

AGENDA REVIEW
September 1, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Int. 323 (20) – Agreement – CypherWorx, Inc. Online Employee Training

Council Priority: Support the Creation of Effective Educational Systems

Q: Why did an increase in compensation come to Council in the August cycle, followed by this new contract in the September cycle? What is the difference as both use FY23 funds? (Lupien)

A: The amendatory agreement approved at the August City Council Meeting was to increase the compensation for the existing contract with CypherWorx, Inc., which expires on September 30, 2022. This transmittal is to enter into a new three (3) year agreement (with an option for one three-year renewal) with CypherWorx, Inc. to continue to provide online training programs for City employees.

Int. 325 (25) – Agreement – Urban League of Rochester for oversight of RASE report recommendations

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Q: Will the County be contributing financially? (Gruber)

A: The plan to engage and compensate the Urban League has included the County. County staff are working to secure funding, and it will require County legislative approval.

Q: We have a contract with another consultant for this work (Cedar Grove?) – what are they working on and how does this differ from Urban League's work? How will they be reporting their work? (Gruber)

A: Cedar Grove is evaluating progress on RASE recommendations to date, creating a dashboard for evaluating future progress, and making recommendations on structure and best practices for a community-based RASE implementation organization. The Urban League will be leading and convening that implementation effort and driving RASE initiatives forward locally.

Q: Is there any integration with RCSD on this initiative moving forward? (Meléndez)

A: Yes, RCSD has been participating in monthly RASE meetings. City staff have been intentional about including them as an institution central to addressing racial and structural equity in Rochester.

Int. 326 (26) – Outside Conflict Counsel Services: Amending Professional Services Agreement

Q: Please provide the last five years of this agreement. (Gruber)

Q: Why is compensation increasing? (Lupien)

A: I think Council is confusing two Pullano and Farrow contracts. There is a LONGSTANDING contract with RPD for discipline representation when my department has a conflict. That is not this ordinance. This ordinance was the one established to handle Division of Human Rights complaints which created a conflict for Law. The majority of the claims involve claims by PAB employees against each other. There are no prior year contracts to see. The increase in costs is due to the ongoing cases (and increased number of cases) brought by PAB staff against other staff or against the Director.

Int. 327 (27) – Agreement Amendment – Expert Witness Services

Q: Why is the compensation increasing? (Lupien)

A: This is an ongoing contract for services. Most personal injury suits require the retention of a legal expert. This amendment is to allow us to continue to properly represent the City in this litigation. It is likely that in 2022 we will go out for RPFs.

***Int. 348 (28) – Resolution for the Waiving of Civil Service Examination Fees**

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Q: What data will the City be collecting during the 13-month period? Will this data be shared with Council and will it be public? (Harris)

A: During the 13-month period the data that will be collected will include:

- ✓ The number of applications received from qualified candidates for each Civil Service Exam offered;
- ✓ The race, gender, and residency of those applicants;
- ✓ The number of candidates that show up for each Exam.

The above data that is collected will be shared with City Council and the public.

Q: Is the County committing to waiving fees? Will they be collecting data, and if so, will the data be shared with Council and/or the public? (Harris)

A: The Monroe County Legislature has waived Civil Service Exam fees indefinitely in an effort to increase the number of individuals taking their exams. The City's Department of Human Resource Management will work with the County's Human Resource Department to obtain any data they are collecting relating to this at which time it will be shared with City Council.

Q: Does the fee waiver only apply to City residents? (Meléndez)

A: The fee waiver applies to everyone regardless of their residency.

***Int. 351 (31) – Appropriation – Insurance Reserve Fund**

Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and Long Term Financial Stability

Q: Is this year higher than average for payouts? (Lupien)

A: We have a significant number of pending matters that could potentially produce large settlements/verdicts and the adjustment represents a prudent funding of the reserve. The reserve funds already exist. We are simply making funds available to pay claims throughout the fiscal year.

***Int. 355 (35) – Adoption of Death Benefits**

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: Why does this only apply to RFD and RPD? (Gruber)

A: State law only allows it to be applied to Law enforcement and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Q: Is this part of the CBA contract negotiations? (Lupien)

A: No it is not- it is a decision of the administration to adopt this benefit.

