



Portsmouth NH City Council

Municipal Complex, Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth, NH

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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Anticipated Non-Public Session

5:45 PM – Anticipated Non-Public Session is being held in Conference Room A in Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (d), (e) & (l)

Agenda

1. **Work Session**
2. **Public Dialogue Session (when applicable)**
3. **Call to Order (7:00 pm or thereafter)**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Invocation**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Acceptance of Minutes**
 - A. Acceptance of Minutes – November 17, 2025; December 8, 2025; December 22, 2025; and January 5, 2026 (***Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025; December 8, 2025; December 22, 2025; and January 5, 2026 City Council meetings***)
8. **Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports**
 - A. Proclamation for Black History Month

9. Public Comment Session

This session shall not exceed 45 minutes; participation may be in person or via Zoom

10. Public Hearings and Vote on Ordinances and/or Resolutions

(There are no Public Hearings and Votes on Ordinances and/or Resolutions this evening)

11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

- A. *Request for Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Rate Model Study Follow Up Work Session
- B. Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Greenland Well
- C. Renewal and Update to the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management (MAAM)

12. Consent Agenda

- A. Letter from Ken La Valley, Out of the Darkness Walk, requesting permission to hold the Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)

13. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Email Correspondence ***(Sample motion – move to accept and place on file)***
- B. Letter from Mellissa Walls, Maeve's Mobile Cocktail Hour & The Vagabond's Faire, requesting permission to hold a Night Market at Bohenko Park from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. seeking suggested date
- C. Letter from Mark Alesse regarding adjustments to the parking ordinance ***(Sample motion – move to refer to the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee for report back)***

14. Mayor McEachern

- A. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Appointment of Sarah Illingworth as an Alternate to the Arts & Cultural Commission
 - Appointment of Mary Claire Rodriguez-Abbott to the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee
 - Appointment of Heather Krans to the Public Art Review Committee
 - Appointment of Christopher Clement, Sr. to the Trustees of Trust Funds
- B. *Appointments to be Voted:
 - Reappointment of Jeffrey Cooper to the Arts & Cultural Commission
 - Appointment of Demi Dubois to the Arts & Cultural Commission

- Reappointment of Eli Kaynor to the Arts & Cultural Commission
- Appointment of Hope Anderson Puzzo to the Arts & Cultural Commission
- Appointment of Margherita Giacobbi as an Alternate to the Arts & Cultural Commission
- Appointment of Joshua Cyr to the Economic Development Commission
- Appointment of Jason Goodrich as an Alternate to the Economic Development Commission
- Appointment of Amy Dutton to the Cemetery Committee
- Appointment of Jennifer Merriam to the Cemetery Committee
- Appointment of Susan Sterry to the Municipal Building Blue Ribbon Committee

C. Acceptance of Resignation of Ellen Fineberg from the Public Art Review Committee
(Sample motion – move to accept with regret the resignation of Ellen Fineberg from the Public Art Review Committee and to send a letter thanking Ellen for her service to the city)

D. 2026-2027 City Council Goal Categories, Summaries, and Strategic Objectives

15. City Council Members

A. Councilor Tabor

1. *FY27 Budget guidance from the City Council, and request for report back on open positions, retirements, and possible efficiencies from these (with work session at City Manager's discretion)

B. Councilor Hopkins

1. *Discussion and direction regarding next steps to improve childcare access and quality in Portsmouth, including the formation of a city led, cross-departmental working group and exploration of employer supported childcare models in partnership with the Chamber and local businesses
2. *Discussion on cross-committee collaboration and integration: exploring low burden ways to coordinate committee work, share insights, and ensure sustainability considerations are reflected across city actions

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. Approval of Donation from Paul Gormley and Kimi Iguchi for the Portsmouth Fire Department - \$1,000

17. City Manager's Informational Items

(There are no items under this section of the agenda this evening)

18. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished at Previous Meeting

19. Adjournment (at 10:30 pm or earlier)

*Indicates verbal report with no attachments

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