

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH  
DATE: MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 TIME: 7:00PM

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**6:30PM – AN ANTICIPATED NON-PUBLIC SESSION IS BEING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM A  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 91-A:3 II (I)**

## 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
- VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES *(There will be no minutes on this evening for acceptance)*
- 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 Amendment to Chapter 10, ZONING ORDINANCE, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING MAP, to be amended to rezone parcels described on the City's Tax Map 125, Lot 16; Tax Map 138, Lot 16; 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) and to amend the boundary of the Downtown Overlay District (DOD) to align with the amended North End Incentive Overlay District (NEIOD); and to amend the building heights in the North End Incentive Overlay District (NEIOD) from 2-4 stories (50 feet) to 2-3 stories (40 feet) for parcels described on the City's Tax Map 125 Lot 16, Tax Map 138 Lot 62 and Tax Map 125 Lot 14

The Zoning Maps to be amended and reissued to incorporate these amendments pursuant to 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)

Zoning Maps that depict the existing conditions and these amendments will be available at second reading (***Sample motion – move to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and second reading at the June 9, 2025 City Council meeting***)

### **Public Hearing on FY26 Budget:**

B. PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed FY26 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) Budget

- **PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS** (*Continuation of the Budget Public Hearing will be held on June 9, 2025*)
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

(***Sample motion – move to continue the Budget Public Hearing until Monday, June 9, 2025***)

## **XI. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION**

### **A. CITY MANAGER CONARD**

#### **City Manager's Items Which Require Action:**

1. Repurposing of Bond Proceeds for School Security Upgrades
2. Request for Approval of a Tentative Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Association of Portsmouth Teachers
3. Request for Approval of a Tentative Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Public Library Employees Local 1386 of the AFSCME Council 93

## **XII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Request from Coureur Portsmouth to hold the Coureur Annual Go Skate Day Jam on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Portsmouth Skatepark (*Rain Date will be on Sunday, June 22, 2025*) (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

## **XIII. PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Letter from Robin Rousseau requesting that the City Council consider creating zoning regulations regarding 5G cellular towers (***Sample motion – move to refer to the Planning Board and Planning Department for report back***)

- B. Letter from Craig Welch, Executive Director, Portsmouth Housing Authority & PHA Housing Development Ltd., requesting the waiver of permit fees for their project at the Christ Church Workforce Housing and HAVEN at 1035 Lafayette Road
- C. Email Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)

#### **XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN**

- 1. \*Appointments to be Considered:
  - Reappointment of Celeste Brooks to the Cemetery Committee

#### **XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

##### **A. MAYOR MCEACHERN AND ASSISTANT MAYOR KELLEY**

- 1. \*Request for first reading for Free 30 Minute Resident Parking in Downtown Metered Parking Areas (***Sample motion - move to amend Chapter 7, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.326, Limited Parking- Fifteen Minutes, to amend the ordinance to convert twenty-five 15 minute parking spaces to Free 30 Minute Resident Parking Spaces in Downtown Metered Parking Areas, and to schedule first reading at the June 9, 2025 City Council meeting***)

##### **B. COUNCILOR BAGLEY**

- 1. **Action Item Needing Approval by City Council:**
  - Hanover Street Valet License – The 100 Club (***Sample motion – move to approve annual renewal of valet license for The 100 Club***)
  - Brewster Street Loading Zone Hours (***Sample motion – move to approve change in loading zone hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday***)
- 2. Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the May 1, 2025 meeting (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the May 1, 2025 Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting***)

#### **XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS**

- A. Acceptance of Donation for the Police Department from Geno's Chowder and Sandwich Shop - \$250.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented***)
- B. Acceptance of Donation for the Police Department from Mrs. Gail Frongillo - \$30.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented***)

**XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. \*Master Plan Update
2. \*Bond Rating Update
3. \*2025 National Program of Excellence Award for Senior Services

**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**