***Int. 356 (36) – 2021-22 Year-End Budget Amendment**

Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and Long Term Financial Stability

Q: Is signage to make Washington Grove more accessible from Cobbs Hill and Cobbs Hill Village included? (Lupien)

A: Signage improvements at Washington Grove have been funded separately. The City worked with the Friends of Washington Grove to design new signage to improve wayfinding and general access into the Grove, and these signs were installed in fall of 2021 at the Nunda Boulevard entrance and spring of 2022 at the Cobbs Hill entrance. Additional signage is planned for near the Tay House Lodge in the future.

Q: It says "Contract negotiations with the Locust Club on a successor agreement were unsuccessful and as a result, the Locust Club filed for an impasse on April 27, 2022, and ultimately filed for interest arbitration on July 15, 2002." Why then is the Locust Club, as recently as August 1, perpetuating the narrative that the City is blocking the Union from getting a contract? (Lupien)

A: We are uncertain as to why the Locust Club is perpetuating that narrative and it would be improper for the City to make any assumptions as to why the Locust Club has pursued the actions that they have taken.

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NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Int. 322 (14) – Regulating Cannabis Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Lounges

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development

Q: Please provide a map with the streets highlighted. (Harris)

A: An interactive version of the map can be found online, which has zoom and pan functions to allow viewing street names:

<https://maps.cityofrochester.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0fdc9d384cac4c09a2626d5db11acbfa>. A pdf of the map is included as **NBD ATTACHMENT A**. As noted on the map, regarding the sensitive use buffers, areas shown are approximate for planning purposes and do not necessarily reflect all houses of worship. Distances would need to be measured for each application.

Q: Please provide the Word version of the document so that links can be clicked. (Gruber)

A: Please see **NBD ATTACHMENT B** which has live links.

Int. 329 (6) – Sale of Real Estate

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Q: Why is 725R Harvard in a new item? (Patterson)

A: 725R Harvard went a couple months ago with two other properties that are being held in Committee as there are abandonment issues with DES. Instead of pulling that older item out of Committee and amending, we are including the property in a new item.

Int. 330 (7) – Lease Agreement – 1099 Jay Street

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Q: What is the police function going in this space? (Patterson)

A: Currently, the workflow of special teams is decentralized with no existing dedicated space. Equipment is stored throughout the Police Department in various sections/units, and meetings, briefings, and training are conducted throughout the City wherever space is available. A location where team members can immediately report for direction and equipment is lacking. This space will be used by RPD's special teams, but primarily the SWAT Team and the Bomb Squad. This space will allow for a centralized meeting place and will provide logistical solutions with technology and storage systems.

Q: Why is the lease a 3-year terms, especially considering talk of a work-load analysis? (Gruber)

A: This space will be used by the RPD's special teams thus a work-load analysis of the department/Patrol should have no impact on this space. This lease is separate from the lease for the Patrol section for this reason. The landlord will be spending money on renovations of this space in preparation of this RPD unit moving in and the term was negotiated to allow them time to amortize their costs.

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Int. 331 (8) – Peace Village Oversight and Management – Emergency Solutions Grants CARES Act (ESG-CV) Grants Program

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Q: Are we looking at additional infrastructure dollars for Peace Village for bathrooms, running water, etc.? (Patterson)

A: There's no specific City funding dedicated to infrastructure but there have been changes including the installation of a running water tap; we have also increased the planning efforts around Peace Village. The Board is also hoping to increase fundraising efforts for outside dollars.

Q: In the first two years of Peace Village, we funded at a higher rate and served a lot more people. What is the vision moving forward and what is PCHO's capacity to provide this service at Peace Village? Are we doing enough in this space – across the city and Peace Village. (Meléndez)

A: The higher numbers served the first two years is attributed to the high number of unhoused persons accessing services at Peace Village and throughout the City. PCHO has successfully engaged with many individuals at Peace Village, and offers unhoused persons with a set time and location where they know services are available. PCHO's outreach work throughout the City consists of progressive engagement and referral to services as needed.

COVID changed the dynamics of homelessness. Early on during the pandemic, high risk individuals residing in shelters and at the camp were moved to hotels. This was part of a larger decompression effort, with a short term goal of reducing transmission. This effort also ended up connecting many homeless persons with stable housing. Additionally, the eviction moratoria reduced the number of persons PCHO would typically engage with. The resources dedicated to eviction prevention did just that, and homelessness did not spike during the early months of COVID. However, some of the prevention work only delayed evictions. Since the moratoria were lifted, the City's homeless population has increased. Shelters are at capacity, and the number of unhoused persons and encampments is going up.

This funding is part of a larger push from the City and County, to better address the needs of unhoused persons and those living in the communities they reside in. This funding will provide an additional 2.5 positions, two of those being direct outreach. The City also committed ESG 2022-23 dollars to fund ½ outreach position. As part of the increased push to engage and provide services to unhoused persons, the County is also providing additional funding for street outreach. Lastly, the City and County have committed to working together to monitor progress, analyze outcomes and data, and determine what additional or complementary resources and programs are needed. In the coming months, the City and our partners will start the planning work for a non-congregate shelter, and seek proposals to provide additional transitional and permanent supportive housing units for homeless persons and other special populations. Local stakeholders have recognized the need for more outreach, but that is only a part of the continuum of services needed by the community.

***Int. 349 (29) – Restore New York Communities Initiative – Round 6 Rochester Riverway-Downtown East Initiative**

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy – Revitalize Downtown, and Jobs and Economic Development

Q: What will be the income range for the affordable units? Please will provide number of units by income range for project, percentage of affordable units out of the total projects, and the list of rent ranges across unit sizes. (Patterson)

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A: 186 of the proposed 391 units, or 47.6% of the units, will be affordable at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). See **NBD ATTACHMENT C** for a current rent and income limit chart. The percentage of units at each income level is as follows:

<u>AMI</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Units</u>
30%	3.6%
40%	9.5%
50%	5.9%
60%	19.2%
80%	9.5%

The breakdown of affordable units is as follows:

150 East Main Street

<u>No. Units</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Max AMI</u>	<u>Rent</u>
10	Studio	30%	\$431
20	Studio	40%	\$562-\$588
40	Studio	60%	\$902
15	Studio	80%	\$1,160
17	1BR	40%	\$621
10	1BR	50%	\$788
10	1BR	60%	\$948
10	1BR	80%	\$1,288
6	2BR	60%	\$1,138
6	2BR	80%	\$1,538
6	3BR	80%	\$1,728

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45-51 Chestnut Street

<u>No.</u> <u>Units</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Max</u> <u>AMI</u>	<u>Rent</u>
2	Studio	30%	\$689*
9	Studio	50%	\$689
13	Studio	60%	\$825
2	1BR	30%	\$786*
4	1BR	50%	\$786
6	1BR	60%	\$875
6	1BR	90%	\$1,025**

***30% AMI units will receive Project Based Vouchers (PBV) and residents will pay no more than 30% of income**

****90% AMI units not included in total affordable unit count above**

Q: Is there a time constraint on this item? The application is due in October and this is the earliest we could have come to Council. If it is not voted on, we will have to wait until next year's application cycle. (Patterson)

A: Yes. The City's Restore NY grant application is due to ESD on October 11, 2022.

Q: In addition to approving the grant application, does this legislation approve disbursement of the grant if awarded? (Gruber)

A: Subsequent to the award of the Restore NY grant, separate legislation will be transmitted to City Council to appropriate the grant funds received and authorize separate project disbursement agreements with each of the project developers.

Q: If awarded, would this cover the full grant amount for this phase? (Harris)

A: The City is applying for the maximum eligible amount which is \$5 million. ESD may award an amount less than the maximum. If that happens, NBD will work with each of the associated developers to determine a distribution of grant funds that maximizes the positive impact in support of the overall Rochester Riverway-Downtown East Initiative.

Q: I do not understand the breakdown of the \$5M. How much will go to each developer? The total development cost does not equal \$5M. (Lupien)

A: That is correct; the total combined development cost is anticipated to be nearly \$150 million. If maximum grant funding is awarded, the City proposes to divide the \$5 million in grant funds as gap funding to support each of the five listed rehabilitation projects. NBD staff is currently working with each of the respective developers towards finalizing the exact amount in grant funds proposed to be distributed to each project. The resulting analysis will be included in the grant application that we will be submitting to ESD in October.

