

City of Buffalo – City Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2026 – 6:20 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Buffalo City Council was called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez at 6:20 p.m.

Council Members Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Jesse Leonard, Sean Roman, Trent Adams, and Mary Moore were present. Also attending were Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief T.J. Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

FY27 Maximum Levy Discussion

Council began with review of the proposed FY27 maximum property tax levy, which reflected a 22% increase based on earlier draft budget requests.

The following proposed additions were reviewed and subsequently removed from the FY27 draft budget:

\$108,000 4th Officer

\$600 Uniform PD

\$3000 Camera for 4th Officer

\$550 Car Wash

\$10,000 Flood

\$1000 Training FD

\$400 Phone FD

\$500 FD Misc Operating supply

\$300 High Speed internet FD

\$5,000 Streets OT Wages

\$2,000 Street Contract Labor

\$1,000 PK Youth sponsor

\$10,000 Park Reserve

\$1,000 City Hall training

\$500 City Hall Capital Improvement

\$7,000 Camera upgrade evidence

\$1,000 Internet PD

After removing these items, the FY27 levy increase was reduced from 22% to approximately 5%.

Council noted that continued and ongoing budget discussions will be necessary to improve Buffalo's annual budgeting process so that it becomes more predictable and sustainable.

Motions

Meeting Extension

- Motion by Roman, seconded by Teel-Vanderpool, to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Motion was made at 8:17 p.m.*

GO Bond Levy

- Motion by Moore, seconded by Roman, to leave the GO Bond levy at 50% for street improvements.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY27 Budget Public Hearing

- Motion by Roman, seconded by Adams, to set the FY27 Budget Public Hearing for April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Final Levy Rate

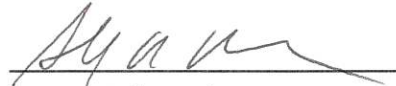
- Motion by Roman, seconded by Adams, to approve the final levy rate of \$12.68.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

- Motion by Moore, seconded by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Sally Rodriguez

Attest:



City Clerk Tanna Leonard