

CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, NY

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

Type: Committee of the Whole Session
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 3:45 P.M.
Place: 1St Floor Council Conference Room

Martha Lopez	District 1 Council Member - Present
Albert A. Tarantino Jr	District 2 Council Member - Present
David Peters	District 3 Council Member - Present
Shane A. Osinloye	District 4 Council Member - Present
Sara R. Kaye	District 5 Council Member - Present
Matthew A Stern	District 6 Council Member - Present
Yadira Ramos-Herbert	Mayor - Present

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 PM by Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert

PRESENTATION(S):

1. ENERGY JUSTICE LAW & POLICY CENTER (EJLPC) RE: AIR STUDY RESULTS

Raya Salter, Esq., Energy Justice Law and Policy Center, presented a report entitled: "New York State Air Quality Monitoring in New Rochelle and Municipal Opportunities for Mitigation."

The Report included an explanation of the Center and its goals; New York State Air Quality Monitoring in New Rochelle and Topics for Presentation; Climate Action in New York State: The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and Justice Framework; Air Monitoring in New Rochelle; The Air of Truth (the collection of raw data for study and community engagement); and Opportunities for Municipal Government. (See attached).

A discussion relative to goals, ensued. Items discussed included air quality and the need to identify programs offering assistance for the improvement of air quality; taking advantage of the opportunity to utilize programs offered; taking advantage of community engagement; potential mitigation measures regarding private property and the need for policy; the concentration of poor air quality in disadvantaged communities; the need for solutions to health problems due to air quality and criteria as it relates to disadvantaged communities; the large number of residential housing units adjacent to I-95 and the resultant health problems; the need to examine solutions to the impact and to confer in the future with developers and City officials regarding the problems; the need to examine state laws to determine the requirements that developers must follow; and the need for additional green space.

Ms. Salter expressed appreciation to the Members of City Council.

Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager, expressed appreciation to City Council and, in particular, Council Member Sara R. Kaye for her involvement in grant applications, to City Departments and staff members, Library personnel, and the City Historian for their participation in the joint effort to attain certain goals.

2. ARBOR-PRO RE: STREET TREE INVENTORY/COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Oscar R. Corvera, Certified Arborist, ArborPro, Urban Forest Management, accompanied by Jessica Paladino, Assistant Corporation Counsel, reviewed the report entitled, "Community Forest Management Plan" (CFMP), which includes the following: City Vision for the Future, A Growing Vision; Why the CFMP Matters; City's Urban Forest Today; Challenges the City Faces; CFMP Highlights; Equity and Climate Focus; How the City will Manage the Forest; Community Engagement; Additional Initiatives in Progress; Measuring City's Success; Timeline and Next Steps; and Closing Message. (See attached). Mr. Corvera addressed the Plan which, he acknowledged, includes tree maintenance.

A discussion followed.

Council Member Kaye expressed appreciation for the extensive report which comprised many hours of work. At her request, Mr. Corvera explained the process.

Council Member Kaye commented that the work has established a great plan which will be updated - and ensure transparency and accountability. Council Member Kaye spoke of sharing the plan with those involved in the process; requested a summary of grant opportunities; and spoke of the possibility of creating new green jobs.

Program goals which include tree planting and maintenance were discussed. The program will address parks including City Park, Maplewood Park, and Ward Acres, appropriate signage for "wild life areas," and the creation of zones by City Council Districts.

Council Member Osinloye requested that the Friends of Glenwood Lake Park be contacted to ensure the coordination of plans.

Mayor and City Council Members expressed appreciation for the report and accomplishments.

AGENDA REVIEW

COMMENDATION(S):

PUBLIC HEARING(S) THIS EVENING:

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER, INTRO. NO. 2, RE: CHANGE OF TAXABLE STATUS DATES - Article X; Sections 105 and 107 - A Local Law, Intro. No 2, to amend Section 105, The Board of Assessment Review, and Section 107, Taxable Status Date, of Article X, General City Taxes, of the New Rochelle City Charter. (Intro. 4/8/25; Public Hearing 5/6/25)

RESULT:	HELD [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM

AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert
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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS:

LAW DEPARTMENT:

4. **2025-53 - HOME RULE REQUEST RE: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LOCAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX** - Resolution authorizing the appropriate Officer(s) of the City of New Rochelle to sign a Home Rule Request for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S5782 and State Assembly Bill No. A7375, to extend the authorization of the City of New Rochelle to impose an Additional Sales and Compensating Use Tax until December 31, 2027.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	Martha Lopez, District 1 Council Member
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SECONDER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

CITY MANAGER:

5. PROPOSED FREE PARKING FOR 2025 DOWNTOWN SUMMER SIZZLE CONCERT SERIES - Resolution authorizing free parking for the 2025 Downtown Summer Sizzle Concert Series from June 7, 2025 through August 30, 2025.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew A Stern, District 6 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

6. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CONTRACT RE: EMPRESS AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. - Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement extension with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. for emergency medical services.

Andrew Sandor, Fire Commissioner, stated that Empress Ambulance has provided satisfactory service, and they have a good working relationship with the City.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	Matthew A Stern, District 6 Council Member
SECONDER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT:

7. PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME ARP FUNDS - Resolution authorizing reallocation of HOME and HOME-ARP funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Home Annual Action Plans and Budgets. (Intro. 05/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

Public Hearing relative to proposed reallocation of funds will take place on
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

RESULT: HELD [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 6/10/2025 3:45 PM

AYES: Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

8. PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME ARP FUNDS - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of HOME and HOME ARP funds to TBRA and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Action Plans for the City of New Rochelle (Intro. 5/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, explained the proposed reallocation as outlined in the memo.

RESULT: MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM

MOVER: Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member

SECONDER: Matthew A Stern, District 6 Council Member

AYES: Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

9. PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS - Resolution authorizing the reappropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for elevator replacement at the Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to CDBG Annual Action Plans & Budgets.

