

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 TIME: 5:30PM

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AGENDA

- I. 5:30PM - WORK SESSION – FY26 BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH SCHOOL & POLICE DEPARTMENTS (See Attached Agenda)
- 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. *50th Anniversary of the Old Ferry Landing – June 10th
2. *Portsmouth Weekend of Love – June 21st and June 22nd
3. *Krempels Brain Injury Center Day – July 11th

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

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Public Art Review Committee (PARC) – Gift of Original Artwork by Judy Schubert
(Sample motion – move to accept the artwork of an original oil painting)

- 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 Ordinances:

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 7, VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING, Article III, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, Section 7.324: LIMITED PARKING – FREE THIRTY MINUTE RESIDENT PARKING, be amended to create free thirty minute resident parking (Sample motion – move to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and second reading at the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting)
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 7, VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING, Article III, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, Section 7.326: LIMITED PARKING – FIFTEEN MINUTES, be amended to remove certain parking spaces (Sample motion – move to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and second reading at the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting)

Continuation of Public Hearing on FY26 Budget:

- C. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed FY26 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) Budget

- **PRESENTATION** (*Held at the May 19th City Council meeting*)
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

(Attached Draft Budget Resolutions Anticipated to be voted upon at the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting)

Public Hearing & Second Reading of Ordinance:

- D. PUBLIC HEARING and Second Reading of a proposed ordinance that Chapter 10, ZONING ORDINANCE, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING MAP be amended as follows: rezone parcels described on the City Tax Map 125 Lot 16; Tax Map 138 Lot 61; Tax Map 138 Lot 62; and a portion of Tax Map 138 Lot 63 from Character District 5 (CD5) to Character District 4-W (CD4-W); to rezone a portion of Tax Map 138 Lot 63 from Character District 5 (CD5) to Character District L1 (CD4-L1); to change the boundary of the North End Incentive Overlay District (NEIOD) to remove City Tax Map 138 Lot 61, Tax Map 138 Lot 60-3, and Tax Map 164 Lot 4 from the NEIOD and to amend the boundary of the Downtown Overlay District (DOD) to align with the amended NEIOD by removing City Tax Map 164 Lot 4, Tax Map 138 Lot 61, Tax Map 138 Lot 60-3 and a portion of Tax Map 138 Lot 63 from the DOD; to amend the building height map from 2-4 stories (50 feet) to 2-3 stories (40 feet) for parcels along Bridge Street to Foundry Place and along Hill Street for City Tax Map 125 Lot 16, Tax Map 138 Lot 62 and Tax Map 125 Lot 14 and to add a building height standard of 2-3 stories (40 feet) along Rock Street to the cul-de-sac at Foundry Place for City Tax Map 138 Lot 63, Tax Map 138 Lot 60-2, and Tax Map 138 Lot 60-3. The Zoning Maps to be amended are referenced in the City's Zoning Ordinance at Chapter 10, Article 4, Zoning and District Use Regulations, Section 10.421, District Location and Boundaries, Section 10.421.10 and Chapter 10, Article 5A, Character Based zoning, Section 10.5A21.10, Content of Regulation Plan, Map 10.5A21A (Character Districts and Civic Districts) and Map 10.5A21B (Building Height Standards), collectively the "Zoning Maps"

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

(Sample motion – move to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting)

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution:

- E. PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption on a proposed Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Bond Proceeds that are no longer needed to pay costs of the Project for which it was initially borrowed. To pay costs of another Capital Project in accordance with RSA 33:3-a (II)

That in accordance with RSA 33:3-a (II), the unexpended balances of funds borrowed to pay costs of the project set forth below, which amounts are no longer needed to complete the project for which they were initially borrowed, are hereby appropriated by this Council to pay costs of School Facilities Security Upgrades

<u>Original Project Description</u>	<u>Original Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Allocate to Project</u>
Renovation of RJLA space at Community Campus	\$3,300,000.00	7/10/2023	\$551,638.00	School Facilities Security Upgrades
Total			\$551,638.00	

- **PRESENTATION**
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(Sample motion – move to adopt the Resolution as presented) (Two-thirds vote required for passage)

XI. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager's Items Which Require Action:

1. Request for Public Hearing Regarding Various Bonding Resolutions for Projects to Begin in FY26
2. Planning Board Recommendation on Islington Street Drainage Easements
3. 635 Sagamore Avenue Access Easement for Water Services
4. Acceptance of Several Easements for Property Located at 0 Raynes Avenue
5. Acceptance of Several Easements for Property Located at 100 Durgin Lane
6. Acceptance of Several Easements for Property Located at 2 Russell Street
7. Petition to Layout a New Public Highway – Coakley Road Extension

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request from Robert Nelson of Just Mystic, LLC to install a Projecting Sign at 16 Congress Street, Unit 103 (***Anticipated action – move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License 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 sign(s), 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 sign(s), 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 Sandi Clark Kaddy, Seacoast African American Cultural Center, requesting permission to hold the 4th Juneteenth Freedom Walk on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- C. Letter from Timothy Cole, Portsmouth Professional Firefighters Local 1313, requesting permission to hold a boot drive on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Market Square (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

XIII. PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter from Chris Rose & Nicole Stonerook, Portsmouth Middle School 8th Grade Science Teachers, addressing Solar Energy Solutions Projects completed by 8th grade students (***Sample motion – move to refer the projects to the Sustainability Committee***)
- B. Letter from David Smith, New Hampshire DOT, answering questions raised by the City Council during the May 5, 2025, US 1 Roadway Improvement Project Presentation (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)
- C. Letter from Michael Capalare, requesting the City of Portsmouth, commemorating 225 years of George Washington entering our city at the Plains, and place a historical marker at the location where Washington stopped (***Sample motion – move to refer to the Department of Public Works for report back***)

- D. Letter from Kevin Baum of Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, PLLC, request for Release of Unbuilt Paper Street Portion of Jenkins Avenue Pursuant to NH RSA 231:51 and 231:52 (***Sample motion – move to refer to the Legal Department and the Public Works Department for report back***)
- E. Letter from Christopher Schroeder, Irreverent Warriors Portsmouth, requesting permission to host a Silkies Hike through Portsmouth on Saturday, August 23, 2025 (***Sample motion – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- F. E-mail Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

- 1. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Appointment of Susan B. Strauss to the Historic District Commission
 - Appointment of Joy Curth to the Historic District Commission
- 2. *Appointment to be Voted:
 - Reappointment of Celeste Brooks to the Cemetery Committee
- 4. Resignations:
 - Jody Record from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (***Sample motion – move to accept with regret the resignation of Jody Record with a letter expressing our thanks and appreciation for her service***)
 - David Allen from the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee (***Sample motion – move to accept with regret the resignation of David Allen with a letter expressing our thanks and appreciation for his service***)

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. ASSISTANT MAYOR KELLEY & COUNCILOR LOMBARDI

- 1. Report Back from Economic Development Commission regarding Free Resident Parking

B. COUNCILOR TABOR

- 1. *Energy Advisory Committee Update
- 2. *Funding for further due diligence, Jones Avenue solar array and CIP item BI-20-PW-47, EV Charging Station

C. COUNCILOR DENTON & COUNCILOR LOMBARDI

- 1. Gold Star Family Parking (***Sample motion – move to amend Chapter 7, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, by adding a paragraph C to Section 7.102: PARKING METER RATES, that reads: Any vehicle bearing the following special New Hampshire license plates and in use by the person qualifying for said special plates shall be entitled to free parking in metered spaces for no more than three hours each day: Veteran, Military, or Gold Star Family Decal.***)

Any vehicle with license plates from another State, District or United States territory bearing substantially equivalent governmental license plates shall, provided the vehicle is in use by the person qualifying for said special license plates, likewise be entitled to no more than three hours each day of free parking in metered spaces. This exemption does not apply to parking spaces designated for electric vehicle charging)

D. COUNCILOR BAGLEY

1. *Report Back from Parking & Traffic Safety Committee regarding Free Resident Parking

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of Donation of Memorial Bench in honor of John & Frances Castellano located on Peirce Island ***(Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation of a Memorial Bench as presented)***
- B. Acceptance of Donation of Granite Memorial Bench located at the Skate Park in memory of Chris Rice from Aileen Dugan of State Farm ***(Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation of a Memorial Bench as presented)***
- C. Acceptance of Donation to the Fire Department for support of Ambulance Program - \$20,000.00 ***(Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation to the Fire Department as presented)***

XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Federal Funding Emergency Management Concerns Update
2. *EV Charging Stations Report Back
3. *Pease Development Authority Board Meeting Update
4. *City Properties and Rights-of-Way Maintenance Practices
5. *Report Back on Steps it Takes to Open a New Business

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**