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***Int. 350 (30) – Restore New York Communities Initiative – Round 6 Endorsing County Application for Tent City Revitalization Project**

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Q: What will be the income range for the affordable units? Please will provide number of units by income range for project, percentage of affordable units out of the total projects, and the list of rent ranges across unit sizes. (Patterson)

A: There are 88 units total, and 100% will be affordable to households earning at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI). See **NBD ATTACHMENT C** for a current rent and income limit chart. The breakdown of affordable units is as follows:

No. Units	Unit Type	Max AMI	Rent
4	Studio	60%	\$895
84	1BR	60%	\$959

Q: Is there a time constraint on this item? The application is due in October and this is the earliest we could have come to Council. If it is not voted on, we will have to wait until next year's application cycle. (Patterson)

A: Yes. The County's Restore NY grant application is due to ESD on October 11, 2022.

Q: Is there still a focus on Veteran housing for this project? (Meléndez)

A: Yes, the project has received a conditional Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) funding award to provide 25 permanent supportive housing units through Soldier On, a non-profit partner who will also administer on-site services to residents.

Q: What is the level of clean up needed at the Brownfield site? (Gruber)

A: A Phase II Environmental Study completed in 2008 includes recommendations for conducting additional environmental and geotechnical due diligence to further characterize subsurface conditions. The results of the additional studies will come with recommendations for methods and levels of remediation required for the proposed residential occupancy.

Zoning Districts

- Permitted as of Right (Commercial Districts)
C-1, C-2, C-3, CCD, VC
- Permitted in Certain Circumstances
R-3*
- Permitted in Certain Circumstances
M-1**

Sensitive Use Buffers (from NY State)

- Not Permitted w/ in 500' of Schools or
w/in 200' of Houses of Worship***

* Prohibited except by Special Permit when on
first floor of a building with over 20 units

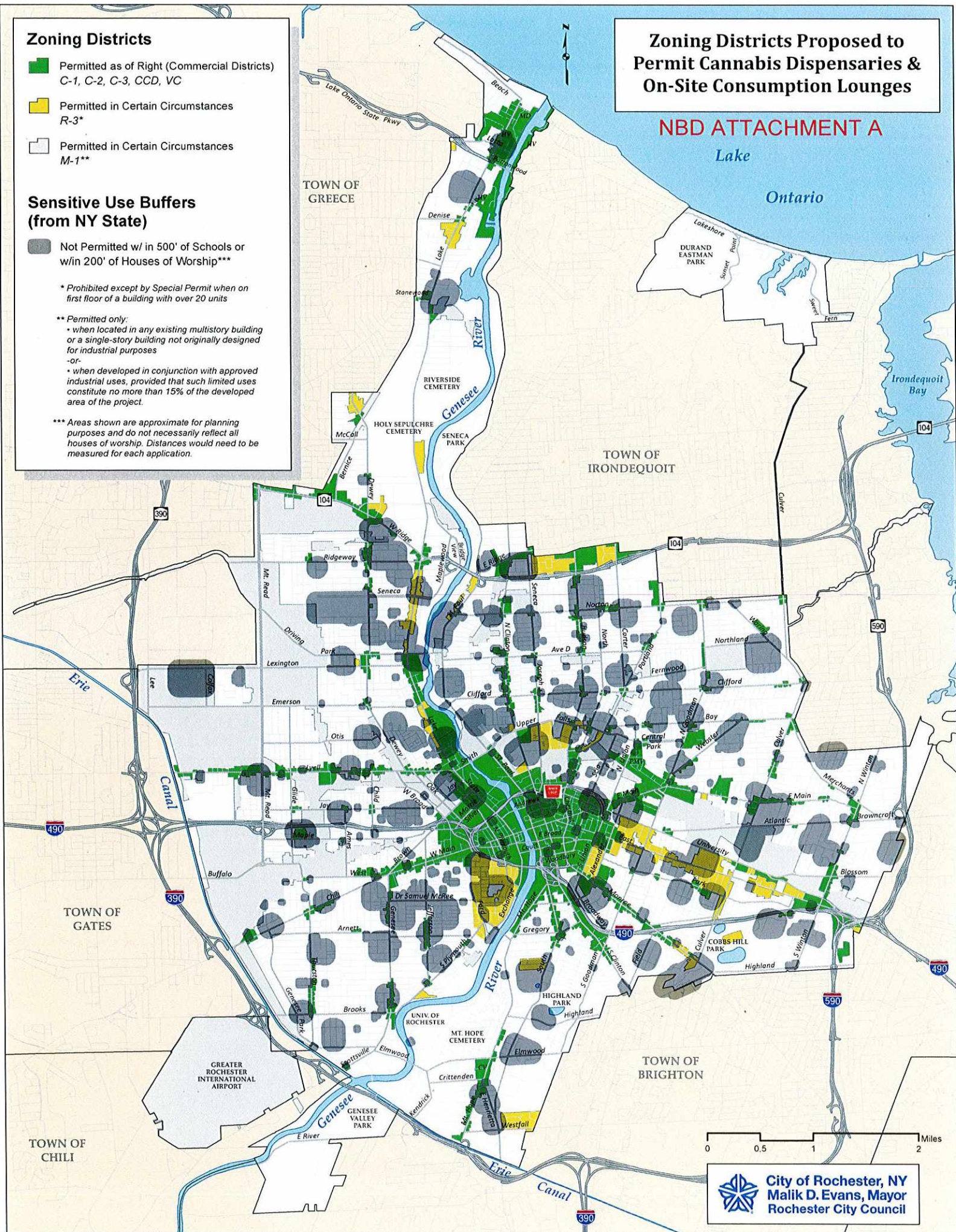
** Permitted only:

