



# The City Council Chronicle



Spring 2016



Seated

Michael A. Patterson, Northeast | Molly Clifford Northwest  
Elaine M. Spaul, East | Adam C. McFadden, South

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Matt Haag, At-Large | Jacklyn Ortiz, At-Large  
Loretta C. Scott, President, At-Large;  
Carolee A. Conklin, At-Large | Dana K. Miller, VP, At-Large

## From the President's pen:

### A note from Loretta Scott

Just a short time ago I joined my long-time friend and colleague Councilmember Carolee Conklin in a dedication ceremony where we named a room in City Hall after one of our City's most famous citizens, "The Susan B. Anthony Room."



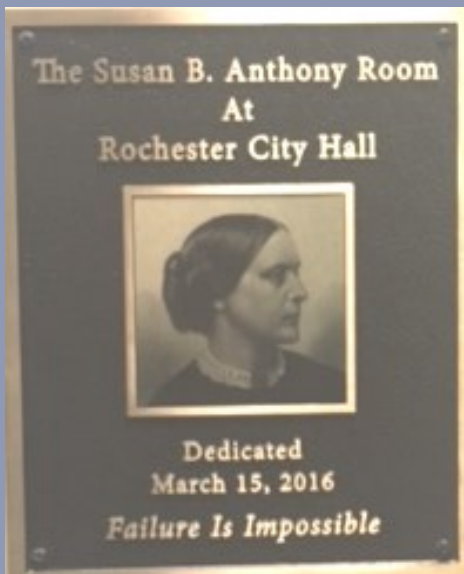
In celebration of Women's History Month we held this event to recognize the contributions of women in our region. In honor of the 110th Anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's Funeral, the dedication took place on March 15, 2016. We were joined by many women who have helped shape our community including many of the former women who have served on the City Council, as well as elected officials in our City and County. The Susan B. Anthony Room is located behind City Council Chambers in Rochester City Hall. This room is the office of Councilmember Carolee A. Conklin, and it contains two historic portraits of Ms. Anthony; the portraits, one photograph and one painting, depict the suffragist icon in her later years.

We know that Susan B. Anthony would be pleased to see how far women have come, but we also know that even amid the praise she would encourage us all to, "go on with the work." We are lucky to have diverse representation throughout our government. Ms. Anthony would be pleased to see the number of women who are participating. Locally, the City Council is comprised of a majority of women, we have a female Mayor, and a female County Executive, and on the state and national level a female Lieutenant Governor, a Congresswoman, and Senator.

Our City has been the genesis of transformational dialogue and action that moved the needle forward on many progressive issues. Even today, the City of Rochester is among the leading municipalities in the country with regard to effective policies relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; we are a City born in progress and equality, and we continue to build on that legacy.

My Best,

The  
Susan B.  
Anthony  
Room





# Councilmember Conklin Shares Budget Schedule

## 2016 City Council Budget Calendar

**May 13, 2016**

Budget released to the City Council

**June 2, 2016**

Budget Hearings Day 1:

- 9:00am - 9:10am Council and Clerk
- 9:15am - 10:45am Administration
- 10:50am - 12:15am Department of Environmental Services
- 1:30pm - 2:55pm Department of Recreation and Youth Services

**June 7, 2016**

Budget Hearings Day 2:

- 9:00am - 9:30am Undistributed
- 9:35am - 11:15am Neighborhood and Business Development
- 11:20am - 12:15pm Information Technology
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm Finance
- 3:05pm - 4:30pm Rochester Police Department

**June 8, 2016**

- 9:00am - 3:00 pm Any adjourned hearings will be reconvened\*
- 3:30pm - 5:00pm Rochester City School District Budget Hearings
- 5:30pm Joint Public Hearings with Rochester City School Board Finance Committee Meeting

**June 9, 2016**

4:00pm

**June 14, 2016**

7:30pm City Council Meeting

All hearings will take place in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall (30 Church Street)

\* Please contact Council office at 585-428-7421 to confirm if

Each year the Rochester City Council completes an extensive review of the City Budget. Councilmember Carolee Conklin, the Chair of the Finance Committee, presides over this review. In addition to Councilmember Conklin, the Finance Committee is comprised of Councilmembers Molly Clifford and Adam McFadden; Council President Loretta Scott and Vice President Dana Miller also join the Finance Committee as ex-officio members. The Council receives a draft copy of the Budget in mid-May to review. The Council then holds a formal public Budget Review which takes place over two days, hearings will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 and Tuesday June 7, 2016. The Budget review is an opportunity

**"We take the Budget process very seriously, the Budget is how we as a City identify our priorities for the future. The City Council reviews the budget, poses questions, and acts as a voice for our citizens to ensure that the needs, and wants of each of our City residents and neighborhoods are heard at the budget review. We know it is our responsibility to ask tough questions to make sure that every dollar of taxpayer money we spend is accounted for, and that**

for Council to review the programs and services offered by the City of Rochester and assess the efficacy and efficiency of City Government. The Budget provides the financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year, the document lists many programs and services the City will offer this year, along with details on goals and outcomes. The Budget Hearings are broken down by department, and each department's Commissioner or Director will answer questions and provide additional information to Council. The department leaders will review their goals for the upcoming year and respond to any questions from Council. The Budget Hearings can be viewed live on RCTV 15 or online at <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/councilwebcast/>





