

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025 TIME: 7:00PM

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6:00PM – ANTICIPATED NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM A
1. REGARDING RSA 91-A:3, II (c) (d) (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

Portsmouth High School Student Government Day Participants

Heather Wheeler & Michelle Wheeler – Portsmouth High School Teachers



Sophie Cosgrove & Eli George, Mayor
Miles Borne & Olivia Crotto, Assistant Mayor
Jacob Mead, Councilor
Bailey Trudel, Councilor
Nathan Delaney, Councilor
Shaye McGrath, Councilor
Jackson Hooper, Councilor
Aadya Raja, Councilor
Lukas Dmytruk, Councilor
Chase Simpson & Tatum Hebert, City Manager
Hannah Williams, City Attorney
Simon Noel, City Clerk

*“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”
Dalai Lama XIV*

VII. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2025** (*Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting*)

VIII. **RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Public Art Review Committee (PARC) – 2024 Annual Report

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**

Third and Final Reading of Ordinances:

A. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amendment to Chapter 10, Zoning Ordinance, by Striking Article 5, Measurement Rules, Section 10.515.14; by Amending Section 10.515.13; and by Adding new Sections 10.811.6 and 10.811.61, relating to Accessory Uses to Permitted Residential Uses of the Ordinance of the City of Portsmouth (*Sample motion – move to pass third and final of the ordinance as presented*)

B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending to Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Map, Article 4, Zoning District and Use Regulations, Section 10.421 – District Location and Boundaries, Section 10.421.10, be amended to remove 185 Orchard Street, Tax Map 152, Lot 2-1 from the Historic District Overlay (*Sample motion – move to pass third and final of the ordinance as presented*)

XI. **CITY MANAGER’S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION**

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager’s Items Which Require Action:

1. Easement and License for Public Deck Access Located at 99 Bow Street
2. Request for Public Hearing Regarding Fernald Easement Financing
3. Third Extension of Temporary Construction License for EightKph, LLC at 70 Maplewood Avenue
4. *Street Naming for Newberry Way
5. 2025 Seacoast Eat Local Farmers’ Market License
6. Amendment to Lease with the Players’ Ring

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request from Ken Schmidt of Eiger Insurance Services to install a Projecting Sign at 28 Deer Street (***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 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. Request from John & Cari Karonis of Fair Winds Home, LLC to install a Projecting Sign at 19 Market Street (***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***)

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- C. Letter from Jodie Tsekrekas, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, requesting permission to hold the CF Cycle for Life on Saturday, July 12, 2025 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

- D. Letter from Russ Grazier, Portsmouth Music and Arts Center, requesting permission to have a small parade from Portsmouth's African Burying Ground to the Vaughn Mall on Friday, April 11, 2025 at Noon as part of Jazz Appreciation Month Celebrations (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

- E. Letter from Michelle Wall & Derrick Perreault, Red Bull Distribution Company, requesting permission to hold a charitable event “Wings for Life World Run” at Peirce Island on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- F. Letter from Ken La Valley, AFSP Out of the Darkness, requesting permission to hold the Out of the Darkness Walk at Peirce Island on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- G. Letter from Curtis Hermann, New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution, requesting permission to hold a ceremony unveiling markers at the gravesites of 5 Patriots on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (*This request reschedules the November 16, 2024 event previously approved*) (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- H. Letter from Jonathan Day, Portsmouth Halloween Parade, requesting permission to hold the 30th Portsmouth Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31st (***Sample motion – 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. Request from Chris Adams for a License Agreement at 66 Coakley Road for the purposes of installing, maintaining and replacing a fence, and for ordinary yard maintenance (***Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a revocable license to Chris Adams of City owned property adjacent to 66 Coakley Road for the purposes of installing, maintaining and replacing a fence, and for ordinary yard maintenance***)

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

- 1. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Appointment of Mandela Pruett – Arts & Cultural Commission
 - Reappointment of Kara Anne Rodenhizer – Portsmouth Housing Authority
- 2. Resignation
 - Eva Boice – Cemetery Committee
- 3. Boards, Commissions and Committees 2024 Attendance Records

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR COOK

1. *Bird Flu Health Issues (*Sample motion – move to request a report back on any potential health issues posed by the bird flu in relation to geese or geese droppings located on Peirce Island or in Prescott Park*)

B. COUNCILOR BAGLEY

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

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of Donation to support the acquisition and installation of a memorial for Dinah Chase Whipple at North Cemetery from Appledore Marine Engineering LLC (The Webs Foundation) - \$1,000.00 (*Sample motion – move to accept the donation as presented*)

XVII. CITY MANAGER’S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. *Pease Development Authority Board Meeting Update

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**