- when located in any existing multistory building
or a single-story building not originally designed
for industrial purposes
- or-
- when developed in conjunction with approved
industrial uses, provided that such limited uses
constitute no more than 15% of the developed
area of the project.

*** Areas shown are approximate for planning
purposes and do not necessarily reflect all
houses of worship. Distances would need to be
measured for each application.

Zoning Districts Proposed to Permit Cannabis Dispensaries & On-Site Consumption Lounges

NBD ATTACHMENT A



City of Rochester, NY
Malik D. Evans, Mayor
Rochester City Council

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

This information is not required reading for this item. It provides further background on the State law for readers who want to learn more.

Information about the first round of adult use dispensary licenses. *The first round of dispensary licenses is called Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries (CAURD). The application window will open up on August 25, 2022.*

- [OCM's FAQ sheet about CAURD](#)
- [OCM's webpage about CAURD](#)
- [The draft CAURD application](#)

Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) Fact Sheets

- [What is in the Law: Social and Economic Equity](#). *Specifics on the qualifying criteria for equity applicant status.*
- *MRTA goes beyond cannabis business licensing. See these fact sheets for other components of MRTA:*
 - [Adult-Use Cannabis Legislation: What You Need to Know](#).
 - [What is in the Law: Penal Law](#)
- More fact sheets can be found on the OCM's [webpage on Adult Use Cannabis](#).

The Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act

- [The full legislation](#)
- ["Assessment of the Potential Impact of Regulated Marijuana in New York State"](#)

2022

Income and Rent Limits - City of Rochester

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>30% Income Limits</u>	<u>50% Income Limits</u>	<u>60% Income Limits</u>	<u>65% Income Limits</u>	<u>80% Income Limits</u>	<u>90% Income Limits</u>	<u>100% Income Limits</u>	<u>115% Income Limits</u>	<u>120% Income Limits</u>
1 Person	\$18,850	\$31,400	\$38,430	\$41,633	\$50,250	\$57,645	\$64,050	\$73,658	\$76,860
2 Person	\$21,550	\$35,900	\$43,920	\$47,580	\$57,400	\$65,880	\$73,200	\$84,180	\$87,840
3 Person	\$24,250	\$40,400	\$49,410	\$53,528	\$64,600	\$74,115	\$82,350	\$94,703	\$98,820
4 Person	\$27,750	\$44,850	\$54,900	\$59,475	\$71,750	\$82,350	\$91,500	\$105,225	\$109,800
5 Person	\$32,470	\$48,450	\$59,292	\$64,233	\$77,500	\$88,938	\$98,820	\$113,643	\$118,584
6 Person	\$37,190	\$52,050	\$63,684	\$68,991	\$83,250	\$95,526	\$106,140	\$122,061	\$127,368
7 Person	\$41,910	\$55,650	\$68,076	\$73,749	\$89,000	\$102,114	\$113,460	\$130,479	\$136,152
8 Person	\$46,630	\$59,250	\$72,468	\$78,507	\$94,750	\$108,702	\$120,780	\$138,897	\$144,936

