



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall
City of New Rochelle
Regular Legislative Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 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

Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2026; Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

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

Submission of Minutes

Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2026; Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Presentation

Legislation in Voting Order

Consent Agenda

2. **2026-28** PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-108 RE: PAWS PLACE DOG PARK TRUST ACCOUNT - Ordinance amending Resolution No. 2023-108 expanding the allowable use of the Paws Place Dog Park Trust Fund to include capital and facility improvements throughout Ward Acres Park and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, to correct the Trust Account balance (Requested by Council Member Sara R. Kaye). (Rev.)

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
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

3. **2026-29** PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A NEW PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE FOR D'ONOFRIO PARK - Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a new playground structure and associated improvements from Friends of New Rochelle Parks for installation at D'Onofrio Park. (Rev.)

Result:	Adopted, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
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

4. **2026-30** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU RE: SUPPORT OF THE GRANDPA'S UNITED PROGRAM - Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the White Plains' Youth Bureau in the amount of \$14,000 relative to the Grandpa's United Program and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

Result:	Adopted, (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
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

5. **2026-31** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 301 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: REPLACEMENT OF TREES BY TREE FUND — Ordinance amending Section 301-24(C) Replacement of Trees Removed or Proposed to be Removed, of Chapter 301, Trees and Shrubs, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle (Sponsored by Council Member Sara R. Kaye).

Result:	Adopted, (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 5 Kaye
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

6. **2026-32** PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS — Resolution appointing members to the Participatory Budget Steering Committee. (Rev.)

Result:	Adopted, (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

7. **2026-33** PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED NEW YORK STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES — Resolution supporting increased New York State aid to municipalities and strengthening New York's State-Local partnership (Sponsored by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert).

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

8. **2026-34** PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (OPRHP) FY25 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT – Ordinance accepting the CLG grant funding for the preparation of updated Historic Design Guidelines, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary grant documents, and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

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

9. **2026-35** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HUB OPERATOR AGREEMENT — Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Iona University as the Economic and Small Business Development Hub Operator and amend Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New

Rochelle for 2026, and appropriating funds therefor.

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

10. **2026-36** PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO NEW ROCHELLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY — Resolution appointing members to the New Rochelle Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

Result:	Adopted, (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

11. **2026-37** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY AT 38 FIRST STREET — Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and acquire Parcel 38 First Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801, for municipal parking.

Result:	Adopted, (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

Resolutions

12. **2026-38** PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON - Resolution appointing Alicka Ampry-Samuel as Chairperson of the Participatory Budget Steering Committee.

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

Subject item was previously discussed in Executive Session.

13. **2026-39** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A SHARED SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) AND TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ROCHELLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RELATIVE TO THIS GRANT - Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Shared Services grant application to the NYS Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) and enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the New Rochelle Industrial Development Agency relative to this Grant.

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

Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager, expressed appreciation to the City Clerk for her role as it relates to the receipt of funds.

Mayor Ramos-Herbert commended the City Clerk and staff and expressed appreciation.

Ordinances

Public Hearings

Discussion Item(s)

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): Personnel.
City Council convened in Executive Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

KIM B. JONES
CITY CLERK