



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall
City of New Rochelle
Regular Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

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 6:15 PM by Mayor Yadira Ramos Herbert.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 2025; Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

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

Submission of Minutes

Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 2025; Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Presentation

Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager, introduced Alistair Featherstone, newly appointed Commissioner of Finance, addressed his prior employment history, and welcomed him to the City.

Commissioner Featherstone acknowledged the appointment and gave assurance of his commitment to the City and the attainment of his goals.

Legislation in Voting Order

Consent Agenda

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, (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

1. **2026-2** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: PARKING REGULATION CHANGE (44 WOODBURY STREET) - Ordinance amending Section 312-91, Schedule XX: Handicapped Parking, of Chapter 312, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle (44 Woodbury Street).

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

2. **2026-3** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: PARKING REGULATION CHANGES (PLAIN AVENUE) - Ordinance amending Section 312-83, Schedule XII: Parking Prohibited at All Times of Chapter 312, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle (Plain Avenue).

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, (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

3. **2026-4** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU'S 2026-2028 INVEST-IN-KIDS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - Ordinance accepting a grant award from the Westchester County Youth Bureau's 2026-2028 Invest-In-Kids Request for Proposal in the amount of \$150,000 relative to STEP University, amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
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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

4. **2026-5** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU'S 2026-2028 INVEST-IN-KIDS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - Ordinance accepting a grant award from the Westchester County Youth Bureau's 2026-2028 Invest-In-Kids Request for Proposal in the amount of \$108,000 relative to the establishment of R.O.D.N.E.Y's Place After School Program for middle school aged boys, amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

5. **2026-6** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES RE: MOMMY & ME SPORT AND FITNESS ACADEMY - Ordinance accepting a grant from the Westchester County Youth Bureau, in connection with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Youth Sports & Education Funding, in the amount of \$23,000 for the establishment of a Mommy & Me Sport and Fitness Academy, amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, (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

6. **2026-7** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: PARTICIPATORY BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE - Ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of New Rochelle to establish a Participatory Budget Steering Committee (Sponsored by Council Member Matthew Stern).

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, (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

7. **2026-8** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 312-62 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: TWO CLINTON GARAGE VALET-ONLY PERMIT PARKING FACILITY - Ordinance amending Section 312-62, Parking Lots, and Chapter 133, Fees.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

8. **2026-9** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LOCAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN PROCESS AND ESTABLISH LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE - Resolution authorizing the initiation of a Local Safety Action Process and the establishment of a Local Road Safety Committee.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

9. **2026-10** PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY AND ISSUING A POSITIVE DECLARATION RELATIVE TO AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE XXII, CHAPTER 331-175, DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONES, OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE ZONING CODE AND REVISIONS TO THE CITY’S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP - Resolution Declaring Lead Agency and issuing a Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance and directing that a Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) be prepared relative to amendments to Article XXII, Chapter 331-175, Downtown Overlay Zones, of the City of New Rochelle Zoning Code and revisions to the City’s Official Zoning Map.

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

Council Member Tarantino made the following statement for the record:

"I would like to say for the record that I have voted on DOZ and Downtown issues for my entire tenure on City Council, which is 18 years and counting, and at no time was I ever asked to recuse myself from voting, under four different Corporation Counsels, going back as far as 2008.

I have served five terms on this Council and have never been questioned on my votes in the past. Several prior Corporation Counsels have allowed me to vote, including on amendments. Several opined that I did not have to recuse myself. I voted on the creation of the DOZ in 2015 and on several amendments since then, including the creation of the DOZ 7 and 8; and if I am not mistaken, two were interim Corporation Counsels at the time the DOZ 8 was created.

"I would like some legal opinion explaining what change in law now requires me to recuse myself. I voted on the two condemnations and did not recuse myself for Item No. 9."

10. **2026-11** PROPOSED LEGISLATION RE: 662 MAIN STREET - EDPL - Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a written offer and to take all actions necessary to acquire 662 Main Street (Section 2, Block 460, Lot 46) pursuant to New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
Secunder:	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

11. **2026-12** PROPOSED LEGISLATION RE: 625 NORTH AVENUE PROPERTY- EDPL - Resolution amending Resolution No. 2025-24, adopted February 18, 2025, to revise and correct the appraised valuations for 625 North Avenue, the adjacent Treno Street Lot, and 637 North Avenue (Section 3, Block 998, Lots 17, 19 and 23), and to authorize the issuance of initial condemnation awards pursuant to New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
Secunder:	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

Resolutions

12. **2026-13** PIN 8758.99 PELHAM ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNALS- SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT No. 2 to D031768 - Resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and appropriating funds therefore.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 2 Tarantino Jr.
Secunder:	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

Ordinances

Public Hearings

Discussion Item(s)

Executive Session

Adjournment