Public Hearing relative to proposed reallocation of funds will take place on
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

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10. PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO MASCARO ELEVATOR - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of CDBG funds for a new elevator at Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to the 2018 and 2024 Action Plans for the City of New Rochelle. (Intro. 5/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

Public Hearing relative to proposed reallocation of funds will take place on
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Council Member Martha Lopez expressed appreciation for the proposed improvements.

RESULT: MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM

MOVER: Martha Lopez, District 1 Council Member

SECONDER: David Peters, District 3 Council Member

AYES: Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

11. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM (CORRECTION OF LEGISLATION NO. 35-2025) - Ordinance accepting the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (NYS DEC ZEV Grant) in the amount of \$30,000, amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, and appropriating funds therefore (Correction of Legislation No. 35- 2025).

Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, explained the need for the correction of legislation due to a mathematical error.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
SECONDER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

12. PROPOSED APPLICATION RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INLAND FLOODING AND LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS GRANT - Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the New York State Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation projects (IFLWRPIP) relative to Sub-Basin 5 Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

Adam Salgado, Commissioner, Department of Development, explained that the proposed legislation involves the submission of a grant application. He acknowledged that the City is required to provide a 10 per cent match.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
SECONDER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

13. PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New York State Resilient Watersheds Grant program relative to Sheldrake River stormwater improvements and committing required matching funds.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Martha Lopez, District 1 Council Member
SECONDER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

14. PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program relative to LINC Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew A Stern, District 6 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

15. PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE COASTAL REHABILITATION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects (CRRP) grant program relative to the City Park Drainage Improvements and committing required matching funds.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Martha Lopez, District 1 Council Member
SECONDER:	David Peters, District 3 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

16. PROPOSED APPLICATION RE: WESTCHESTER COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Westchester County Stormwater Management Law (BPL-26) grants program relative to the Sub-Basin 5 Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

Commissioner Salgado explained the intent of the proposed resolution. The City is seeking a grant opportunity to offset the City's investment.

Council Member Osinloye complimented staff for their efforts as they relate to grants.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew A Stern, District 6 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

17. PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM - Ordinance accepting New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Energy Communities Grant relative to Clean Energy Projects and amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025.

Commissioner Salgado explained the intent of the proposed legislation as outlined in the memo.

RESULT:	MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/13/2025 6:15 PM
MOVER:	Sara R. Kaye, District 5 Council Member
SECONDER:	Shane A. Osinloye, District 4 Council Member
AYES:	Lopez, Tarantino Jr, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, Ramos-Herbert

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM(S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: May Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:15 P.M.;
June Committee of the Whole Session, Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 3:45 P.M.; June
Regular Legislative Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:15 P.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to convene in Executive Session was moved by Council Member Sara R. Kaye, seconded by Council Member Matthew A. Stern, and unanimously approved by Council Members Lopez, Tarantino, Peters, Osinloye, Kaye, Stern, and Mayor Ramos Herbert. Subject(s): Two items regarding litigation and two items regarding proposed lease of real property.

Council Member Shane A. Osinloye recused himself from a portion of the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest regarding a lease with a lessor in one matter. Therefore, he will not participate in that portion of the Executive Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS 7:00 PM (See list above)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER, INTRO. NO. 2, RE: CHANGE IN TAXABLE STATUS DATES

SPEAKERS:

None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

SPEAKERS:

James O'Toole, 230 North Avenue.

Misspellings/inaccuracies/errors may occur; address included if provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Kim B. Jones, City Clerk

May 6, 2025

City of New Rochelle
City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: ENERGY JUSTICE LAW & POLICY CENTER (EJLPC) RE: AIR STUDY
RESULTS

DISCUSSION ITEM

Presentation by the Energy Justice Law & Policy Center (EJLPC).

City of New Rochelle
Public Works

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Alvaro Alfonzo-Larrain, Commissioner of Public Works
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: ARBOR-PRO RE: STREET TREE INVENTORY/COMMUNITY FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN

DISCUSSION ITEM

Presentation by ArborPro.

City of New Rochelle
Finance Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Edward Ritter, Finance Commissioner
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER, INTRO. NO. 2, RE:
CHANGE OF TAXABLE STATUS DATES - Article X; Sections 105 and 107 -
A Local Law, Intro. No 2, to amend Section 105, The Board of Assessment
Review, and Section 107, Taxable Status Date, of Article X, General City Taxes,
of the New Rochelle City Charter. (Intro. 4/8/25; Public Hearing 5/6/25)

SITUATION:

Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) applications are residents opportunity to grieve their assessed value and if successful, reduce their tax obligation.

The current assessment calendar has SCAR applications and decisions arriving after the city budgeting process. Tax rates are apportioned according to assessed value to fulfill the entire tax levy. Because these arrive after tax rates are set in our budget, refunds are required and the levy is shortened.

PROPOSAL:

We are proposing that the New Rochelle City Charter be amended, subject to a public hearing, to alter the assessment calendar in order to facilitate smooth, accurate tax apportionment for the budgeting process and a reduction in tax refunds.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the staff that the assessment calendar be changed, subject to a public hearing, consistent with the calendar attached.

LEGISLATION

LOCAL LAW NO. ____

A LOCAL LAW, INTRO. NO. 2 TO AMEND SECTION 105, THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND SECTION 107, TAXABLE STATUS DATE, OF ARTICLE X, GENERAL CITY TAXES, OF THE NEW ROCHELLE CITY CHARTER.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City of New Rochelle, as follows:

Section 1. Section 105, The Board of Assessment Review, of Article X, General City Taxes, of the New Rochelle City Charter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 105. The Board of Assessment Review.

The Board of Assessment Review shall prescribe the form in which complaints in relation to assessments shall be made to it. It shall fix the dates, places and time pursuant to law when the Board will meet to hear complaints. Hearings shall commence on the third Tuesday of [June] February in each year, and terminate not later than the 15th day of [July] March. The Board shall notify the Assessor of such dates, places and times on or before [May 20] January 20 in each year. The verified statement showing the changes determined to be made in assessments, required by law to be delivered to the Assessor, shall be so delivered not later than [July 20] March 20 in each year.

Section 2. Section 107, Taxable status date, of Article X, General City Taxes, of the New Rochelle City Charter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 107. Taxable status date.

