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Media Alert

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Rochester City Council Approves Resolution to Support Community During COVID-19 Pandemic

What: Governor Walz has and continues to announce a series of community-level strategies to both slow down and spread out the impact of COVID-19 in Minnesota.

Details: The Rochester City Council, with the support and involvement of the City teammates, brought forward and approved, with a 7-0 vote on March 16, 2020, a resolution that addresses a variety of areas aimed to aid and support the community. This includes three areas of authorized funding to lessen the direct and immediate impact of COVID-19.

1. Authorize up to \$250,000 in 2020 approved contingency funds to support the activities of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Team and to leverage funds from other community partners and public agencies.
2. Authorize up to \$100,000 in 2020 approved contingency funds to support the activities of the Local Economic Stability Team to leverage funds from other community partners and public agencies.
3. Work with RAEDI to prioritize and manage \$250,000 in existing Economic Development Revolving Loan Funds for low interest loans to impacted businesses and to leverage funds from other community partners and public agencies.
4. Direct the City Administrator to provide a monthly report summarizing the uses of the funds.
5. Authorize the City Administrator, or designee, to revise personnel policies on a temporary basis based on organizational need.
6. Authorize the City Clerk to allow for up to four installment payments for all City issued business related licenses.
7. Direct the City Administrator to ensure the City is prepared to apply for and receive potential State and Federal COVID-19 funding.
8. Authorize the City Administrator, or designee, to temporarily suspend parking restrictions as necessary.
9. Authorize the City Administrator, or designee, to temporarily suspend online or by telephone payment convenience fees.

The latest City news and information regarding COVID-19 can be found by visiting the [City webpage](#).

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