



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall
City of New Rochelle
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

Call to Order

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

The meeting was called to order at 03:45 PM by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert.

Presentation(s)

Agenda Review

Commendation(s)

7:00 P.M.: Public Hearing(s) This Evening

1. 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)

Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager, reviewed the proposed adjustments to the 2026 Budget Estimate. It was noted that the 2026 Budget Estimate is the subject of a Public Hearing this evening.

Department of Buildings

2. **2025-182** PROPOSED LEAD AGENCY STATUS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING CONDITION NO. 4 OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 129-2010 (SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HUDSON COUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL) - Resolution declaring Lead Agency Status relative to amending Condition No. 4 of Resolution No. 129-2010 regarding the Special Permit for Hudson Country Montessori School, pursuant to Article XII Section 331-87 of the New Rochelle Zoning Code.

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

Robert Stanziale, Architect, representing the Hudson Country Montessori School located at 340 Quaker Ridge Road, accompanied by School representatives, reviewed the application to City Council which outlined the proposed plan for a Special Permit, under certain conditions to expand the School into the abutting School-owned parcel located at 74 Pamela Lane.

Paul Vacca, Commissioner, Building Department, addressed the proposed plan which included the addition of parking space on School property. (See attached memo). The plan requires City Council approval.

Council Member Kaye requested that the proposal reflect the correct number of parking spaces.

It was noted that the final plan will include 70 parking spaces.

A brief discussion relative to the proposed plan ensued.

It was agreed that a Public Hearing relative to an amendment to the current Condition (Resolution No. 129-2010) be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. at 7:00 P.M.

- 3. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING CONDITION NO. 4 OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 129-2010 RE: SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HUDSON COUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL. - Resolution amending Condition No. 4 of Resolution No. 129-2010 regarding the Special Permit for Hudson Country Montessori School, pursuant to Article XII Section 331-87 of the New Rochelle Zoning Code. (Intro. 12/02/2025; Public Hearing 01/13/2026)

- 4. **2025-183** PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: RESOLUTION AMENDING CONDITION NO. 4 OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 129-2010 (SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HUDSON COUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL) - Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing relative to amending Condition No. 4 of Resolution No. 129-2010 regarding the Special Permit for Hudson Country Montessori School, pursuant to Article XII Section 331-87 of the New Rochelle Zoning Code.

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

Law Department

Department of Finance

- 5. 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.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
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

Edward Ritter, Commissioner, Department of Finance, accompanied by Todd Castaldo, Deputy City Manager, indicated that a review of fees in surrounding communities had been undertaken to ensure that the proposed fee structure is comparable to those communities and, therefore, palatable to residents.

6. OMNIBUS AUTHORITY — Resolution giving the City Manager Omnibus Authority relative to certain contracts and to apply for certain Federal, State and County grants.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 6 Stern
Seconder:	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

Edward Ritter, Commissioner, Department of Finance, stated that with few exceptions, the proposed legislation reflects standard annual items.

Department of Public Works

Department of Parks and Recreation

Police Department

7. 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.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 3 Peters
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

Neil K. Reynolds, Commissioner, Department of Police, stated that the grant will primarily assist with the enforcement of driving while impaired and in combating DWI crimes.

Fire Department

Department of Human Resources

City Manager

8. 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.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

Todd Castaldo, Deputy City Manager, explained that the proposed amendment to the Capital Budget is intended to improve the allocation of resources.

Department of Development

9. **2025-184** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE UNDER THE ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM – Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to New York State Department of Transportation under the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)

Result:	Adopted, (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

Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, stated that improvements will assist seniors. In response to comments, he indicated that although he was unaware of specific locations, funds will likely be utilized for existing locations.

City Council

10. **2025-185** PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR - YEAR 2026 - Resolution designating City Council Member David Peters as Deputy Mayor for Year 2026.

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
Second:	Council Member, District 6 Stern
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

Mayor Ramos-Herbert nominated Council Member David Peters as Deputy Mayor for Year 2026. The nomination was seconded by Council Members Lopez, Tarantino, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye and Stern and unanimously approved.

Council Member Peters accepted the nomination and expressed appreciation.

Supplemental Item(s)

Unfinished Business

New Business

December Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.; January Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 3:45 P.M.; January Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Discussion Item(s)

None.

Executive Session

Motion to convene in Executive Session was moved by Council Member Lopez, seconded by Council Member Kaye, and unanimously approved by Council Members Lopez, Tarantino, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, and Mayor Ramos-Herbert, and adopted. Subject(s): Two settlements of lawsuits. City Council convened in Executive Session.

Public Hearings 7:00 PM

PROPOSED 2026 CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE BUDGET

Speakers:

None.

Citizens to Be Heard

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

KIM B. JONES
CITY CLERK