The taxable status and valuation of all real property in the City of New Rochelle shall be determined annually as of the first day of [May] December, and all real property therein shall be assessed according to its condition and ownership as of such date.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State.

Matter [bracketed] deleted.

Matter underlined added.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Charter Article X Section 105-107 Assessment Review
2. Assessment Date Change Memo

Chapter C. Charter

Article X. General City Taxes

Section 105. The Board of Assessment Review.

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Section 106.

[Enacted by Local Law No. 3-1972 (March 27, 1972); amended by Local Law No. 6-1985 (June 18, 1985).

The powers and duties of the Assessor and of the Board of Assessment Review shall be as set forth in Sections 99 through 103 and as specified in the Real Property Tax Law, except as otherwise set forth below in this Chapter X.

[1] *Editor's Note: This section was originally listed as Sections 1(4) and 105.*

[2] *Editor's Note: Section 3 of L.L. No. 6-1985 provided that the following laws or sections thereof are hereby superseded or changed: §§ 500; 506; 512, Subdivision 1; and 516, Subdivision 1, of the Real Property Tax Law, as amended by L. 1984, c. 379.*

Section 107. Taxable status date.

[Enacted by Local Law No. 6-1985 (June 18, 1985).]

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Matter {bracketed} to be deleted

Matter underlined to be added

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Philip M. Platz, Esq. IAO
Assessor

City of New Rochelle New York

TO: Edward Ritter, Finance Commissioner

From: Philip Platz, Assessor

SUBJECT: Proposed Change in New Rochelle Assessment Calendar

DATE: March 5, 2025

I would like to propose that New Rochelle amend the City Charter to alter the assessment calendar in order to facilitate the smoother and more accurate budgeting process. The current calendar has caused the Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) refunds to arrive during, or immediately after the city budgeting process.

The current assessment calendar is as follows:

May 1 – Taxable status date. Property assessed in its condition as of this date; exemption applications due.

May 1- Valuation date – Property improvements valued as of this date.

June 1 – Tentative assessment roll published.

Third Tuesday in June- Grievance Day- Assessment complaints may be filed between the tentative assessment roll publication and the end of this day.

August 1- Final assessment roll published- Board of Assessment Review changes are applied to the tentative assessment roll.

August 31- Deadline for appeals filed with the County Clerk.

October 1- School tax bill first half.

January 1- City tax bill.

April 1 –School tax bill second half.

June 1 – County tax bill.

Proposed new assessment Calendar:

December 1 – Taxable status date.

December 1- Valuation date.
February 1- Tentative assessment roll.
Third Tuesday in February – Grievance Day.
April 1- Final assessment roll.
May 1- Deadline for appeals filed with the County Clerk.
September 1 – School tax bill first half.
January 1- City tax bill.
March 1 - School tax bill second half.
June 1 – County tax bill.

By moving to this new calendar, we would have sufficient time to process the assessment roll and the SCAR changes before the city budgeting process has begun.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

City of New Rochelle
Law

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Dawn Warren, Corporation Counsel

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: HOME RULE REQUEST RE: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LOCAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX - Resolution authorizing the appropriate Officer(s) of the City of New Rochelle to sign a Home Rule Request for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S5782 and State Assembly Bill No. A7375, to extend the authorization of the City of New Rochelle to impose an Additional Sales and Compensating Use Tax until December 31, 2027.

Legislation has been proposed in both the State Assembly (Bill No. A7375) and the State Senate (Bill No. S5782) extending the authorization of the City of New Rochelle to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax at a rate which is one percent additional to the current rate authorized, for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

The tax generates approximately \$15.6 million dollars over a two-year period for the City. Adoption of the State legislation will ensure continuation of this much needed revenue source.

It is therefore recommended that the City Council adopt a Home Rule request in support of the above referenced State legislation.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER(S) OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE TO SIGN A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. S5782 AND STATE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A7375, TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2027.

WHEREAS, legislation has been proposed in both the State Assembly (Bill No. A7375) and the State Senate (Bill No. S5782) extending the authorization of the City of New Rochelle to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027, at a rate which is one percent additional to the current rate; and

WHEREAS adoption of the State legislation will ensure continuation of this much needed revenue source which generates approximately \$15.6 million dollars over a two-year period for the City; and

WHEREAS it is therefore recommended that the City Council adopt a Home Rule request in support of the above referenced State legislation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Rochelle that this City Council hereby authorizes the appropriate City Officer(s) to sign a Home Rule Request for enactment of Senate Bill No. S5782, Assembly Bill No. A7375, authorizing the City of New Rochelle to extend the local sales and compensating use tax at a rate which is one percent additional to the three percent rate authorized, for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. In Assembly - 7375 _ 2025-2026
2. In Senate - 5782 _ 2025-2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

7375

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 25, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. OTIS, PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the authorization of the city of New Rochelle to impose an additional sales and compensating use tax

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Clause 4 of subparagraph (ii) of the opening paragraph of
- 2 section 1210 of the tax law, as amended chapter 250 of the laws of 2023,
- 3 is amended to read as follows:
- 4 (4) the city of New Rochelle is hereby further authorized and
- 5 empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions
- 6 imposing such taxes at a rate which is one percent additional to the
- 7 three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph for such city for
- 8 the period beginning September first, nineteen hundred ninety-three and
- 9 ending December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~ twenty-seven;
- 10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

5782

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

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Attachment: In Senate - 5782 _ 2025-2026 (2025-53 : HOME RULE REQUEST RE: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LOCAL SALES AND

City of New Rochelle
City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FREE PARKING FOR 2025 DOWNTOWN SUMMER SIZZLE CONCERT SERIES - Resolution authorizing free parking for the 2025 Downtown Summer Sizzle Concert Series from June 7, 2025 through August 30, 2025.

Background:

In a continuation of the City's overall efforts to promote visitors in Downtown New Rochelle, the City is hosting the Second Annual Downtown Summer Sizzle Concert Series. The Concert Series will occur each Saturday beginning on June 07, 2025 and concluding on August 30, 2025. To help promote the Concert Series, and local businesses, staff is recommending that free parking be offered, in select Municipal Parking Facilities, when concerts are occurring.

