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AGENDA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 4, 2026

1. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
2. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET-FIRE DEPARTMENT
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO REFUND \$150 TO RONALD GADUS FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF TAXES AT 985 STERLING RIDGE DRIVE
4. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON
5. A RESOLUTION REGARDING 2026 CITY OF RENSSELAER FARMERS MARKET MANAGER, COORDINATOR, AND COMMITTEE
6. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET - COMPTROLLER
7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF RENSSELAER MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

#1

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson: _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the City of Rensselaer.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
 This ___ day of March, 2026

 Corporation Counsel

 Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

#2

Seconded by Alderperson: _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of the City Fire Chief, staff, and the generosity of certain residents and local businesses, the Fire Department periodically received donations towards the purchase of equipment to be used by the City’s Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this donation is \$100.00, received from the Otto Family;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.3410.7250	Other Equipment	131,117.05	100.00	131,217.05
GENERAL FUND REVENUE (A.0000)				
Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.0000.2705	Gifts and Donations	107,802.00	100.00	107,902.00

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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ___ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

#3

By Alderperson :

BURTON

Seconded by Alderperson :

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO REFUND \$150 TO RONALD GADUS COLLECTED FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON 985 STERLING RIDGE DRIVE

WHEREAS, Ronald Gadus owns 985 Sterling Ridge Drive, in the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gadus was traveling in Australia and had an individual paying his bills and the individual had apparently overlooked the tax bill resulting in his property taxes being paid late, incurring a fine of \$150 on 985 Sterling Ridge Drive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gadus has since paid the \$150 fine to the City of Rensselaer Treasurer and full payment of the taxes has been received; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gadus has a clean payment history; and

WHEREAS, § 155-1 of the City Charter entitled Cancellation or reduction of penalties and interest provides, that “all penalties and interest on any unpaid City and school taxes, and assessments levied subsequent to April 1, 1941, on real property by the City of Rensselaer, and for the collection of which no sale of the property shall have been made, may be canceled, revoked or reduced, provided that such unpaid City and school taxes and/or assessments are paid within a period of one year from the date of such reduction, cancellation or revocation upon resolution heretofore or hereafter duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, finds that good cause exists to cancel the penalty levied against 985 Sterling Ridge Drive owned by Ronald Gadus for late payment of property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$150 to Ronald Gadus for late payment of property taxes.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

#4

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that in order to meet the increased costs of installing new water meters in of the City of Rensselaer, a Local Law is necessary amending the fees for installing a new water meter and therefore it necessary to amend § 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer to achieve such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on March 18, 2026, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2026,

A Local Law to amend Article II
Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3
Rates, fees and fines established
of the Code of the City of
Rensselaer.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 2 of 2026 and shall amend Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established of the Code of the City of Rensselaer.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by making the following amendments:

Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines

§ 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established.

Type	Rate
Estimated fee	
Purchase of meter	\$350 <u>\$400</u>

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

#5

BY ALDERPERSON: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON: _____

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING 2026 CITY OF RENSSELAER
FARMERS MARKET MANAGER, COORDINATOR, AND COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer wishes to appoint a Manager, and a Coordinator and authorize a Committee to run a 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer, and Committee to run a 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer, and

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of this City to permit such Events so as to promote community spirit, and the City Clerk being best suited to serve as such Manager and to oversee such a Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby appoints the City Clerk as the Manger for the 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer, and authorizes the City Clerk to appoint a Committee to assist her in the planning and running of the 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized to appoint the members of the Committee who will assist her in the planning and running of the 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized to appoint Michelle Morin as the 2026 Farmers Market Coordinator and to enter into the attached agreement with Mss. Morin for such services, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall have the authority as Manager of the 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer to approve all facets of the running of the Farmers Market, including, but not limited to, the marketing and advertising of the Farmers Market, the forms, fees, regulations, procedures, policies, restrictions, as well as the dates and times of the 2026 Farmers Market, and any other issues involved in the running of the 2026 Farmers Market for the City of Rensselaer.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ___ day of March, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
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Corporation Counsel

Mayor

#6

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – COMPTROLLER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund certain Public Works Administration contractual lines as follows to further the efficient running of City government, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller wishes to fund budget line A.1490.7100, compensating for funds paid upon the retirement of the previous Commissioner, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S) Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.1490.7120	Public Works Administration – Professional/Technical	51,152.00	-51,152.00	0.00
A.1490.7100	Public Works Administration – Executive	78,344.00	51,152.00	129,496.00

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Approved By:

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Result				

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BY ALDERPERSON :

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

SECONDED BY ALDERPERSON :

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF RENSSELAER MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Rensselaer Common Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS the City of Rensselaer has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Rensselaer from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the City of Rensselaer Common Council demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL THAT: the City of Rensselaer Common Council adopts the 2026 City of Rensselaer Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

Approved as to form and sufficiency this

_____ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor