



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes  
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall  
City of New Rochelle  
Committee of the Whole  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**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**

Council Member Lopez was absent for the Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert

**Presentation(s)**

1. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RE: FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM UPDATE  
Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, P.E., M. Eng., Commissioner, and Gino Frabasile, P.E., Deputy Commissioner/City Engineer, provided the Flood Mitigation Program Update (see attached). The review included Flood Mitigation Projects (Completed Projects/Studies; Projects/Studies in Progress); Project Highlights (including specific locations); Flood Mitigation Program Status; Program Challenges and Adjustments; Grant Opportunities; Stakeholder Engagement; Enhanced Drainage Infrastructure Maintenance; and Flood Mitigation Program Next Steps.  
The review was followed by discussion, questions, and responses.  
Discussion included grants received; flooding and drainage issues; program challenges; cost benefit analysis; project design; the pursuit and receipt of grants (employees were complimented regarding the latter); improvements on private property are not permitted — work is limited to public property; project highlights which included specific locations; review of various locations throughout the City, including Ward Acres, that require improvements; flooding problems in the Glenwood Lake area and the need for flood mitigation/flood mitigation program; drainage infrastructure maintenance; program challenges and adjustments.
2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RE: SNOW/POTHOLES RECAP AND UPDATE

Alvaro Alfonso-Larrain, P.E., M. Eng., Commissioner, and Gino Frabasile, P.E., Deputy Commissioner/City Engineer, provided a Recap and Update regarding Snow and Potholes (see attached). Discussion included snow removal and management; operational improvements; roadway conditions and improvement plan; complaints/problems due to potholes and repair plan; and problems with the shoveling of snow onto City streets.

Specific operations, challenges, and remedial measures were addressed.

The Department was complimented for its expedient removal of snow citywide and in the Downtown, given the conditions and anticipated general complaints.

## Agenda Review

### Commendation(s)

### Public Hearing(s) This Evening

3. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL DGEIS AS COMPLETE RE: DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONE — Resolution accepting the Supplemental Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SDGEIS) as complete pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") (Intro. 2/10/26; Rescheduled Public Hearing 4/14/26)
- Council Member Albert A. Tarantino, Jr., addressed the proposal. He anticipates complaints and comments from the public. He referred to his plan to ultimately cast his vote.
- Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, reviewed the process and timeline. A brief discussion ensued.

### Department of Buildings

#### Law Department

4. NEGATIVE DECLARATION RE: THE AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ACQUIRE PARCEL 38 FIRST STREET, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK 10801 - Resolution issuing a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance under the regulations promulgated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and directing compliance with same relative to the authorization to negotiate and acquire the parcel 38 First Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

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

### Department of Finance

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WITH 100% SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITY - Ordinance amending Article IV, Veterans Alternative Exemption, §288-14, Limitations of Exemption, and §288-14.1, Cooperative Corporation Exemption, of Chapter 288, Taxation, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 3 Peters
<b>Seconder:</b>	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Alistair Featherstone, Commissioner, Department of Finance, recommended that the City's current legislation be revised to include the requirements for complete tax exemption for veterans who meet qualifying criteria and conditions for eligibility, as outlined in the attached memo.

**Department of Public Works**

- 6. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY RE: BPL-26 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT LAW FUNDING - Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Westchester relative to the BPL-26 Storm Water Management Law funding for Sub-Basin 5 Stormwater Improvements; and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026.

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

Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, P.E., Commissioner, Department of Public Works, explained the proposed agreement.

- 7. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF NEW YORK STATE DORMITORY AUTHORITY (DASNY) STATE AND MUNICIPALITIES (SAM) GRANT AWARDS FOR RESERVOIR NO. 1 LAKE ISLE DAM - Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement with the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY) relative to grant awards for Reservoir No. 1 Lake Isle Dam; and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 6 Stern
<b>Seconder:</b>	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, P.E., Commissioner, Department of Public Works, explained the proposed authorization.

- 8. **2026-40** PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) ROADWAY DEPARTURE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (RwDSAP) LOCAL CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR PINEBROOK BOULEVARD - Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation's Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan Local Call for Projects Re:

Pinebrook Boulevard.

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

Alvaro Alfonso-Larrain, P.E., Commissioner, Department of Public Works, explained the proposed legislation and expressed appreciation to the grant specialist.  
Council Member Sara R. Kaye commended staff.

## Department of Parks and Recreation

### Police Department

9. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 312 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: VEHICLE IMPOUND AUTHORITY - Ordinance amending Chapter 312 of the Code of the City of New Rochelle, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” in relation to the removal and impound of vehicles and the definition of abandoned vehicles.

For introduction only; Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 P. M.

10. **2026-41** PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 312 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, ENTITLED “VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC,” IN RELATION TO THE REMOVAL AND IMPOUND OF VEHICLES AND THE DEFINITION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES - Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing relative to the Ordinance Amending Chapter 312 of the City Code of the City of New Rochelle.

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

Neil K. Reynolds, Police Commissioner, reviewed the proposed legislation and the current process and provisions in the City Code. Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 P. M.

11. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 BUDGET RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) TACTICAL TEAM GRANT - Ordinance accepting the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Tactical Team Grant Award in the amount of \$75,000, and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 6 Stern
<b>Second:</b>	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Commissioner Reynolds reviewed the use of the grant.

12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 BUDGET RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM GRANT - Ordinance accepting the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Award in the amount of \$60,000, and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 4 Osinloye
<b>Second:</b>	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Commissioner Reynolds reviewed the use of the grant as outlined in the memo.

