



RENAMED CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED

Rochester City Council **President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.** (At-Large) today announced City Council’s Committee structure for 2024 – including committee membership and some name changes for the Committees themselves.

“I am excited to get back to work in the New Year and it is the committee process where much of Council’s work occurs,” said President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. “Making our Committees stronger and more transparent to our citizens is important to me, so I have renamed many of the Committees to better reflect the work they do and the areas they oversee. As Councilmembers we can all work within the Committee structure to get a lot accomplished, so I look forward to our Committees being an even stronger vehicle in 2024 for Council to advocate for the needs of our residents and their neighborhoods.”

The four 2024 Standing Committees of the Rochester City Council are:

Neighborhoods, Jobs & Housing (formerly the *Neighborhood and Business Development Committee*); **People, Parks & Public Works** (formerly the *Recreation and Human Services* and the *Parks and Public Works Committees*); **Budget, Finance & Governance** (formerly the *Finance Committee*); and **Public Safety** (name remains the same).

The Public Safety Committee is comprised of all Members of City Council. The remaining three Standing Committees are comprised of three Members of Council with the President and Vice President serving on all Committees.

Neighborhoods, Jobs & Housing

Members: Councilmember Mike Patterson (Chairperson); President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.; Vice President LaShay Harris; Councilmember Mitch Gruber; and Councilmember Kim Smith.

Committee Charge: to review legislation from the Urban Renewal Agency; Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, including legislation involving economic development, neighborhood, commercial and residential development; legislation regarding Neighborhood Service Centers; Zoning and Map Amendments; and the Rochester Land Bank; among other related matters.

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People, Parks & Public Works

Members: Vice President LaShay Harris (Chairperson); President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.; Councilmember Willie Lightfoot; Councilmember Mary Lupien; and Councilmember Mike Patterson.

Committee Charge: to review legislation from the Department of Recreation and Human Services; the Department of Environmental Services, including street and water projects, and legislation involving city parks and facilities; among other related matters.

Budget, Finance and Governance

Members: Councilmember Mitch Gruber (Chairperson); President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.; Vice President LaShay Harris; Councilmember Stanley Martin; and Councilmember Bridget Monroe

Committees Charge: to review legislation from the Office of Management and Budget (including managing the Annual Budget Process); the Department of Finance; the Library; the Mayor's Office; Communications & Special Events; Planning; Office of Public Integrity; Law (including Charter and Rules); Information Technology; and the Department of Human Resource Management; among other related matters.

Public Safety

Members: Councilmember Willie Lightfoot (Chairperson); President Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.; Vice President LaShay Harris; Councilmember Mitch Gruber; Councilmember Mary Lupien; Councilmember Stanley Martin; Councilmember Bridget Monroe; Councilmember Mike Patterson; and Councilmember Kim Smith.;

Committee Charge: to review legislation from the Fire Department; Emergency Communications Department (9-1-1); Police Department; and the Police Accountability Board; among other related matters.

The Committee schedule can be found at cityofrochester.gov/citycouncil2024.aspx and is attached to this News Release.

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