# Councilman McFadden Leads Father's Day Pledge

For the third consecutive year Councilmember Adam McFadden is leading a gathering of men, encouraging the community to take the Father's Day Pledge to End Violence. As the Chair of the Public Safety Youth and Recreation Committee, Councilmember McFadden has focused his work around anti-violence initiatives and opportunities for youth. The National Father's Day Pledge is a national event that takes place in cities all over the country. Councilmember McFadden brought this event to Rochester while he served as the former President of the National Black Caucus of Locally Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) during 2014-15; this is a sub set of the National League of Cities. This year Councilmember McFadden partners again with the National League of Cities, and the City of Rochester, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, SAFER, Phi Beta Sigma National Fraternity, Inc., WDKX, REOC and Resolve Rochester to host the Father's Day Pledge on the steps of Rochester City Hall located at 30 Church



Street in Downtown Rochester.

Councilmember McFadden is calling all adult males, fathers, young men, and the general public to join the event which is scheduled to take place at **12:00 (Noon) on Saturday, June 18, 2016**. "We need to stand up as men in our community and commit to ending violence. We can not raise another generation of children for

whom hate filled language, domestic violence, and gunshots are a way of life. As the father of two daughters, I know first hand how important it is to make sure that we as men stand up and make every effort to provide our next generation with a safe environment. We hope to see a great turn out on Saturday and encourage all to attend," said Councilmember McFadden.

## Councilmember Ortiz Leads 3,3,3

City Councilmember Jackie Ortiz serves as the Chair of Inter-governmental Ad-Hoc Committee that has representatives from the Rochester City Council, Rochester City School Board and the Monroe County Legislature. The 3,3,3 Working Group will develop and strengthen a working relationship between the governmental bodies to facilitate the improvement of academic outcomes for children by focusing on maximizing and fully utilizing resources. Currently the group is working to find ways of better serving the young people in our community by exploring a data sharing initiative that will allow Recreation Centers, Libraries, and the City School District to partner together to try to increase rates of attendance and achievement for Rochester City School District students.



### ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY PLEDGE

#### I pledge to:

- Never commit, condone, or remain silent about domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and violence in our homes and communities.
- Educate myself and others to challenge attitudes that condone disrespectful behavior or degrading language.
- Take action to end all forms of violence with love, compassion and without judgment.
- To stand with courage, lead with conviction, and speak out to promote non-violence as the norm.
- To take action to end domestic violence and all forms of violence.
- To speak up and no longer stand as a silent bystander to violence and abuse.
- To challenge men who use sexist language and make degrading jokes or comments about women.
- To confronting attitudes in myself and other men that condone or encourage aggressive /abusive behavior.
- To examine my own attitudes and beliefs about violence, power, control and entitlement.
- To talk with boys and young men about healthy and equitable attitudes and relationships.
- To actively work to involve men in violence prevention.

# Patterson: Spotlight on the Northeast District

Northeast District Councilmember Mike Patterson is excited to discuss the new development in Northeast Rochester. Upper Falls Square, a DePaul Properties Project, is a 128 unit development that will be built on Cleveland Street and Hudson Avenue. The project is slated to be a mixed-population, low-income and supportive housing unit. While the Upper Falls Neighborhood has a long history of available affordable housing rental units,



supported housing options are almost non-existent. "It is important that we have housing options for all members of our community, and DePaul Properties is a shining example of how a non-profit can work with the community to integrate housing for special popula-



tions while making sure that the neighborhood voice is heard," said Councilmember Patterson. DePaul will provide opportunity for persons living in this community to benefit from skilled staff and supports that increase their health and wellness, while improving community wellness and public safety. "This is just one of a number of developments happening in the Northeast District," said Councilmember Patterson, "I'm very excited to see so much progress in the District."

## Councilmember Haag to Chair Historic Subway and Aqueduct Task Force

Councilmember Matt Haag will be joined by Councilmembers Elaine Spaul and Carolee Conklin on the Historic Subway and Aqueduct Task Force. The purpose of this group is to bring together relevant stakeholders in the community with interest in the subway and aqueduct. The group is seeking advice on accessibility and use issues related to this space. The group shall be tasked with creating feasible, agreed-upon ideas and plans for access to the area immediately adjacent to the former Lehigh Sta-

tion as well as the Rundel Building of the Rochester Public Library. Additionally, this group will take in to consideration the larger issue of use of this historic, cultural amenity within our city and discuss the possible implementation of any proposed recommendations.



## Upcoming Council Meetings

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Do you want to:

**Speak to Council**

To sign up call:

(585) 428-7421

Speakers start at:

6:30 PM

Speak to Council is held immediately prior to Council Meetings and to speak you

Committee Meeting/Public hearing Council Meeting