

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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6:00PM – ANTICIPATED NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS ARE BEING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM A

1. PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (d)

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. Recognition of Everett Eaton
2. Recognition of Andrea Amico

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

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *Mary Loane – Mayor's Blue Ribbon Housing Committee

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, Article 4 Zoning Districts and Regulations by Adding Coliving as a New Use; Article 8, Supplemental Use Standards, be Amended by Adding Section 10.815 – Coliving; and Article 15 Definitions *(Sample motion – move to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and second reading at the May 5, 2025 City Council meeting)*

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution:

- B. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City Under the Municipal Finance Act for the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Fernald Property to Protect the Bellamy Reservoir Water Quality Not to Exceed One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,478,000.00) ***(Sample motion – move to authorize a bond issue and/or notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Fernald Property to protect the Bellamy Reservoir water quality not to exceed one million four hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars \$1,478,000.00)***
- PRESENTATION
 - CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS
 - PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS
 - ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELLIBERATIONS

XI. CITY MANAGER’S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager’s Items Which Require Action:

1. Report Back and Recommendation from the Planning Board Regarding 25 Sims Avenue
2. Below Market Rate Housing Trust
3. Friends of Lafayette House PILOT Agreement
4. 2059 Lafayette Road Access Easement for Water Services
5. Extension of Temporary Construction License for 2 Congress Street, the North Church of Portsmouth

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Letter from Brian Miller, New England Run for the Fallen, requesting permission to hold the 5th Annual Run on Sunday, August 17, 2025 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)***
- B. Letter from Debra Smith, Friends of the South End, requesting permission to hold the Annual Fairy House Tour on Saturday, September 20, 2025 and Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)***
- C. Letter from Bruce Hurley, Seacoast Half Marathon, requesting permission to hold the 20th Annual Seacoast Half Marathon on Sunday, October 26, 2025 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act)***

- D. Letter from Katie Ross, Pure Barre Portsmouth, requesting permission to hold a Silent Yoga Class at Prescott Park, on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 6:00 a.m. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)
- E. Letter from Tina Sawtelle, The Music Hall, requesting closure of Chestnut Street for the 2025 special events and festivals:
- TEDx Portsmouth – Friday, May 9th
 - Emerging Artist Benefit Concert – Sunday, May 11th
 - Writers on a New England Stage Festival – Sunday, September 7th & Wednesday, September 10th
 - Telluride by the Sea Film Festival – Friday, September 12th through Sunday, September 14th
 - New Hampshire Film Festival – Thursday, October 16th through October 19th
 - Outdoor Holiday Winter Carnivals – Saturday, December 13th & Saturday, December 20th
- (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager for development and execution of a License Agreement***)
- F. Letter from Michael Claus, Granite State Wheelers, requesting permission to hold the annual Granite State Wheelers’ ‘Seacoast Century’ bicycle ride on Saturday, September 13, 2025 (***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***)

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

1. Appointment to be Considered:
 - Appointment of Logan Roy – Alternate to the Planning Board
2. *Appointments to be Voted:
 - Appointment of Mandela Pruettt – Arts & Cultural Commission
 - Reappointment of Kara Anne Rodenhizer – Portsmouth Housing Authority
3. *Report back on the following:
 - a) the steps that businesses (retail and restaurant) need to take to open a new business
 - b) options at the local level that might be implemented to streamline the process
4. *Report back on feasibility of a citywide resident parking program and mechanism to limit parking permits for new development

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. ASSISTANT MAYOR KELLEY & COUNCILOR TABOR

1. Present on the Recommendations of the Housing Committee:
(Sample motion – move that the City Manager explore the feasibility of using the lower lot at City Hall to construct below-market rate housing and parking and report back to the Housing Committee and City Council)
2. *Report back on the city investigating acquiring land from the condo association adjacent to 25 Granite Street to build more housing while retaining the existing ballfield

B. ASSISTANT MAYOR KELLEY/COUNCILOR BLALOCK/COUNCILOR BAGLEY

1. *City Manager Evaluation

C. COUNCILOR COOK & COUNCILOR BAGLEY

1. *Development of Affordable Housing ***(Sample motion – move to request that the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Housing Committee report back to the Council by June 23, 2025 on zoning ordinances that currently impede the development of affordable housing in Portsmouth, both at market-rate affordability levels and at permanently below-market levels, including recommendations on the zoning changes that could yield the greatest results in creating more affordable housing in the shortest timeframe)***

D. COUNCILOR DENTON

1. *Stormwater Enterprise Utility ***(Sample motion – move to request a report back on the Status of Portsmouth creating a Stormwater Enterprise Utility)***

E. COUNCILOR MOREAU

1. The Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth Feedback on Coliving Zoning Amendments

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. *Acceptance of HealthTrust Wellness Reward - \$2,000.00 ***(Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented)***
- B. Acceptance of Donation for the Police Department from the Service Federal Credit Union - \$500.00 ***(Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented)***

- C. Acceptance of Donation for the Police Department from Paul Gormley & Kimi Iguchi - \$1,000.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented***)
- D. Acceptance of Donation for the Police Department from Jason Page - \$300.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented***)
- E. *Acceptance of Grant for Police Department from the US Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance - \$11,987.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the donation as presented***)
- F. Acceptance of Victim of Crime Award (VOCA) Grant - \$12,369.00 (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the Victim of Crime Award Grant as presented***)
- G. Acceptance of Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services - \$60,000.00 (***Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement to accept up to \$60,000.00 from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to assist with water service line inventory activities***)

XVII. CITY MANAGER’S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. *Update on the Sherburne Property
- 2. *Master Plan Update
- 3. *Rail Trail Clean-Up Day
- 4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- 5. *Sustainability Fair

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**