<u>Bedroom Size</u>	<u>30% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>50% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>60% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>65% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>80% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>90% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>100% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>115% Gross Rent Limits</u>	<u>120% Gross Rent Limits</u>
Efficiency	\$471	\$785	\$961	\$1,041	\$1,256	\$1,441	\$1,601	\$1,841	\$1,922
1 Bedroom	\$505	\$841	\$1,029	\$1,115	\$1,346	\$1,544	\$1,716	\$1,973	\$2,059
2 Bedrooms	\$606	\$1,010	\$1,235	\$1,338	\$1,615	\$1,853	\$2,059	\$2,368	\$2,471
3 Bedrooms	\$694	\$1,121	\$1,373	\$1,487	\$1,794	\$2,059	\$2,288	\$2,631	\$2,745
4 Bedrooms	\$812	\$1,211	\$1,482	\$1,606	\$1,938	\$2,223	\$2,471	\$2,841	\$2,965
5 Bedrooms	\$930	\$1,301	\$1,592	\$1,725	\$2,081	\$2,388	\$2,654	\$3,052	\$3,184

The maximum monthly rent levels must be reduced by utility allowances for utilities and services (excluding telephone) if the tenants in the City-assisted units are paying for utilities and services. The Developer must ensure that the rents do not exceed the maximum rent levels minus the monthly allowances for utilities and services as set on annual basis by the Rochester Housing Authority.

Sources: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/home-datasets/files/HOME_IncomeLmts_State_NY_2021.pdf for 30%, 50%, and 80%
City of Rochester for Income Limits of 65%, 90%, 100%, 115% and 120%

Effective Dates: April 1, 2022 for all non-HOME funded HUD activities
June 1, 2021 for HOME 60% funded HUD activities (numbers will be updated upon release of limits from HUD)

Assumptions: 65%, 90%, 100%, 115% and 120% Income Limits calculated based on 100% MFI for family of 4 published by HUD
Rent limits are based upon 30% of income.
Rent limits are based upon incomes for the following household sizes: Efficiency - 1 person; 1BR - 1.5 people; 2BR - 3 people; 3BR - 4 people; 4BR - 5 people; 5BR - 6 people

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PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS

PPW

Int. 335 (1) – Grant Acceptance – Empire State Development for Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial Riverside Addition

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Q: Please provide greater detail than the transmittal of what the additional \$1M would be allocated to. (Meléndez)

A: This additional \$1 million of grant funding will supplement the current project budget to better meet the project goals consistent with the ROC the Riverway Vision Plan, including enhancement of the overall fan experience and reorienting the arena to embrace the views of the Genesee River. These enhancements have been developed in collaboration with the current operators of the Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial and partially reflect the need for supplemental funds based on the design process that is translating very rough concepts from 2018 (via the Vision Plan) into reality.

Int. 337 (3) – Grant Authorization – Charles Carroll Plaza and Genesee Crossroads Parking Garage Roof Slab Reconstruction Project

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Q: Please provide an update related to renaming places in the city per Resolution 2021-30. (Meléndez)

A: The renaming of places in the City of Rochester, consistent with Resolution 2021-30, “require[s] a significant amount of public engagement for each renaming of a public street or park under the City’s Official Map Amendment process.” Given the number of worthy Rochesterians whose names could be applied to public spaces to publicly recognize their significant contributions to the City, it is the Evans Administration’s preference to conduct an inclusionary process by convening a committee comprised of individuals who have been historically disenfranchised due to the actions of those names currently adorn these spaces and community leaders who serve these individuals. This committee’s express purpose will be to cooperatively identify the appropriate persons for whom City spaces will be renamed. A timeline for establishing the membership of this committee and convening it will be based on the Administration’s determination of the expected resources required to ensure the Committee’s work fully vets and selects individuals of the highest caliber for consideration by the City Planning Commission and Council.