Issue:

As was done in prior years for other City events, staff proposes free parking in the following Municipal Parking Facilities controlled by Muni-Meters:

1. Library
2. Library South

The following Municipal Parking Facilities are **EXCLUDED** from this exemption:

1. City Hall
2. New Roc Garage
3. Lawn Avenue
4. Sickles Avenue
5. North Ave Thruway
6. Prospect Street
7. Maple Avenue
8. Davenport Avenue
9. Union Avenue
10. Bayard Street
11. New Rochelle Transit Center Garage

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing free parking in the aforementioned Municipal Parking Facilities, each Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., beginning on Saturday June 07, 2025 and concluding on Saturday August 30, 2025.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING FOR THE
2025 DOWNTOWN SUMMER SIZZLE CONCERT SERIES
FROM JUNE 7, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, in a continuation of the City's overall efforts to promote visitors in Downtown New Rochelle, the City is hosting the Second Annual Downtown Summer Sizzle Concert Series each Saturday beginning June 7, 2025 and concluding on August 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in order to help promote the Concert Series and local businesses, staff is recommending that free parking be offered in select Municipal Parking Facilities on dates when concerts are occurring; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of New Rochelle authorizes free parking in the following Municipal Parking Facilities each Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. beginning on Saturday, June 7, 2025 and concluding on Saturday, August 30, 2025:

1. Library
2. Library South

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Municipal Parking Facilities are excluded from this exemption, as are permit-only lots:

1. City Hall
2. New Roc Garage
3. Lawn Avenue
4. Sickles Avenue
5. North Ave Thruway
6. Prospect Street
7. Maple Avenue
8. Davenport Avenue
9. Union Avenue
10. Bayard Street
11. New Rochelle Transit Center Garage

City of New Rochelle
City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CONTRACT RE: EMPRESS AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. - Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement extension with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. for emergency medical services.

BACKGROUND:

Under Section 122-b, General Ambulance Services, of New York State General Municipal Law, the City of New Rochelle may provide an emergency medical service, a general ambulance service or a combination of such services for the purpose of providing pre hospital emergency medical treatment or transporting sick or injured persons found within the boundaries of the municipality or the municipalities acting jointly to a hospital, clinic, sanatorium or other place for treatment of such illness or injury.

Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. has been providing emergency ambulance services at the Advanced Life Support Care (ALS) level here in the City of New Rochelle for a number of years. Over the course of the contract, Empress and its employees have worked hand in hand with members of the New Rochelle Fire Department and the New Rochelle Police Department to provide New Rochelle residents with high quality emergency medical response.

ISSUE:

The current contract with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. expires on June 30, 2025. The City Manager's Office has reviewed the current contract with the Fire Commissioner and the Director of Emergency Services. We believe it is in the best interest of the City that the Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. contract be renewed for a period of two (2) years. Because the provision of emergency ambulance services is a professional service, the City is not required to undertake a competitive bidding process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a two-year contract extension with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. for the time period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2027.

For Year 1 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) of the contract extension, the annual fee will be \$826,545, an increase of \$16,207 or two percent. For Year 2 of the extension, the annual fee will be increased by no more than two percent.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in MUNIS Account 3417.46700.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TWO-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH EMPRESS AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 122-b of the New York State General Municipal Law, the City of New Rochelle is authorized to provide general ambulance and emergency medical services within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance services at the Advanced Life Support Care (ALS) level to the City of New Rochelle for a number of years, working collaboratively with the New Rochelle Fire and Police Departments to deliver high-quality emergency medical response; and

WHEREAS, the current contract with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. is set to expire on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following a review by the City Manager's Office, the Fire Commissioner, and the Director of Emergency Services, it has been determined that extending the contract for an additional two-year term is in the best interest of the City and is permissible as a professional service exempt from competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract extension provides for an annual fee of \$826,545 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, reflecting a 2% increase, and allows for an increase of no more than 2% for the subsequent year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a two-year extension of the contract with Empress Ambulance Service, Inc. for emergency ambulance services, covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, with annual fees as outlined herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this contract is available in MUNIS Account 3417.46700.

City of New Rochelle

Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME ARP FUNDS - Resolution authorizing reallocation of HOME and HOME-ARP funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Home Annual Action Plans and Budgets. (Intro. 05/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

Background:

In 2016, New Rochelle implemented the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program to provide rental assistance and supportive services to New Rochelle residents experiencing homelessness. In 2024 with the implementation of HOME-ARP funding, the population served was expanded to include homeless individuals and families; those experiencing homelessness per McKinney-Vento; those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking; people at-risk of homelessness (self-paying, no shelter voucher, couch surfing, leaving prison or mental health facility); and those who are housing unstable.

Since the 2024 program expansion, the City added 16 new families to our TBRA program and currently supports 39 active recipient households.

To continue funding the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program, the Department of Development proposes reallocating unused HOME and HOME-ARP funds from prior program years. The proposed reallocations would make \$474,429 available for Tenant Based Rental Assistance, supplementing \$335,567 already allocated in the anticipated 2025 budget.

This strategic reallocation ensures that available resources are directed toward ongoing assistance to some of New Rochelle's most vulnerable residents. We look forward to the Council's support in advancing this essential initiative.

Issue:

To move forward with this proposed reallocation, the City must amend its HOME Annual Action Plans and budgets for program years 2021 and 2022. Federal regulations require a Substantial

Amendment to these plans, which necessitates the following:

- Amendments to the 2021 and 2022 HOME Annual Action Plans.
- Amendments to the 2021 and 2022 HOME Budgets and 2021 HOME ARP Budget
- A Public Hearing scheduled for June 10, 2025.
- A 30-day Public Comment Period from May 7, 2025 to June 12, 2025.

