

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 TIME: 7:00PM

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**6:00PM - ANTICIPATED NON-PUBLIC SESSION IS BEING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM A
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 91-A:3, II (e) and (l)**

AGENDA

- I. WORK SESSION
- II. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SESSION [when applicable – every other regularly scheduled meeting]
- III. CALL TO ORDER [7:00 p.m. or thereafter]
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. INVOCATION
- VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
2. Children's Environmental Health Day
3. Fire Prevention Week in Portsmouth

- VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES *(There are no minutes on for approval this evening)*

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Artist Live/Work Report of the Arts & Cultural Commission ***(Sample motion – move to send the Artist Live/Work Report of the Arts & Cultural Commission (ACC) to the Planning Board for incorporation into the Master Planning Process, namely the recommendation that zoning regulations be updated to include Artist Live/Work space in partnership with non-profits as part of an affordable housing incentive in our zoning code)***

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION *(This session shall not exceed 45 minutes) – (participation may be in person or via Zoom)*

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTE ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Public Hearings on Ballot Questions:

- A. BALLOT QUESTION #1: – “SHALL WE ALLOW THE OPERATION OF SOCIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH?”
 - PRESENTATION
 - CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS
 - PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS
 - ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS

- B. BALLOT QUESTION #2 – “SHALL WE PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF KENO GAMES WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH?”
 - **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**
- C. BALLOT QUESTION #3 – “SHALL WE PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH?”
 - **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

XI. CITY MANAGER’S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager’s Items Which Require Action:

- 1. Request for Public Hearing and Borrowing Authorization for a New Fire Apparatus
- 2. Amendment to Extend Term for License with Coast Guard Vessel to Dock at Prescott Park

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Eversource Petition and Pole License Request:
 - Installation of 85’ of conduit and between pad mount 23/MH4T5 and pad mount 23/MH4T5-a to be located on Vaughan Mall
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)
- B. Letter from James Teetzel, Wilcox, requesting permission to hold events to honor all Veterans living in Portsmouth and surrounding Seacoast area on July 3, 2026 (alternate rain date of July 5, 2026) **(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)**
- C. Letter from Coureur Portsmouth, requesting permission to hold the Coureur Halloween Skate Jam on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Chris Rice Skateboard Park (alternate rain date November 2, 2025) **(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)**
- D. Letter from Laurie Mantegari, Scarecrows of the Port, requesting permission to place scarecrows in designated locations throughout Portsmouth **(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)**

XIII. PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)
- B. Letter from The New Franklin School PTO regarding solutions for the tennis/basketball court repairs or replacement for a whole new court space
- C. Economic Development Commission Memorandum regarding Social Districts

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

- 1. Resignations:
 - Herb Lloyd from the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee (***Sample motion – move to accept with regret the resignation of Herb Lloyd from the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee***)
 - Jim Hewitt from the Safe Water Advisory Group effective immediately (***Sample motion – move to accept with regret the resignation of Jim Hewitt from the Safe Water Advisory Group***)
- 2. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Reappointment of Patricia Bagley to the Trees & Public Greenery
- 3. *Appointments to be Voted:
 - Reappointment of Sarah Lachance to the Economic Development Commission
 - Reappointment of Andrew Ward to the Economic Development Commission
 - Appointment of Brighid “Briggs” Brady to the Cemetery Committee
 - Appointment of Barbara Sadick as an alternate to the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee

(Sample motion – move the reappointment of Sarah Lachance and Andrew Ward to the Economic Development Commission; appointment of Brighid “Briggs” Brady to the Cemetery Committee and the appointment of Barbara Sadick as an alternate to the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee)
- 4. *Schedule Special City Council Meeting – Canvass of the Vote (***Sample motion – move to schedule a Special City Council meeting for the Canvass of the Vote on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers***)

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR COOK

- 1. *Request to Schedule First Reading of the Draft License and Encumbrance Permit Ordinance (***Sample motion – move to schedule first reading of the draft License and Encumbrance Permit Ordinance at the October 20, 2025, City Council meeting***)

B. COUNCILOR BLALOCK

1. *Upcoming Visits by Students from our Sister Cities Santarcangelo and Nichinan

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Route 1 Bypass – Coakley Road and Cottage Street Improvement Project Grant - \$2,379,118.96 (***Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement and any future schedule modifications with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to take advantage of State and Federal funding opportunities for improvements to the intersection of Route 1 Bypass, Coakley Road and Cottage Street***)
- B. Acceptance of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant - \$25,025.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the Grant as presented***)
- C. Acceptance of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant - \$12,369.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the Grant as presented***)
- D. Acceptance of Donation from FedPoint for the Portsmouth Police K-9 Unit - \$500.00 (***Sample motion – move to accept the donation as presented***)
- E. Acceptance of Donation from Walmart for the Portsmouth Police Explorer Program - \$189.00 (***Sample motion – move to accept the donation as presented***)
- F. Acceptance of Donation from Vanessa Smiley for the Portsmouth Police Explorer Program - \$100.00 (***Sample motion – move to accept the donation as presented***)

XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. *Update on Insurance Review
2. *Report Back regarding RSA 79-E
3. *Further Options to Investigate the Viability of Two-Way Traffic on State Street

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

XIX. ADJOURNMENT [at 10:30 p.m. or earlier]

**Indicates verbal report with no attachments*

**KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK**