

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 TIME: 7:00PM

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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

MAYOR'S AWARD

1. Portsmouth High School Boys Alpine Ski Team Wins Second Straight Division I State Championship

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2025

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

First Reading of Ordinance:

- A. First Reading of Ordinance amending to Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article IV – Commissions and Authorities, Section 1.413 – Sustainability Committee ***(Sample motion – move to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading for the March 3, 2025 City Council meeting)***

Public Hearing/Second Reading of Ordinance and Resolution:

- B. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article XVI – Adoption of Fees by Budget Resolution, Section 1.601 – Purpose, Section 1.1602 – Procedure, Section 1.1603 – Exclusion, Section 1.1604 – Default, of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth ***(Sample motion – move to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the March 3, 2025 City Council meeting)***

- PRESENTATION
- CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS
- PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS
- ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program of up to Twenty-Five Million One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$25,128,000.00) for Costs Related to Pease Wastewater Treatment Facility Rehabilitation and Rescinding the amount of Twenty Million Dollars in Funds Authorized to be Borrowed for the same Purpose (***Sample motion – move to adopt the Resolution as presented***)

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XI. CITY MANAGER’S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager’s Items Which Require Action:

1. Land Use Review Process for Project at 35 Sherburne Road (***Sample motion – move to adopt the process for land use review of the project at City property located at 35 Sherburne Road as recommended by the Legal Department***)

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request from Anna Saunders of Port Aesthetics, LLC to install a Projecting Sign at 175 Market Street Unit 103 (***Anticipated action – move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign Licenses as recommended by the Planning & Sustainability Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director’s Stipulations:

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting signs, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***
- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting signs, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

B. Letter from Jenna Raizes, Portsmouth Little League, requesting permission to install temporary signage at the Plains and Hislop Fields for the 2025 baseball season (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

- C. Letter from Heidi Carrington Heath, New Hampshire Outright, requesting permission to hold the 11th Portsmouth PRIDE Celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- D. Letter from Chris Maden, Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival, requesting the following:
- Use of space in Prescott Park on Saturday, September 27th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 28th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Use of space in front of North Church
 - Motorcycle Parking Ban in Market Square on Sunday, September 28th during the festival performance times
- (***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 Craig Welch, Executive Director, Portsmouth Housing Authority, requesting the City Council to waive all City permit fees for the Sherburne Property project

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

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

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR BLALOCK

1. Recreation Board Sub-Committee Report on Ice Rink Construction

B. COUNCILOR BAGLEY

1. Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 6, 2025 meeting (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 6, 2025 Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting***)

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Approval of Grant for Cate Street Bridge Replacement Funding Agreement with NHDOT (***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 the replacement of the Cate Street Bridge***)

XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Dismissal of McIntyre Lawsuit

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

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

**Indicates verbal report*

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