Appropriations for prior year HOME and HOME ARP funds will be modified as follows:

ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	ACCT DESCRIPTION	CHANGE
HM21	46100		CONTRACTED - CHDO	(\$61,760.25)
HM22	46100		CONTRACTED - CHDO	(\$75,457.35)
HM22	11000	6008A	SALARIES - FULL TIME	(\$162,000.00)
HM22	41000	6008A	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	(\$250.00)
HM22	45100	6008A	INDIRECT COST	(\$12,130.77)
HM22	45500	6008A	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	(\$1,000.00)
HM22	48500	6008A	TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	(\$250.00)
HM22	82500	6008A	MCTM TAX	(\$55.08)
HM22	83000	6008A	SOCIAL SECURITY	(\$10,044.00)
HM22	83500	6008A	MEDICARE	(\$2,349.00)
HM22	85000	6008A	WORKER'S COMP CHG	(\$48.35)
HM22	41700	6008	CULTURAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	(\$149,084.80)
HM21	47000	6001	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$61,760.25
HM22	47000	6001	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$75,457.35
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$162,000.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$250.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$12,130.77
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$1,000.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$250.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$55.08
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$10,044.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$2,349.00
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$48.35
HM22	47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$149,084.80

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed reallocation of HOME and HOME ARP funds to support the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. To implement these changes, City Council is requested to take the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution directing a public hearing on June 10, 2025, during the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting regarding the amendments to the 2021 and 2022 HOME

Annual Action Plans and HOME and HOME ARP Budgets.

2. Adopt a resolution at the June 17, 2025, Regular Legislative Meeting (RLM) to:
 - a. Authorize submission of the amended 2021 and 2022 HOME Annual Action Plans to HUD.
 - b. Approve the amended 2021 and 2022 HOME and HOME ARP budgets.

This strategic reallocation ensures that available resources are directed toward ongoing assistance to some of New Rochelle's most vulnerable residents. We look forward to the Council's support in advancing this essential initiative.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME-ARP FUNDS FOR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA) AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 AND 2022 HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLANS AND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle implemented the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program in 2016 to support residents experiencing homelessness, and in 2024 expanded the program under HOME-ARP funding to serve a broader population including individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, as well as those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, since the 2024 expansion, 16 new families have been added, with the City currently supporting 39 active households through TBRA; and

WHEREAS, to continue this essential service, the Department of Development proposes reallocating unused HOME and HOME-ARP funds from prior program years, making \$474,429 available to supplement the anticipated \$335,567 allocated in the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, these reallocations require a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2021 and 2022 HOME Annual Action Plans and HOME and HOME-ARP Budgets, as required by federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, appropriations for prior year HOME and HOME-ARP funds will be modified as follows:

ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	ACCT DESCRIPTION	CHANGE
HM21	46100		CONTRACTED - CHDO	(\$61,760.25)
HM22	46100		CONTRACTED - CHDO	(\$75,457.35)
HM22	11000	6008A	SALARIES - FULL TIME	(\$162,000.00)
HM22	41000	6008A	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	(\$250.00)
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HM22	45500	6008A	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	(\$1,000.00)
HM22	48500	6008A	TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	(\$250.00)
HM22	82500	6008A	MCTM TAX	(\$55.08)
HM22	83000	6008A	SOCIAL SECURITY	(\$10,044.00)
HM22	83500	6008A	MEDICARE	(\$2,349.00)
HM22	85000	6008A	WORKER'S COMP CHG	(\$48.35)
HM22	41700	6008	CULTURAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	(\$149,084.80)
HM21	47000	6001	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$61,760.25

HM22 47000	6001	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$75,457.35
HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$162,000.00
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HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$55.08
HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$10,044.00
HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$2,349.00
HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$48.35
HM22 47000	6008	RENT SUBSIDIES	\$149,084.80

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle authorizes submission of the amended 2021 and 2022 HOME Annual Action Plans and budgets to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports the reallocation of HOME and HOME-ARP funds to sustain the TBRA Program, ensuring continued assistance to some of New Rochelle's most vulnerable residents.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME ARP FUNDS - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of HOME and HOME ARP funds to TBRA and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Action Plans for the City of New Rochelle (Intro. 5/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF HOME AND HOME ARP FUNDS TO TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA) - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of HOME and HOME-ARP funds to TBRA and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Action Plans (Intro. 05/6/2025; Public Hearing 06/10/2025).

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE
TO THE REPROGRAMMING OF HOME AND HOME ARP
FUNDS TO TBRA AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 AND
2022 ACTION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Rochelle that this City Council hold a public hearing on June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York relative to the reprogramming of HOME and HOME ARP funds to TBRA and amendments to the 2021 and 2022 Action Plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the City of New Rochelle at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing date.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS - Resolution authorizing the reappropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for elevator replacement at the Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to CDBG Annual Action Plans & Budgets.

Background:

The Boys and Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse provides safe, nurturing spaces and high-quality programs to the New Rochelle community. An annual inspection performed on the elevator identified ongoing operational issues and replacement is recommended to ensure the safety and accessibility of the facility. The Department of Development proposes reallocating unused Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from prior program years to modernize the elevator.

The proposed reallocation will make \$250,000.00 available for the replacement of the elevator.

Issue:

To move forward with these reallocated funds, the City must amend its CDBG Annual Action Plans and budgets for program years 2018 and 2024. Federal regulations require a Substantial Amendment to these plans, which necessitates the following:

- Amendments to the 2018 and 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plans.
- Amendments to the 2018 and 2024 CDBG Budgets.
- A Public Hearing scheduled for June 10, 2025.
- A 30-day Public Comment Period from May 14, 2025, to June 12, 2025.

Appropriations for prior year CDBG funds will be modified as follows:

ORG	OBJ.	PROJ.	ACCT DESCRIPTION	CHANGE
CD18	20000	23135	DOYLE CENTER REHABILITATION	-\$135,000.00
CD24	20000	24006	ADA IMPROVEMENTS - POLICE STATION	-\$75,000.00
CD24	23000	24160	D'ONOFRIO PARK IMPROVEMENTS	-\$40,000.00
CD18	20000	2166	MASCARO ELEVATOR	\$135,000.00
CD24	20000	2166	MASCARO ELEVATOR	\$75,000.00

CD24 20000 2166 MASCARO ELEVATOR

\$40,000.00

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed reallocation of CDBG funds to support the installation of a new elevator at Mascaro Boys & Girls Club. To implement these changes, City Council is requested to take the following actions:

- . Adopt a resolution directing a public hearing on June 10, 2025, during the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting regarding the amendments to the 2018 and 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plans and Budgets.
- . Adopt a resolution at the June 17, 2025, Regular Legislative Meeting (RLM) to:
 - a. Authorize submission of the amended 2018 and 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plans to HUD.
 - b. Approve the amended 2018 and 2024 CDBG budgets.

This strategic reallocation ensures that available resources are directed toward impactful community improvements, prioritizing public safety, and accessibility. We look forward to the Council's support in advancing these essential projects.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MASCARO CLUBHOUSE AND AMENDMENTS TO CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLANS AND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse provides essential services to the New Rochelle community, and an annual inspection has identified operational issues with the elevator, recommending its replacement for safety and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development proposes reallocating unused CDBG funds from prior program years to fund the replacement of the elevator, making \$250,000 available for this project; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with these funds, the City must amend its CDBG Annual Action Plans and budgets for program years 2018 and 2024 in accordance with federal regulations, requiring a Substantial Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments include reallocating prior year CDBG funds as follows:

ORG	OBJ.	PROJ.	ACCT DESCRIPTION	CHANGE
CD18	20000	23135	DOYLE CENTER REHABILITATION	-\$135,000.00
CD24	20000	24006	ADA IMPROVEMENTS-POLICE STATION	-\$75,000.00
CD24	23000	24160	D'ONOFRIO PARK IMPROVEMENTS	-\$40,000.00
CD18	20000	2166	MASCARO ELEVATOR	\$135,000.00
CD24	20000	2166	MASCARO ELEVATOR	\$75,000.00
CD24	20000	2166	MASCARO ELEVATOR	\$40,000.00

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle authorizes submission of the amended 2018 and 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plans to HUD and approves the amended 2018 and 2024 CDBG budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports the reallocation of CDBG funds to ensure the timely installation of a new elevator at the Mascaro Boys & Girls Club, enhancing public safety and accessibility in the community.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO MASCARO ELEVATOR - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of CDBG funds for a new elevator at Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to the 2018 and 2024 Action Plans for the City of New Rochelle. (Intro. 5/6/2025; Public Hearing 6/10/2025).

PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING RE: REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO MASCARO ELEVATOR - Resolution directing a Public Hearing relative to the reprogramming of CDBG funds for a new elevator at Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to the 2018 and 2024 Action Plans. (Intro. 05/06/2025; Public Hearing 06/10/2025).

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE
TO THE REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS FOR A NEW
ELEVATOR AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MASCARO
CLUBHOUSE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 AND 2024
ACTION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of New Rochelle that this City Council hold a public hearing on June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York relative to the reprogramming of CDBG funds for a new elevator at Boys & Girls Club Mascaro Clubhouse and amendments to the 2018 and 2024 Action Plans for the City of New Rochelle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the City of New Rochelle at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing date.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM (CORRECTION OF LEGISLATION NO. 35-2025) - Ordinance accepting the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (NYS DEC ZEV Grant) in the amount of \$30,000, amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, and appropriating funds therefore (Correction of Legislation No. 35- 2025).

BACKGROUND:

On March 18, 2025, the City Council adopted Legislation No. 2025-35, accepting the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (NYS DEC ZEV Grant) in the amount of \$30,000 and amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025.

ISSUE:

After the adoption of Legislation No. 2025-35, staff discovered a mathematical error in the original budget amendment. The original budget amendment, shown below, totaled \$29,000 of new revenue instead of \$30,000.

Increase Revenue:

6989.3897.25071	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$15,000
8610.3897. 25071	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$7,500
5650EP.3897.25071	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$3,250

5640ET.3897.25071 State Aid - ZEV Grant \$3,250

In order to correct the mathematical error contained in Legislation No. 2025-35, a second budget amendment, identified below, is necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the following Budget Amendment to allow for the correct fund amounts to be entered into the City's 2025 Budget.

Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue:

5650EP.3897.25071 State Aid - ZEV Grant \$500

5640ET.3897.25071 State Aid - ZEV Grant \$500

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM (NYS DEC ZEV GRANT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,000, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 212 OF 2024, THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE FOR 2025 (Correction of Legislation No. 35- 2025).

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the City Council adopted Legislation No. 2025-35, accepting the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (NYS DEC ZEV Grant) in the amount of \$30,000 and amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption of Legislation No. 2025-35, staff discovered a mathematical error in the original budget amendment. The original budget amendment, shown below, totaled \$29,000 of new revenue instead of \$30,000;

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of New Rochelle:

Section 1. The Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby accepts the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) grant relative to the Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program (NYS DEC ZEV Grant) in the amount of \$29,000.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, is hereby amended in order to provide for the acceptance and implementation of this \$29,000 grant, as follows:

Increase Revenue

6989.3897.25XXX	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$15,000
8610.3897.25XXX	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$7,500
5650EP.3897.25XXX	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$3,250
5640ET.3897.25XXX	State Aid - ZEV Grant	\$3,250

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to make such representation and execute such documentation as may be necessary and required to file and accept the \$29,000 grant.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED APPLICATION RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INLAND FLOODING AND LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS GRANT - Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the New York State Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation projects (IFLWRPIP) relative to Sub-Basin 5 Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects (IFLWRPIP) Grant Program, administered by the New York State Department of State, supports municipalities located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways to implement projects that enhance waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate-related risks. At least \$15 million is available through this competitive program, with awards covering up to 90% of eligible project costs. A minimum grant request of \$150,000 is required. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application by 4:00 PM on June 6, 2025.

The City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its ongoing commitment by performing a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and establishing the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023. Pursuant to that Study, under this Program the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million. Accordingly, one of the mitigation projects identified that requires funding is Subbasin 5 - Eastchester Road / White Oak Street / North Avenue.

ISSUE:

To support the construction of the improvements to Subbasin 5 - Eastchester Road / White Oak Street / North Avenue which has an estimated project cost of \$971,750, the City intends to apply for the IFLWRPIP Grant Program in the amount of \$874,575. The City would be required to provide a match in the amount of \$97,175 to be funded from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City's IFLWRPIP grant submission to NYS Department of State in the amount of \$874,575, committing the City to the 10% match of \$97,175, and authorizing the City Manager to submit all necessary documentation for the grant application.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE INLAND FLOODING AND LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (IFLWRPIP) RELATIVE TO SUB-BASIN 5 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITTING REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State administers The Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects (IFLWRPIP) Grant Program to support municipal projects that enhance waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate-related risks; and

WHEREAS, the IFLWRPIP Grant Program provides funding for up to 90% of eligible project costs, with a minimum grant request of \$150,000, and applications due by June 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its commitment to climate resilience through its 2023 Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and the establishment of a Stormwater Mitigation Program, which identified 170 mitigation projects with an estimated total construction value exceeding \$350 million; and

WHEREAS, one of the identified projects, Subbasin 5 – Eastchester Road / White Oak Street / North Avenue, has an estimated total project cost of \$971,750; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to apply for a grant in the amount of \$874,575 under the IFLWRPIP Grant Program and to commit a 10% local match in the amount of \$97,175 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the New York State Department of State for funding under the IFLWRPIP Grant Program in the amount of \$874,575 for the Subbasin 5 Stormwater Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to providing the required 10% local match of \$97,175 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the grant application and accept any awarded funds.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the New York State Resilient Watersheds Grant program relative to Sheldrake River stormwater improvements and committing required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program, administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), provides funding for the construction and implementation of flood mitigation and climate resilience projects. Supported by the 2022 Environmental Bond Act, the program makes at least \$45 million available in its 2025 round, with awards covering up to 90% of eligible project costs. The program prioritizes projects identified in the DEC's Resilient NY stream studies or comparable flood analyses, especially those benefiting disadvantaged communities. Minimum grant requests must be at least \$150,000, and applicants may request up to \$10 million across submissions. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal by 4:00 PM on June 6, 2025.

The City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its ongoing commitment by performing a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and establishing the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023. Pursuant to that Study, under this Program the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million. Accordingly, one of the mitigation projects identified that requires funding are stormwater improvements along the Sheldrake River.

ISSUE:

To support the construction of stormwater improvements along the Sheldrake River which has an estimated project cost of \$500,000, the City intends to apply for the RWG Grant Program in the amount of \$450,000. The City would be required to provide a City match in the amount of \$50,000 to be funded from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City's RWG grant submission to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$450,000, committing to the City 10% match of \$50,000, and authorizing the City Manager to submit all necessary documentation for the grant application.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO SHELDRAKE RIVER STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITTING REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) administers the Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program that provides funding to the construction and implementation of flood mitigation and climate resilience projects; and

WHEREAS, supported by the 2022 Environmental Bond Act, this program makes at least \$45 million available in its 2025 round, with awards covering up to 90% of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle performed a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and established the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023 where the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million; and

WHEREAS, one of the projects identified that requires funding is the improvements along the Sheldrake River which has an estimated total cost of \$500,000 to support the design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the program requires a 10% local match commitment, in the amount of \$50,000; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby does authorize the City Manager to approve and endorse the grant application for the RWG Grant Program in the amount of \$450,000, relative to the Sheldrake River Stormwater Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to providing the required 10% local match of \$50,000 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the grant application and accept any awarded funds.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager
FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program relative to LINC Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program, administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), provides funding for the construction and implementation of flood mitigation and climate resilience projects. Supported by the 2022 Environmental Bond Act, the program makes at least \$45 million available in its 2025 round, with awards covering up to 90% of eligible project costs. The program prioritizes projects identified in the DEC's Resilient NY stream studies or comparable flood analyses, especially those benefiting disadvantaged communities. Applicants may submit up to two separate grant funding applications per funding round. Minimum grant requests must be at least \$150,000, and applicants may request up to \$10 million across all RWG submissions per funding round. Applications for the current funding round must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal by 4:00 PM on June 6, 2025.

The City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its ongoing commitment by performing a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and establishing the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023. Pursuant to that Study, under this Program the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million. Accordingly, one of the mitigation projects identified that requires funding are stormwater improvements relative to the LINC project and the Lincoln Avenue neighborhood.

ISSUE:

To support the construction of stormwater improvements relative to the LINC which has an estimated project cost of \$9,050,000, the City intends to apply for the RWG Grant Program in the amount of \$8,145,000. The City would be required to provide a City match in the amount of \$905,000 to be funded from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City's RWG grant submission to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, committing to the City 10% match of \$905,000, and authorizing the City Manager to submit all necessary documentation for the grant application.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT (RWG) PROGRAM RELATIVE TO LINC STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITTING REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) administers The Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program to support municipal projects with construction and implementation of flood mitigation and climate resilience projects; and

WHEREAS, the RWG Grant Program provides funding for up to 90% of eligible project costs, with a minimum grant request of \$150,000, and applications due by June 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its commitment to climate resilience through its 2023 Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and the establishment of a Stormwater Mitigation Program, which identified 170 mitigation projects with an estimated total construction value exceeding \$350 million; and

WHEREAS, one of the identified projects, LINC Stormwater Improvements, has an estimated total project cost of \$9,050,000; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to apply for a grant in the amount of \$8,145,000 under the RWG Program and to commit a 10% local match in the amount of \$905,000 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for funding under the RWG Program in the amount of \$8,145,000 for the LINC Stormwater Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to providing the required 10% local match of \$905,000 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the grant application and accept any awarded funds.

City of New Rochelle
Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE COASTAL REHABILITATION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects (CRRP) grant program relative to the City Park Drainage Improvements and committing required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects (CRRP) Grant Program, administered by the New York State Department of State through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, provides funding to support implementation of nature-based and climate-adaptive coastal resilience projects. At least \$20 million is available statewide through this competitive grant opportunity. Eligible applicants include municipalities, not-for-profits, soil and water conservation districts, and state agencies with projects located in New York's designated coastal areas or watersheds draining into those areas. Awards will cover up to 90% of total eligible project costs, with a minimum grant request of \$300,000 required. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal by 4:00 PM on June 6, 2025.

The City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its ongoing commitment by performing a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and establishing the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023. Pursuant to that Study, under this Program the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million. Accordingly, one of the mitigation projects identified that requires funding is City Park Drainage Improvements.

ISSUE:

The support the construction of the City Park Drainage improvements project which has an estimated total cost of \$3,639,628, the City intends to apply for the CRRP Grant Program in the amount of \$3,275,665. The City would be required to provide a match in the amount of \$363,963 to be funded from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City's CRRP grant submission to NYS Department of State in the amount of \$3,275,665, committing the City to the 10% match of \$363,963, and authorizing the City Manager to submit all necessary documentation for the grant application.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COASTAL REHABILITATION AND RESILIENCE PROJECTS (CRRP) GRANT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO THE CITY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITTING REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 administers the Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects (CRRP) Grant Program that provides funding to support implementation of nature-based and climate-adaptive coastal resilience projects; and

WHEREAS, at least \$20 million is available statewide through this competitive grant opportunity and award covers up to 90% of total eligible project costs, with a minimum grant request of \$300,000 required; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle performed a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and established the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023 where the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million; and

WHEREAS one of the identified projects, City Park Drainage improvements project, has an estimated total project cost of \$3,639,628 to support the design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the program requires a 10% local match commitment, in the amount of \$363,963; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby does authorize the City Manager to approve and endorse the grant application for the CRRP grant program in the amount of \$3,275,665, relative to the City Park Drainage improvements project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to providing the required 10% local match of \$363,963 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the grant application and accept any awarded funds.

City of New Rochelle

Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED APPLICATION RE: WESTCHESTER COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - Resolution authorizing
submission of a grant application to the Westchester County Stormwater
Management Law (BPL-26) grants program relative to the Sub-Basin 5
Stormwater Improvements and committing required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Westchester County Storm Water Management Law establishes a grant program that provides fundings for the design and construction of stormwater management projects that improve capacity of municipal infrastructure to mitigate flooding. The period to apply for funding under this program is rolling. The program requires a 50% local match commitment, along with commitments to intermunicipal collaboration and flood reduction.

The City of New Rochelle has demonstrated its ongoing commitment by performing a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and establishing the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023. Pursuant to that Study, under this Program the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million. Accordingly, one of the mitigation projects identified that requires funding is Subbasin 5 - Eastchester Road / White Oak Street / North Avenue.

ISSUE:

To support the design and construction of the aforementioned stormwater improvement project which has an estimated maximum project cost of \$1,943,500, the City intends to apply for the BPLP-26 grant program in the amount of \$971,750. The City would be required to provide a match in the amount of \$971,750 to be funded from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City's BPL-26 grant submission to Westchester County and authorizing the City Manager to submit all necessary documentation for the grant application. By authorizing submission of this grant application, Council is committed to flood reduction and to provide the requisite matching funds for the

application if awarded, including cost overruns. By authorizing submission of this grant application, Council is also committed to work cooperatively with the County and other municipalities within its watershed to reduce flooding, flood risk and flood damages.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT LAW (BPL-26) GRANTS PROGRAM RELATIVE
TO THE SUB-BASIN 5 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND
COMMITTING REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Storm Water Management Law establishes a grant program that provides funding for the design and construction of stormwater management projects that improve capacity of municipal infrastructure to mitigate flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle performed a Citywide Drainage Analysis Study and established the Stormwater Mitigation Program in 2023 where the City identified 170 mitigation projects with a total estimated construction value of over \$350 million; and

WHEREAS, one of the identified projects, Subbasin 5 - Eastchester Road / White Oak Street / North Avenue, has an estimated total project cost of \$1,943,500 to support the design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the program requires a 50% local match commitment, in the amount of \$971,750, along with commitments to intermunicipal collaboration and flood reduction; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle hereby does authorize the City Manager to approve and endorse the grant application for the Westchester County Stormwater Management Law (BPL-26) grants program relative to the Sub-Basin 5 Stormwater Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commits to providing the required 50% local match of \$971,750 from the City's Flood Mitigation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all documentation necessary to complete the grant application and accept any awarded funds.

City of New Rochelle

Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager

FROM: Adam Salgado, Commissioner of Development

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM - Ordinance accepting New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Energy Communities Grant relative to Clean Energy Projects and amending Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025.

BACKGROUND

The City was notified that it was being awarded its grant request for funding through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) grants for a solar array installation project at the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) at the New Rochelle Transit Center. The City will receive \$997,500 to fund design, purchase, and installation of a photovoltaic solar array that will generate renewable energy. This grant does not require a local match from the City of New Rochelle.

ISSUE

In order to proceed with a Grant Agreement, City Council needs to accept the awarded grant funds and delegate signing authority for all future grant documents.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council accept the NYSERDA CEC grant award in the amount of \$997,500 and authorize the City Manager to execute and submit all necessary documents related to said grant award.

Staff also recommends that City Council authorize the following Budget Amendment to allow for these funds to be entered into the City's 2025 Budget.

Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue

5640ET.3897.25XXX	State Aid	\$997,500
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Increase Expense

5640ET.20000.25XXX	Major Renovations	\$997,500
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LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT RELATIVE TO CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 212 OF 2024, THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE FOR 2025.

WHEREAS, the City of New Rochelle has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$997,500 through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities program to fund the design, purchase, and installation of a photovoltaic solar array at the Intermodal Transportation Center; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match and will support the City's ongoing sustainability and clean energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the grant award and implementation of the project, it is necessary for the City Council to formally accept the grant and authorize the City Manager to execute all associated documentation; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to amend the 2025 City Budget to reflect the receipt and expenditure of these funds; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of New Rochelle as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby accepts the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities grant award in the amount of \$997,500; and

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and submit all necessary documentation related to said grant award; and

Section 3. Ordinance No. 212 of 2024, the Budget of the City of New Rochelle for 2025, is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue

5640ET.3897.25XXX	State Aid	\$997,500
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Increase Expense

5640ET.20000.25XXX	Major Renovations	\$997,500
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