



Portsmouth, NH City Council

Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH
in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers
Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm

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Anticipated Non-Public Session

5:00 p.m. – Anticipated Non-Public Session is being held in Conference Room A in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (d), (e), and (l)

Agenda

1. **Work Session Municipal Blue Ribbon Committee and Municipal Complex Project Update**
(6:00 pm - see separate Agenda)
2. **Public Dialogue Session (when applicable)**
3. **Call to Order (7:00 pm or thereafter)**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Invocation**
6. **Pledge of Allegiance**
7. **Acceptance of Minutes**
 - A. June 22, 2026, Minutes (*Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, City Council meeting*)
8. **Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports**
 - A. Recognition
 - Parks and Recreation Month

9. Public Comment Session

This session shall not exceed 45 minutes; participation may be in person or via Zoom

10. Public Hearings and Vote on Ordinances and/or Resolutions

A. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article I - Parking Meters, Section 7.102, Parking Meter Rates, Relative to Fees

- ***PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS** (*Sample motion – move to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading on August 3, 2026, on the amendment to Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article I, Parking Meters, Section 7.102, Parking Meter Rates as presented*)

B. First Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 - Licenses and Encumbrances, Article I, Encumbrance Permits and Licenses for use of Public Property, Relative to Section 6.111, fees (*Sample motion - move to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the August 3, 2026, City Council meeting regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Licenses and Encumbrances, Article I, Encumbrance Permits and Licenses for use of Public Property, Section 6.111, Fees, as presented*)

C. First Reading Regarding Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 12, City of Portsmouth Building Code, Sections 1201 through 1209, by deleting and replacing the entire Chapter (*Sample motion – move to pass first reading of the amendment to Chapter 12, City of Portsmouth Building Code, Sections 1201 through 1209, and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the August 3, 2026, City Council meeting*)

11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

A. Request for First Reading for Annual Omnibus Ordinance, Amending Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking (*Sample motion - move to schedule first reading of the Annual Omnibus Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, VEHICLES, TRAFFIC and PARKING, Article III, TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, Section 7.326, Limited Parking – Fifteen Minutes, Section 7.330 A, No Parking, and Article VI, LOADING ZONES, Section 7.601, Limited Hours Loading Zones at the August 3, 2026 City Council meeting*)

B. Fleet Street Section 1 Reconstruction Report Back (*Sample motion - move to approve the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee recommendation to change traffic flow on*

Fleet Street to one-way from Congress Street to Hanover Street, and maintain on-street parking)

- C. Drain Line License for 134 Pleasant Street (***Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to execute a Drain Line License granting Double MC LLC, a License to construct and maintain drainage infrastructure within the Parrott Avenue Parking Lot, substantially in the form of the Drain Line License contained in the agenda packet)***)
- D. Request for Public Hearings Regarding Various Bonding Resolutions for Projects to Begin in FY27 (***Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to bring back for public hearings and adoption, the various proposed CIP projects to be bonded, as presented, for the August 3, 2026 City Council meeting)***) (Please note that Bonding Resolutions require a public hearing and adoption by two-thirds roll-call vote)

12. Consent Agenda

- A. Pole License Requests - 63-0654, 63-0740, 63-0749, 63-0748 and 63-0776
- B. Active City Encumbrances Report

(Sample motion – move to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented)

13. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Email Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file)***)

14. Mayor McEachern

- A. Appointments to be Considered
 - Reappointment of Stephen Buzzell to the Cemetery Committee
 - Appointment of John (Jack) Holzman to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- B. *Appointments to be Voted
 - Appointment of Gary Dozier to the Police Commission effective August 1, 2026, until the next Municipal election (November 2027)
- C. *Report Back on Sidewalk Encumbrance Permits
- D. *Report Back on Rolling Stock as part of FY28 – FY33 CIP
- E. *Reestablishment of Veteran Organization Committee

15. City Council Members

- A. Assistant Mayor Kelley/Councilor Tabor
 - *Update on Housing Action Plan

- Housing Committee prioritized 19 Action Items from Initial 135
- Planning Board Review
- Public Hearings

B. Councilor Cook

- *City Council Work Session – Vaughan Mall Design (***Sample motion - move to schedule a City Council Work Session on the Vaughan Mall Design before the August 3, 2026 City Council meeting***)
- Establishment of a Heritage Commission (***Sample motion - move to request the Planning Board review the potential establishment of a Heritage Commission, and report back to the City Council by September 28, 2026***)

C. Councilor Tabor

- Energy Advisory Committee recommendation that Portsmouth allow Community Power Customer Refresh in September 2026

D. Councilor Bagley

- Request that the City Manager work with the Planning & Sustainability Department, Inspection Department, and the Chairs of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, and Historic District Commission to develop "one page" plain language guides for residents and property owners approaching a City land use board or the permitting process for the first time, and to return to the Council with a draft (***Sample motion – move to direct the City Manager to act consistent with the above***)

E. Councilor Hopkins

- Childcare on the Seacoast Report (***Sample motion - move to adopt the five (5) City Council recommendations from the Portsmouth Childcare Working Group as presented***)

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. Senior Activity Center Donation (***Sample motion – move to accept a \$500 donation made to the Senior Activity Center towards our senior luncheon funds, from Portsmouth resident and Senior Activity Center member Karen Parnes***)
- B. *NH Settlement Funds for PFAS Drinking Water Treatment
(***Sample motion - move to accept \$3,062,540 in New Hampshire PFAS settlement funds allocated by NHDES to the City for the Portsmouth Water Works system, as presented***)

And

(Sample motion - move to accept \$1,563,527 in New Hampshire PFAS settlement funds allocated by NHDES to the City for the Pease Tradeport system, as presented)

17. City Manager's Informational Items

- A. Report Back on Municipal Arts & Cultural Banner Program Policy
- B. *Report Back on Complete Streets Policy
- C. SchoolCare Litigation Update
- D. *Banfield Litigation Resolution
- E. *FY28 - FY33 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Submissions
- F. Establishment of Special Revenue Fund for Sister Cities

18. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished at Previous Meeting

19. Adjournment (At 10:30 pm or earlier)

*Indicates verbal report with no attachments

Sally A. Kellar
City Clerk