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RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

RHS

Int. 343 (9) – Agreement – Greater Rochester Visitors Association, Inc., Drum Corps Associates World Championship

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Q: Why is Council receiving this item in the September cycle instead of August, when we could have approved the allocation in advanced as the event is Labor Day weekend? (Meléndez)

A: This payment is being issued by Visit Rochester retrospectively as reimbursement to the City for a portion of our cost to host the event.

Int. 344 (10) – Agreement – Mitchell Harris dba Hoop N Holla – Athletic Skill Development & Academic Support

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy; Support the Creation of Effective Educational Systems

Q: We have a contract with Hoop and Motivate – please provide clarity in the differentiation in services of the two organizations. (Gruber)

A: The Hoop and Motivate program only provides basketball skills training. Mitchell Harris dba Hoop N Holla will provide a more specific athletic training that will translate to all sports, in addition to the academic support after school.

Q: The provider expects to serve over 100 students this year. What is the alternate projection? (Gruber)

A: We are working with the RCSD this school year to provide more City school students access and improve transportation issues that were experienced last year that effected registration.

Int. 345 (11) – Agreements – Veterinary Services for Animal Services

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Vibrancy

Q: Has the full-time City veterinarian position been filled? Please provide an update. (Gruber)

A: Yes. Dr. Mattson started on April 21, 2022.

Int. 346 (12) – Inter-Municipal Agreement – Monroe County Department of Health, Flower City Public Health Corps

Council Priority: Jobs and Economic Development; Support the Creation and Effective Educational Systems

Q: Are there only two public health corps members or are only two assigned to the Monroe County Health Department? (Lupien)

A: There will be a total of 22 Flower City Public Health Corps members serving and, of those 22, 2 will be serving at the Monroe County Department of Public Health.

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Int. 347 (13) – Agreement – United States Health Resources and Services Administration, Mobile Unit for Crisis Intervention Services

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: Is there a plan to integrate this vehicle for workforce development in DRHS? (Meléndez)

A: DRHS is looking at ways to have this mobile unit be a multi-purpose mobile unit that could be used for various purposes and programs, including workforce development.

Q: Is there any coordination with existing mobile units, the hospitals, and federally-qualified health centers with this mobile unit? (Meléndez)

A: DRHS, with assistance from the Director of Special Projects, Lilliana Ruiz, has been touring the various mobile units in the area. These have included mobile units associated with local hospital systems, Monroe County, and private organizations. These tours will inform the type and build-out of this mobile unit. Additionally, DRHS is considering joining the Mobile Health Association to learn more about how other localities use their mobile units for every type of programming.

Q: Will the mobile unit be dispatched from the DRHS building or will it be out in the community when not responding to calls? (Lupien)

A: As DRHS is considering how to make this mobile unit a multi-purpose unit, it is our hope that it will be out in the community for various programming when not responding to calls for Crisis Intervention Services.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

PS

Int. 338 (15) – Agreement – LexisNexis, Motor Vehicle Accident Records Management

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: Would this speed up the process of receiving a police report? The wait time is weeks long currently. (Harris)

A: The process will remain the same as it currently is as we are not changing vendors.

Q: Why is there no cost to the City? (Lupien)

A: The vendor is providing this service with no cost to the City and there is no equipment to purchase.

Q: Is this a change that will give an accident report to those involved in a crash, including families of someone hit or killed in a pedestrian collision? (Lupien)

A: The process will remain the same as it currently is as we are not changing vendors, however, those involved in the accident can receive a copy of their report at no cost.

Int. 339 (16) – Agreement – Rochester City School District, Traffic and Crowd Control Services

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: Last year there was a shortage of crossing guards, and I believe crossing guards for RCSD come out of the RPD budget. Are the crossing guard positions all filled, if not, how many vacancies? Do we feel we have adequate coverage for the school year? (Gruber)

A: Not all positions for crossing guards are filled but there are currently 60 crossing guards and 6 coordinators to cover 81 school crossings. We also have several pending applications so we do believe we have enough staff to cover all crossings at this time.