### Fire Department

13. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) CARES UP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING - Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept additional CARES UP Grant Award funding for the City of New Rochelle Fire Department; and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026 (Correction of Legislation No. 2026-18).

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 3 Peters
<b>Second:</b>	Council Member, District 6 Stern
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Andrew Sandor, Commissioner, Fire Department, explained the proposed use of the grant as outlined in the memo.

### Department of Human Resources

#### City Manager

14. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 BUDGET (CAPITAL BUDGET) - Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, relative to the City's Capital Budget.

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

Todd Castaldo, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the proposed changes as outlined in the attached schedule.

The motion to revise was moved by Council Member Kaye, seconded by Council Member Stern, and unanimously adopted.

15. PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ALBERT TARANTINO'S STIPEND — Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$2,500 to the New Rochelle Fund for Educational Excellence and \$2,500 to the Hudson Park Children's Greenhouse from City Council Member Albert Tarantino's year 2025 stipend account.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 2 Tarantino Jr.
<b>Second:</b>	Council Member, District 3 Peters
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Council Member Tarantino explained the proposed transfer of his stipend as outlined in the memo.

### Department of Development

16. **2026-42** PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT - Resolution accepting the City of New Rochelle Climate Vulnerability Assessment.

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

Commissioner Salgado reviewed the intent of the grant.

Council Member Kaye stated that A-26, Housing "Affordable" should be documented as "Low Income."

17. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD RFP SPECIFICATION NO. 5830 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE INNOVATIVE FINANCE & ASSET CONCESSION ASSET SCAN FOR THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with MPact Collective LLC to provide consulting services pursuant to RFP Specification No. 5830.

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

Commissioner Salgado complimented members of his staff, Nicholas Sioufas, Grants Specialist, and Seth Kaye, Deputy Commissioner (Planning,) for their roles in securing the grant which will assist with transit development.

18. **PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS** - Resolution adopting the reprogramming of CDBG funds for ADA Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements, Gateway Sign / Traffic, and Façade Improvements with amendments to the 2020 through 2024 Action Plans and 2019 through 2026 Budgets. (Intro. 4/14/26; Public Hearing 5/12/26). Commissioner Salgado explained the plans for the use of the funds. Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 P. M.
19. **2026-43 PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS** - Resolution to schedule Public Hearing relative to the reallocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. (Intro. 4/14/26; Public Hearing 5/12/26).

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Adopted, (7 - 0)</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Council Member, District 3 Peters
<b>Seconder:</b>	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
<b>Ayes:</b>	Martha Lopez, Albert A. Tarantino Jr., David Peters, Shane A. Osinloye, Sara R. Kaye, Matthew A . Stern, Yadira Ramos-Herbert
<b>No:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	None

Commissioner Salgado explained the proposed reallocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for certain improvements as outlined in the proposed legislation. Council Member Tarantino explained that any proposed changes in this--or similar legislation--are intended for similar or related projects. Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

## City Council

### Supplemental Item(s)

### Unfinished Business

**New Business: April Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:15 P.M.; May Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 3:45 P.M.; May Regular Legislative Meeting , Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:15 P.M.**

### Discussion Item(s)

None.

### Executive Session

The motion to convene in Executive Session was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Stern, and unanimously approved by Council Members Lopez, Tarantino, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, and Mayor Ramos-Herbert, and adopted.

Subject(s): Lawsuits.

City Council convened in Executive Session.

### Public Hearings 7:00 P.M. (See Item No. 3 above)

**PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL DGEIS AS COMPLETE RE DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONE**

Speakers:

Aisha Cook, 95 Faneuil Place; Bruce Soloway, 25 Rockledge Avenue, White Plains; Lourdes Font, 25

Rockledge Avenue, White Plains; Michael Yellin, 38 Lakeside Drive; Dominick Cassanelli (address not provided); Anthony Umbro, 178 Pershing Avenue; James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue; Jim Killoran, 25 Leroy Place; Steve Mayo, 237 Winding Brook Road; John Delfs, 16 Hemlock Place; Michael Cammer, 9 Vaughn Avenue; Michael Umbro, 39 Whitfield Terrace; Marian Whitaker, 35 Leroy Place; Lisa A. Burton, 257 Centre Avenue; Serge Vecher, 25 Leroy Place; Shawn Wayawotski, 25 Leroy Place; Alison Rivers, 147 Storer Avenue; Paul Martin, 59 Decatur; Matt Rooney, 72 Decatur; Myriam Decime, 11 Mt. Joy Place; Joseph Cinquemani, 115 Harding Drive; Sarah Langsteth, 40 (address illegible); Kirk Ortega, 4 The Circle.\*

### **Citizens to Be Heard**

James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue; James Killoran, 25 Leroy Place; Steve Mayo, 237 Winding Brook Road; Lisa Burton, 257 Centre Avenue; Myriam Decime, 11 Mt. Joy Place; Jackie Mills, 2 Lemke Place; Paul Martin, 55 Decatur; Sherry Small, (address illegible). \*

\*Misspellings/inaccuracies/errors may occur. Address included if provided.

Documented memos/statements were received from the following: Dr. John Delfs, Dr. Bruce Solomon, and Stephen D. Semenza, 26 Morrison Drive, Michael Yellin, 38 Lakeside Drive.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

KIM B. JONES  
CITY CLERK