



**Honorable Mayor and City Council Minutes
1st Floor Council Conference Room, City Hall
City of New Rochelle
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, May 12, 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

Absent

None.

Presentation(s)

1. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE
Vincent Parisi, Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation, accompanied by Lauren O'Connor, Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, provided an update of current programs and activities. The report, entitled "2026 So Far..." was exhibited. (See attached). Commissioner Parisi described the programs available and participation.
The presentation was followed by discussion, questions and responses.
When needed repairs to the bandshell, bathrooms, and other general beach repairs at Hudson Park were discussed, Commissioner Parisi noted that sufficient funds for repairs are budgeted.
Council Member Osinloye requested that a breakdown of costs, including grants, be provided. He complimented the upgrades at Ruby Dee Park and mentioned the need to discuss, with State representatives, the need for additional funds to subsidize the cost of youth employment.
The members of City Council expressed appreciation for the Department's improvements in their City Council districts - and for their general contributions and endeavors Citywide.
Commissioner Parisi acknowledged that his Department is dedicated to the Department's goals, and expressed appreciation and gratitude for City Council's support.
2. NEW ROCHELLE LOCAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN
Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, and Jesse Mintz-Roth of Stantec, accompanied by Seth Kaye, Deputy Commissioner (Planning), and Sarah Spicer, Senior Resiliency Development Manager, provided a description of the City's Local Safety Action Plan. (See attached). The presentation included the plan, background including the initial receipt of a demonstration grant, a grant application, safety and safety analysis, investment, engagement, and future plans.
The presentation was followed by a review of the report, discussion and responses, grants received, and

prevalent problems in the City.

3. **PARKING STUDY UPDATE**

Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, James Clavelli, PP, AICP, and Gerard Giosa, Principal, NV5 Level G Associates, LLC, reviewed the parking study update. (See attached). The presentation included the following as denoted in the report: Project Background; Methodology; Parking in the Downtown; Parking Overview; Strategies; and Implementation.

A discussion ensued which included downtown parking, valet parking, on-street and off-street parking, parking garages, enforcement, the need for a specific plan regarding parking, and the possible impact on parking for City residents.

Agenda Review

Commendation(s)

Public Hearing(s) This Evening

4. **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.**

Neil Reynolds, Commissioner, Department of Police, addressed the need to amend the Code of the City of New Rochelle in order to authorize the immediate impoundment of unregistered vehicles on public streets independent of the 48 hour abandonment requirement. He recommended that impoundment authority be established as a separate enforcement mechanism applicable to unregistered vehicles.

5. **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 reviewed the proposal to reallocate unused Community Development Grant (CDBG) funds from prior years' programs and 2026 funding. The proposal will enable the use of the funds for priority projects as outlined in the memo. A discussion ensued.

Department of Buildings

Law Department

Department of Finance

Department of Public Works

6. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: PARKING REGULATION CHANGE (39 BEATTIE LANE) - Ordinance amending Section 312-91, Schedule XX: Handicapped Parking, of Chapter 312, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle (39 Beattie Lane).**

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

Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, recommended that the City Council designate a space for the handicapped in front of 39 and 41 Beattie Lane in order to accommodate a resident with a mobility problem. A brief discussion ensued.

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE: FEMA BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION VIA NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) – Resolution authorizing submission of a subapplicant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program, and committing the required local match.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 1 Lopez
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

Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works, recommended, as outlined in the memo, that the City Council authorize the submission of an application for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program; and that the required 25 per cent local match from the Citywide Drainage Improvement Fund be authorized. A brief discussion ensued.

It was subsequently agreed that the identification of the property/project name be included in the proposal.

Department of Parks and Recreation

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2026 BUDGET RE: DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION - Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026, relative to the Parks & Recreation Department

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

Vincent Parisi, Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation, requested that the transfer of "restricted or assigned" funds be used for specific purposes as outlined in the attached memo. An amendment to the City Budget is required in order to utilize the monies in the restricted accounts.

Therefore, the proposed transfer of such funds to the appropriate accounts requires the authorization of City Council.

Police Department

Fire Department

Department of Human Resources

City Manager

9. PROPOSED AMENDED AUTHORIZATION RE: 2020 STIPEND ACCOUNT FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE NEW ROCHELLE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS FRIED, HYDEN, KAYE, AND TARANTINO - Resolution authorizing the New Rochelle Fund for Education Excellence to utilize the unspent \$20,000 from the 2020 stipend accounts of former Council Members Liz Fried and Ivar Hyden, and current Council Members Sara R. Kaye and Albert A. Tarantino, Jr., to install a new LED sign along North Avenue at New Rochelle High School, replacing the originally authorized use for VRNR. (Original Resolution 2020-165).