Q: How is it determined which events RPD is sent to? (Gruber)

A: RCSD determines what events RPD should attend.

Int. 340 (17) – Amendatory Agreement – University of Rochester, Fitness for Duty Clinical Services

Q: Please provide data related to usage and the increase in cost. (Gruber)

A: During the contract term for 2019-20, there were 89 visits to Dr. Weisman. For the 2020-21 term, the visits increased by 80%, to 160. For the 2021-22 term, our data is only through May but there were 106 visits compared to 72 for the last contract term, which is an additional increase of 47%.

Int. 341 (18) – Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, 2023 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Program

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: If these are four intersections with increased level of pedestrian crashes, what are we doing about street design for them? (Gruber)

A: City Street Design Division indicated that several street segments within the selected 10.7 mile corridor were included in a few recently completed street improvement projects. Pedestrian safety improvements were evaluated and implemented wherever possible on those projects. The Street Design Division also consults with the Monroe County Department of Transportation, the City’s Traffic Engineer, on any pedestrian safety related recommendations.

Int. 342 (19) – Inter-municipal Agreement – Monroe County, Explosives Storage

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: What type of explosives are we storing and why? (Meléndez)

A: RPD’s Bomb Squad’s explosive storage magazines that are regulated by ATF and restricts where these types of items can be stored.

Q: Are these explosives that have been confiscated? If not, what is their stated use? (Lupien)

A: Some of the items stored include evidence for the Department which cannot be secured in the Property Clerk’s Office.

***Int. 352 (32) – Body Worn Cameras and Digital Evidence Management System Agreement, Bond Authorization, Forfeiture Fund Appropriation and Budget Amendment**

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: Why are we bonding and not using ARPA dollars? (Meléndez)

A: The four major uses of ARPA dollars allowed by the Treasury are: 1) Replace lost sector revenue; 2) Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic; 3) Provide premium pay for essential workers; and 4) Invest in water sewer and broadband infrastructure. Replacement of the body worn cameras and corresponding digital evidence management system did not fit into any of these 4 categories. A financial analysis of accessing the equipment as a service revealed a higher interest cost than the City is able to access in the bond market. It was therefore deemed more favorable to purchase the system using a combination of available debt and capital.

Q: Does this contract ensure ongoing technical assistance or will RPD consistently have to come back to Council to increase compensation for

A: Yes, this contract will include technical assistance for both hardware and software equipment. The subscription service includes maintenance and support in the form of standard and extended warranties and end-user licensing agreements for program components throughout the term of the agreement.

Q: Will this system require a \$4M agreement every 5 years with the provider or is this a permanent solution?

A: Body-worn camera technology and associated digital evidence management will require reoccurring annual costs for the duration of program. We feel this 5-year agreement is structured in a way that provides program continuity and puts the City in the best position for future planning. The fully integrated solution will better align RPD's technical capacity with the increased demand for the collection, management, and analysis of all digital data while building on the program successes achieved over the past five years. The software as a solution (SaaS) subscription model gives the City the flexibility to renew terms or pivot to a new program solution at the end of this agreement. Future costs (beyond this agreement) will be contingent on program scale and needs.

***Int. 354 (33) – Agreement – Urban League of Rochester**

Council Priority: Public Safety

Q: How exactly will these resources be implemented with the City? How will the money be allocated specifically – staff positions increasing from part-time to full-time? (Meléndez)

A: The funds will be used to hire one full-time Pathways to Peace position to be dedicated to the Urban League program. The funds will cover all costs of that position for 24 months.

Q: Aside from this item, what plans will Council see this month to increase the capacity of Pathways to Peace, specifically increasing staff positions from part-time to full-time? (Meléndez)

A: New (1) FT Supervisor for Advance Peace, New (1) FT Sr. Field Coordinator (PTP), New (4) FT Youth Intervention specialists- title may be changed to reflect the shift in this work, Reduce from 15 to 10 the number of PT Street Outreach workers due addition of full time positions