

**CITY OF ROCHESTER  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council/Board Chambers  
151 4th Street SE**

**Study Session**

**September 14, 2020  
02:30 PM**

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**STUDY SESSION MEETING ITEMS**

City of Rochester Vision, Principles, and Priorities

- 1 Intercultural Cities Initiative Council of Europe Virtual Site Visit / Administration & Diversity Council - Estimated Time 60 Minutes

City Communications and Engagement Manager/Interim Director of Communications Jenna Bowman introduced the topic for Council and gave a prepared presentation. Dee Sabol, Executive Director of Rochester Diversity Council (RDC), commented on the topic.

Irena Guidikova, Council of Europe (CoE) Head of the Anti-discrimination and Inclusion Division, shared a prepared presentation on Intercultural Cities and the Rochester Intercultural Cities Index.

Lisa Tabor, CultureBrokers LLC, presented prepared slides on the development of the index.

Irena Guidikova (CoE) and Dee Sabol (RDC) answered questions from the Council on the topic.

Bob White (CoE) answered questions on the topic.

Irena Guidikova (CoE) continued the conversation.

Lisa Tabor (CultureBrokers) addressed the Council.

Communications Director Jenna Bowman announced opportunities for additional conversation on the topic.

Irena Guidikova (CoE) and Dee Sabol (RDC) answered additional questions from Council.

2 Review of Recommended 2021 Operating Budget / Administration - Estimated Time 90 Minutes

City Administrator Steve Rymer introduced the topic, presented the prepared slides, and answered questions from Council.

Director of Finance Dale Martinson answered questions from Council.

Councilmember Wojcik requested that staff provide additional information regarding changes to funding for outside agencies.

Councilmember Wojcik requested that staff include a Request for Council Action for recruitment of a Director of Inclusion and Diversity in the Sep. 21, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda.

Councilmember Campion requested that staff provide additional information about Parks and Recreation's recommendation for the closure of Silver Lake Pool.

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Widman answered questions from Council regarding Silver Lake Pool.

Rochester International Airport Executive Director John Reed answered questions from Council regarding the airport.

Rochester Public Utilities Director of Corporate Services Peter Hogan gave a presentation on RPU's recommended budget.

City Administrator Rymer concluded the discussion.

3 Study Session Schedule

4 Other Business

1. Council President Staver discussed Councilmembers meeting in-person on Sep. 21, 2020 as their comfort allows.