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 2 Tarantino Jr.
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

Wilfredo Melendez, P.E., City Manager, recommended, as outlined in the memo, that the City Council Members' unspent 2020 stipends be utilized for the installation of a new LED sign on North Avenue in the vicinity of the New Rochelle High School. An explanation of the need for authorization was provided.

Department of Development

10. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE LOCAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN (LSAP) – Resolution adopting the City of New Rochelle Local Safety Action Plan (LSAP) as the City’s comprehensive roadway safety action plan for all modes: vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

Commissioner Salgado reviewed the goals of the City's Local Safety Action Plan (LSAP) and recommended that the City Council formally adopt the City's Comprehensive Roadway Safety Action Plan. (See attached).

A discussion, followed by questions, ensued.

11. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION RE: SUBMISSION OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION's (USDOT) FY 2026 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION – Resolution authorizing submission of an FY 2026 SS4A Implementation Grant application for the “New Rochelle Safe Corridors Program” and committing the required local match.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, Passed (7 - 0)
Mover:	Council Member, District 6 Stern
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
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Commissioner Salgado addressed the proposed legislation which authorizes the submission of a grant application. The proposed legislation refers to the City's commitment regarding the required local match for the North Avenue Corridor Safety Project. A discussion followed.

- 12. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD RE: BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND – Ordinance accepting the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund award; and amending Ordinance No. 198 of 2025, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2026 (Sponsored by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert).

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert stated that following a recommendation, she had applied for the grant award and, as a result, the City yielded the sum of \$50,000. Commissioner Salgado explained the receipt of the grant award, a Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund Award, which does not require municipal funds.

- 13. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 331, THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, RE: OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS - Ordinance amending Section 331-4, Specific Terms Defined, and Section 331-59, LI Light Industry District, of Chapter 331, Zoning, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle. (Intro. 5/12/26; Public Hearing 6/9/26).

Commissioner Salgado explained the proposed use and recommended that it be permitted in the LI, Light Industry District. Following review, it was concluded that the language should be clarified. On motion by Council Member Tarantino, seconded by Council Member Peters, and unanimously approved, it was agreed that the language in the proposed legislation be revised to make the subject matter of the school compatible with the Light Industrial District.

- 14. **2026-54** PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 331, THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, RE: OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS - Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing relative to amending Section 331-4, Specific Terms Defined, and Section 331-59, LI Light Industry District, of Chapter 331, Zoning, of the Code of the City of New Rochelle.

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

- 15. **2026-55** PROPOSED LEAD AGENCY STATUS RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 331, THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, RE: OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS - Resolution declaring Lead Agency relative to amending Section 331-4, Specific Terms Defined, and Section 331-59, LI Light Industry District, of Chapter 331, Zoning, of the Code of the City of New

Rochelle.

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

16. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMBLE BUMBLE BOOK, LLC, FOR TRAIN STATION RETAIL SPACE - Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Humble Bumble, LLC for the Use and Occupancy of a ground-floor space at the New Rochelle Train Station.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, 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

Commissioner Salgado recommended that the proposed legislation be favorably considered.

17. PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JUIICY LLC FOR TRAIN STATION RETAIL SPACE - Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with JUIICY LLC for the Use and Occupancy of a ground-floor space at the New Rochelle Train Station.

Result:	Moved to Consent Agenda, (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

City Council

Supplemental Item(s)

Unfinished Business

New Business

Council Member Tarantino moved that the citizens' portion of the meeting (Citizens to be Heard) be renamed as follows: "Community to be Heard." The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and unanimously approved.

It was agreed that a proposed amendment to the Code of the City of New Rochelle be formally considered at the meeting of City Council in the month of June.

Discussion Item(s)

Executive Session

Public Hearings 7:00 PM (See list above)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 312 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE
RE: VEHICLES IMPOUND AUTHORITY

Speakers:

James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue.

PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDS

Speakers:

James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue.

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

Citizens to Be Heard

Speakers:

James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Council Member Kaye, seconded by Council Member Lopez, and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

KIM B. JONES
CITY CLERK