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan and Project.** The TIF Act requires the municipality to set forth an ordinance to establish dates to conduct a public hearing and a Joint Review Board meeting prior to the adoption of an ordinance or ordinances approving the proposed Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Projects. Following these requirements, the Eastern Gateway TIF Joint Review Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 10:00 am, and the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Rochelle City Hall located at 420 North 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois. The proposed Eastern Gateway TIF Redevelopment Plan was placed on file with the City Clerk on July 12, 2024, and such document has been and shall continue to be made available for public inspection for at least ten (10) days prior to the adoption of this Ordinance. Michelle Pease, Community Development Director was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing and Joint Review Board Meeting to consider the Designation of the Redevelopment Project Area for the Proposed Eastern Gateway Tax Increment Financing District and the Approval of a Related Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan and Project."** Motion made by Councilors D. McDermott and T. McDermott, **"I move to Rescind my previous Motion and Seconded."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Ordinance 24-5489, an Ordinance calling a public Hearing to consider the Designation of the Redevelopment Project area for the proposed Eastern Gateway Tax Increment Financing District and the Approval of a Related Redevelopment plan and Project."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **A Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Board of Education of Rochelle Elementary School District #231.** The contracts between the City of Rochelle and Districts #231 and #212 are set to expire at the end of 2024. The SRO program is a successful program and partnership between the City of Rochelle, Rochelle PD, and our school systems. Both officers have made significant impacts on the lives of the children attending both districts. This program began in 2018, and we hope it will continue long-term. Below are the minimal changes agreed to by the schools and the city: D231 will pay \$3,750 or 33% per month for SRO services. This will increase on January 1 of each year by annual COLA agreed to between the City of Rochelle and ICOPS. D212 will pay \$7,500 or 66% per month for salary and benefits. This will increase on January 1 of each year by annual COLA agreed to between City of Rochelle and ICOPS. The agreements will commence on the date of the last party to execute the agreement and shall continue until July 1, 2027. The parties may mutually agree, in writing, to renew the agreement for additional one (1) year terms thereafter. Deputy Chief Frankenberry, Officer Jakymiw and Officer Jackson were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Resolution R24-45, a Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Board of Education of Rochelle Elementary School District #231, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
4. **A Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Board of Education of Rochelle High School District #212.** The contracts between the City of Rochelle and Districts #231 and #212 are set to expire at the end of 2024. The SRO program is a successful program and partnership between the City of Rochelle, Rochelle PD, and our school systems. Both officers have made significant impacts on the lives of the children attending both districts. This program began in 2018, and we hope it will continue long-term. Below are the minimal changes the schools and the city agreed to: D231 will pay \$3,750 or 33% per month for SRO services. This will increase on January 1 of each year by the annual COLA agreed to between the City of Rochelle and ICOPS. D212 will pay \$7,500 or 66% per month for salary and benefits. This will increase on January 1 of each year by the annual COLA agreed to between the City of Rochelle and ICOPS. The agreements will commence on the date of the last party to execute the agreement and shall continue until July 1, 2027. The parties may mutually agree, in writing, to renew the agreement for an additional one (1) year term thereafter. Deputy Chief Frankenberry, Officer Jakymiw and Officer Jackson were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move Resolution R24-46, a Resolution to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Board of Education of Rochelle High School District #212, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
5. **An Ordinance Amending the Administrative Policy for Mitigating Energy Transaction Risks.** The City of Rochelle, along with Rochelle Municipal Utilities, seeks to gain approval for revisions to the City's Administrative Policy for Mitigating Energy Transaction Risks. The updates include sections on Due Diligence, Know Your Customer Policies and our Anti-Money Laundering Policy. The Policy revisions result from notice by PJM Interconnection (the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity) to the City that our Administrative Policy for Mitigating Energy Transaction Risks needs to include Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Customer provisions. The Policy noting the revisions is attached to the Resolution for review. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 24-5490, an Ordinance Amending the Administrative Policy for Mitigating Energy Transaction Risks for the City of Rochelle, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

6. **A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Lee County Industrial Development Association for Economic Development Services.** The current economic development director will be retiring from the City of Rochelle on December 31, 2024. Last month, the former industrial development manager also retired. To continue expanding our economic development initiatives and moving the community forward, I recommend the city approve a contract with LCIDA to perform economic development assistance for the next 18 months. The contract will allow for up to 25 hours per week to assist the city manager with ED services. Former state representative and current LCIDA CEO Tom Demmer will be our staff liaison performing the services. Based on his years of experience and contacts within the state and region, I am confident Tom will continue the city's successful economic development efforts and build new relationships for our community going forward. Contract Details:

- 18-month agreement to commence retroactively on July 1, 2024, and terminate December 31, 2025
- Annual fees are \$100,000 (prorated for 2024).
- ED professional will attend all bi-weekly leadership team meetings and bi-weekly project meetings.
- ED professional will meet with the city manager weekly and will report to the city manager.
- ED professional will attend city council meetings as requested by the city manager and provide annual updates on ED initiatives to the city council.
- Either party may terminate the agreement with 90-day notification.
- LCIDA will indemnify the city, its elected officials, and appointment staff and agents from all claims, suits, actions, and fees due to neglect or willful misconduct of the LCIDA.
- LCIDA is responsible for all payroll and benefits. LCIDA will bill the city monthly.
- Current ED expenditures are approximately \$300,000 annually. The new contract will save the city approximately \$100,000 annually.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Arteaga, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Resolution R24-47, a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Lee County Industrial Development Association for Economic Development Services, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Grocery Tax Presentation: Presented by City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh. The Grocery Tax is set to expire in January 2026, and the presentation reviewed revenue generated from the tax through the years and how the funds are being implemented while also providing the council with possible options to put into place before expiration.
2. Strategic Plan and Performance Measures Update: Presented by City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:46 P.M. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Council adjourn."** Voting Yea: Councilor T. McDermott, Councilor Hayes, Councilor D. McDermott, Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Councilor Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6 - 0.

John Berrows, Mayor

Rose Huéramo, City Clerk