



CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers, City Hall
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Public Session

If you wish to address the Council, kindly sign in with the Clerk by completing the Speaker Form.

The Mayor and Councilmembers are happy to meet with residents at City Hall. Check the City website for the “office hours” schedule at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | <i>Mayor</i> |
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EXECUTIVE SESSION I (6:30 PM)

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| 2. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105 | <i>Corporation</i> |
| a. Personnel | <i>Counsel/City</i> |
| b. Potential Acquisition of Property | <i>Manager</i> |
| c. Litigation | |

WELCOME (7:00 PM)

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| 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to the Public | <i>Mayor</i> |
| 4. Roll Call | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 5. Spotlight | <i>Mayor</i> |
| a. In a Heartbeat: Pediatric Screenings | <i>Council Member</i> |
| b. Annual Report on Conservation Commission/Advisory Council (CCAC) | <i>Kesavan</i> |
| | <i>Tracy Stora, CC/</i> |
| | <i>AC Chair</i> |
| 6. Report of the City Manager | <i>City Manager</i> |
| 7. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items | <i>Mayor</i> |
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ACTION ITEMS

8. Consent Agenda

Clerk

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 7, 2026
- b. Amendment to Employee Separation Agreement
- c. Consideration of a request for the use of City streets on Saturday, October 31, 2026, on portions of Harding Drive and Lasalle Avenue for a neighborhood block party from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

9. Appointments to Board and Commissions

Mayor

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Consideration to open a public hearing to amend Chapter 191, Article “Traffic Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-9 “Left turns” to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

*Council Member
Baldwin*

11. Presentation by the Rye Art Center

Adam Levi

INFORMATION

12. Councilmember Reports

Deputy Mayor

13. Old Business/New Business

Mayor

A LOOK AHEAD

(Not for discussion at this meeting)

14. Possible Future Agenda Meeting items

- a. CBD Design Standards – Rye Design Week, October 26, 27, & 28
- b. Update on Natural Resource Inventory – November 4, 2026
- c. Update on Cellular Phone Service Analysis and Plan
- d. Flood workshop
- e. Budget
- f. Update on Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Analysis
- g. Rye Art Center
- h. Gagliardo Park Follow-up

EXECUTIVE SESSION II (If Necessary)

15. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105

*Corporation
Counsel/City
Manager*

- a. Personnel
- b. Potential Acquisition of Property
- c. Litigation

ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise stated, if the Council adjourns into executive session, it will then adjourn without further public session.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 pm for the public session at City Hall.

City Council meetings are available live at www.ryeny.gov/home under Rye TV Government Videos, on Cablevision Channel 75 and Verizon Channel 39, and on demand, indexed by agenda item, on the City website at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Amy Kesevan, Council Member

AGENDA ITEM: In A Heartbeat: Pediatric Screenings.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the presentation.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Annual report on Conservation Commission/Advisory Council (CCAC).

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the report.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 7, 2026.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council review and approve the meeting minutes.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached meeting minutes from October 7, 2026.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held at City Hall on October 7, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH NATHAN, Mayor
MARION ANDERSON
EMILY BALDWIN
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
JAMIE JENSEN
AMY KESAVAN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING:

BRIAN SHEA, CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
MICHAEL KOPY, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council convened at the City Hall at 7:09 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

WELCOME

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Mayor Nathan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)

The City Clerk called the roll, and there was a quorum.

3. [Spotlight](#)

- a. Rabbi Gropper came to reflect on the 3rd anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel.
- b. Presentation on E-Bikes & E-Scooters

4. [Report of the City Manager](#)

City Manager Brian Shea updated the City Council on various items.

5. [Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items](#)

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- Meghan Stark, 14 Richard Place, Deer Committee

ACTION ITEMS

6. [Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meetings of September 16, 2026, and Special City Council Meeting of September 23, 2026
- b. Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 to conduct its annual Veterans' Day observation on the Village Green on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In the event of rain, the American Legion Post 128 requests the use of City Hall on the specific date and time
- c. Consideration of a request by the Midland Fair Committee to approve a parade to precede the midland Elementary School Fair on Saturday, May 1, 2027, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- d. Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use the Highland Parking lot from 8 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2026, until 8 pm Friday, October 9, 2026, to park trucks and set up base camp to film an episode of Mackerel. (Delayed 1 week from original request)

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Cunningham, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to approve all Consent Agenda items.

7. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed.

8. [Appointments to Board and Commissions](#)

- Election of Boat Basin Commission
Tara Marshall Kaplan was ratified.
- No Other Appointments

9. [Consideration of a request from the Rye Sustainability Foundation to use the Highland Parking lot to facilitate Seeding Giveaway Day on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a rain date of October 25, 2026](#)

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Mayor Nathan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the request from the Rye Sustainability Foundation.

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10. [Authorization for the Mayor to send a letter to the City’s congressional delegation on behalf of the City Council regarding the recent FEMA denial of a New York State major disaster declaration for the February 22-23, 2023 blizzard.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to authorize the Mayor to send the letter regarding the recent FEMA denial of the February 22-23, 2023.

11. [Consideration of Rye Nature Center Gift Acceptance Policy.](#)

Christine Siller gave an update on the naming opportunities for the Friends of Rye Nature Center’s (FRNC) capital campaign.

On motion by Councilperson Andersons, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the FRNC gift acceptance policy.

12. [Consideration to set a public hearing for the October 21, 2026, City Council Meeting to amend Chapter 191, Article “Traffic Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-9 “Left turns” to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Cunningham, seconded by Mayor Nathan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to set a public hearing for October 21, 2026

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. [Flood Presentation](#)

City Manager, Brian Shea, gave a presentation on flooding events, communications and flooding projects in Rye.

14. [Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 122 “Leaf Blowers” and Chapter 133 “Noise” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 “Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment” and §133-8 “Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days,” to create an exemption for emergency activities](#)

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried, it was:

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RESOLVED to open the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Mayor Nathan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to close the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Mayor Nathan, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt a amend Chapter 122 “Leaf Blowers” and Chapter 133 “Noise” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 “Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment” and §133-8 “Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days,” to create an exemption for emergency activities.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Anderson, Baldwin, Cunningham, Kesavan, Jensen, Ward, Mayor Nathan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

INFORMATION

7. [Councilmember Reports](#)

Councilperson Anderson provided a few updates regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

8. Old Business – New Business

There was nothing discussed.

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

On motion of Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Baldwin, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Amendment to Employee Separation Agreement.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation that the City Council consider the Amendment.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Emily Baldwin, Council Member

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request for the use of City streets on Saturday, October 31, 2026, on portions of Harding Drive and Lasalle Avenue for a neighborhood block party from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Council

CONTACT: Emily Baldwin, City Council Member

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend sections of local law Chapter 191, Article II "Traffic Regulations" of the City of Rye, by amending §191-9 "Left turns" to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.," Monday through Friday.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the public hearing and consider adopting the local law.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached draft local law.

DRAFT

LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2026

A local law to amend Chapter 191, Article II “Traffic Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-9 “Left turns” to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. when school is in session and to prohibit left turns at the high school parking lot exit and Milton Road from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. when school is in session as follows:

New material is underlined and in bold.

Repealed material is marked with a strikethrough and in bold.

Section 1. Chapter 191, titled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II titled “Traffic Regulations” is hereby amended in the Rye City Code as follows:

Article II

Traffic Regulations

§ 191-9 Left turns.

A. Left-hand turns are prohibited as described below during the hours indicated:

Location	Hours
<u>From</u> Apawamis Avenue ~~<u>and onto</u>~~ Milton Road	<u>When school is in session,</u> 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., ~~<u>Monday through Friday</u>~~ <u>2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.</u>
From Boston Post Road at the intersection southbound with Cross Street (rear of police booth)	
Boston Post Road northbound at Liberty Lane (rear of flagpole)	
At the intersection of Cedar Street and the ramp leading to the westbound side of Station Plaza	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
From the Citibank exit onto Cross Street	
From the 2 driveways of the Cowperwood-Osborn office building (411 Theodore Fremd Avenue) parking lot into Garver Drive	
From Cross Street at the driveway into Citibank	

Location	Hours
Elm Place at Purchase Street	
From Grandview Avenue into the Rye Country Day School driveway closest to Cedar Street	
From Grandview Avenue into the Rye Country Day School driveway closest to Elizabeth Street	
At the high school parking lot exit and Milton Road	<u>When school is in session,</u> 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., <u>Monday through Friday</u>
From Hillside Avenue onto Boston Post Road	
From the Oakland Beach Avenue driveway exit of 520 Milton Road	
At the driveway of Osborn School leading onto Boston Post Road	When school is in session, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
From Palisade Road at Milton Road	
From Rye Country Day School's driveways closest to Hillside Avenue onto the Boston Post Road	
Smith Street at Purchase Street	
From northeastbound Theall Road into the northeasterly driveway of the Cowperwood-Osborn office building (411 Theodore Fremd Avenue)	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
From northeastbound Theall Road onto Garver Drive	
From the YMCA parking lot onto Mead Place	

Section 2. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation by Rye Art Center

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the presentation.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: