



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall
City of New Rochelle
Regular Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present

Council Member, District 1 Martha Lopez
Council Member, District 2 Albert A. Tarantino Jr.
Council Member, District 3 David Peters
Council Member, District 4 Shane A. Osinloye
Council Member, District 5 Sara R. Kaye
Council Member, District 6 Matthew A . Stern
Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert

Absent

None

The meeting was called to order at 06:16 PM by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes - Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 2025; Committee of the Whole Session, Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Second:	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Submission of Minutes

Presentation

Legislation in Voting Order

Consent Agenda

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Second:	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

2. **2025-186** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: SECTION 133-1, ENUMERATION OF FEES, OF CHAPTER 133, FEES - Ordinance amending Section 133-1, Enumeration of Fees, of Chapter 133, Fees, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle.
3. **2025-187** OMNIBUS AUTHORITY — Resolution giving the City Manager Omnibus Authority relative to certain contracts and to apply for certain Federal, State and County grants.
4. **2025-188** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD RE: WESTCHESTER COUNTY STOP-DWI PROJECT 2026-2030 - Ordinance accepting the Westchester County Stop-DWI Project 2026-2030 grant in the amount of \$8,400 per year to support overtime patrols directed at combating DWI crimes.
5. **2025-189** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 BUDGET (OPERATING/CAPITAL) - Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025.

Resolutions

6. **2025-190** PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SARA R. KAYE'S STIPEND — Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$5,000 to Feeding Westchester from City Council Member Sara R. Kaye's year 2025 stipend account.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Second:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

7. **2025-191** PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MATTHEW A. STERN'S STIPEND — Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$2,500 to the United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. and \$2,500 to the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle (Mascaro Branch), to be used for the "How Well Do You Know Me" program, from City Council Member Matthew A. Stern's 2025 stipend account.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 6 Stern

Second:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

8. **2025-192** PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID PETER'S STIPEND: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$5,000 to the Bethesda Community Enrichment Corporation (Older Adult Care Center) from City Council Member David Peter's 2025 stipend account.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
Second:	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Council Member David Peters stated that the transfer of funds will assist in the level of support of seniors' needs.

9. **2025-193** PROPOSED STATEMENT OF INTENT TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY RELATED TO DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONE (DOZ) AMENDMENTS

Result:	Adopted, Passed (6 - 1)
Mover:	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
Second:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	Albert A. Tarantino Jr.
Abstain:	None

Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager, accompanied by Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, Kevin Kain, Director of Planning and Sustainability, and Sarah Yackel, AICP, Principal, BFJ Planning, reviewed and explained the purpose and intent of the proposed legislation.

Mayor Ramos-Herbert requested that any existing conflicts of interest be addressed.

Council Member Osinloye noted that Council Member Tarantino is the owner of certain properties located in the Downtown Overlay Zone (DOZ). As the City Council representative of a large portion of the Downtown area, he wanted assurance that a conflict of interest did not exist.

A discussion ensued.

Council Member Tarantino commented that for ten years, he has been the owner of several properties located in the DOZ and the owner of properties in the City since the 1980s. It had been determined by the previous administration that it was unnecessary to abstain from voting on matters relating to the DOZ, which is a large program. He added that he did not profit as a result of ownership in the DOZ and that an abstention is not necessary. Upon voting, he stated that his decision is to vote in opposition.

10. **2025-194** PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT- Resolution authorizing the settlement of Jaheim C. McDermott v. Alisha Giansante, City of New Rochelle Police Department, and City of New Rochelle (Index No. 50603/2024).

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
Seconder:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Subject item was previously discussed in Executive Session.

11. **2025-195** PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT - A Resolution Amending Prior Council Authorization Regarding Settlement of Tort Claim Edward Rory O'Kane, as father and natural guardian of A.A.O., an infant, Edward Rory O'Kane, individually, and Nicoletta O'Kane v. City of New Rochelle, et al. (Index No. 62189/2020), Increasing Settlement Authority From \$130,890.36 to \$230,890.36.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 6 Stern
Seconder:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Subject item was previously discussed in Executive Session.

12. **2025-196**
 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE OSINLOYE STIPEND — Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$2,000 to HOPE Community Services, \$2,000 to Feeding the Sound, \$500 to BigVivs Inc., and \$500 to Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (WestCop) from City Council Member Shane Osinloye's 2025 stipend account.

Speakers:

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
Seconder:	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Council Member Osinloye explained the intent of the proposed legislation.

Ordinances

13. **2025-197** 2026 BUDGET RE: LEVY CONFIRMATION AND WARRANT - Ordinance levying taxes, unpaid Solid Waste Collection Fees, and Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater fees for the Year 2025, ordering the apportionment thereof, confirming the Tax Roll, and directing issuance and signature of the Warrant.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (6 - 1)
Mover:	Lopez
Secunder:	Osinloye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	Albert A. Tarantino Jr.
Abstain:	None

Public Hearings

For Decision: Public Hearing Held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025

14. **2025-198** PROPOSED 2026 CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE BUDGET - Ordinance adopting, as amended, the year 2026 City of New Rochelle Budget and appropriating amounts therein (Public Hearing: 12/2/2025; Adoption 12/9/2025)

Result:	Adopted, Passed (6 - 1)
Mover:	Lopez
Secunder:	Osinloye
Ayes:	Martha Lopez, David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
No:	Albert A. Tarantino Jr.
Abstain:	None

Upon casting his vote in opposition, Council Member Tarantino commented that while the City's proposed 2026 Budget is under the tax cap, it reached the maximum on debt service and a minimum on the fund balance, with no cushion for emergencies. He added that more areas should have been explored in order to provide additional money in the fund balance and, therefore, avoid a negative impact on the City's credit rating.

A brief discussion ensued.

Discussion Item(s)

None.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

On motion by Council Member Osinloye, seconded by Council Member Kaye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

KIM B. JONES
CITY CLERK

