



Portsmouth, NH City Council

Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH
in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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Anticipated Non-Public Session

5:45 p.m. – Anticipated Non-Public Session is being held in Conference Room A in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (e), and (l)

Agenda

1. **Work Session (when applicable)**
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. Minutes and Actions of the May 18, 2026, City Council meeting (***Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, City Council meeting***)
8. **Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports**
 - A. Recognition
 - Recommendation from Public Art Review Committee (PARC) – Gift from our Friendship City Santarcangelo, Italy
 - *Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate, Office of the Consumer Advocate, State of New Hampshire
 - *Juneteenth Holiday

- *Pride Month

B. Volunteer Committee Report

- Public Art Review Committee (PARC) Recommendation to Award Grant from the PNH400th Anniversary Education and Public Art Trust

9. Public Comment Session

- A. 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. Continued Public Hearing on the Proposed FY27 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027) Budget

- ***PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS Adoption of Proposed Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027 (FY27)

- Resolution # 7-2026 MUNICIPAL FEES - A Resolution to adopt fees by Budget Resolution (***Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #7-2026 – Municipal Fees (roll call vote required)***)
- Resolution # 8-2026 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - A Resolution making appropriation of sum for all the necessary General Fund expenditures for the operation of general operating departments and services for the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (***Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution # 8-2026 – General Fund Expenditures (roll call vote required)***)
- Resolution #9-2026 WATER FUND EXPENDITURES - A Resolution making appropriation of sums of money for all necessary Water Fund expenses for the operation of the water system of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (***Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #9-2026 – Water Fund Expenditures (roll call vote required)***)
- Resolution #10-2026 SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES - A Resolution making appropriation of sums of money for all necessary Sewer Fund Expenses for the operation of the sewer system of the city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (**Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #10-2026 - Sewer Fund Expenditures (roll call vote required)**)

- Resolution #11-2026 SPECIAL REVENUES, PORTSMOUTH HOUSING ENDOWMENT TRUST AND COMMITTED FUND BALANCES FOR NECESSARY EXPENDITURES – A Resolution making appropriation of sums of money from Special Revenues, Portsmouth Housing Endowment Trust, and Committed Fund Balance for necessary expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (**Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #11-2026 - Special Revenues, Portsmouth Housing Endowment Trust, and Committed Fund Balance for necessary expenditures (roll call vote required)**)
 - Resolution #12-2026 INVESTMENT POLICY – A Resolution approving Investment Policy for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (**Sample motion - move to adopt Resolution #12-2026 – Investment Policy (roll call vote required)**)
- B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Parking, Article I - Parking Meters, Section 7.102, Parking Meter Rates, to establish parking rates for the Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot (**Sample motion - move to pass third reading and adopt as presented**)
- C. Public Hearing and Second Reading Regarding Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 5, Fire Department and Prevention Regulations, Article IX: Adopted Fire Codes
- **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 regarding Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 5, Fire Department and Prevention Regulations, Article IX: Adopted Fire Codes at the June 22, 2026 City Council meeting)**
- D. Resolution supporting HB 1491 – relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs (see item 15.A)

11. City Manager’s Items Which Require Action

- A. Approval of Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot Policy (**Sample motion – move to adopt City Council Policy No. 2026-01 - Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot as presented**)

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

- A. Active City Encumbrances Report
- B. Event Request from Irreverent Warriors New Hampshire for their Portsmouth Silkies Hike, August 29, 2026
- C. Event Request for FORM Fitness Pilates series in Prescott Park

13. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Email and Written Correspondence (*Sample motion – move to accept and place on file*)
- B. Petition – AI Data Centers (*Sample motion – move to refer to the Legal Department for a report back*)
- C. Request from Attorney John Bosen on behalf of property owners at 361 Hanover Street requesting a landscaping License and Pole License over City property. (*Sample motion – move to refer to the Planning Board for a recommended action*)

14. Mayor McEachern

- A. Appointments to be Considered
 - Appointment of Karyn DeNicola to the Cemetery Committee
 - Reappointment of Ash Chicooree to the Cable and Broadband Internet Commission
 - Reappointment of Jeff Abrams to the Cable and Broadband Internet Commission
 - Appointment of Jim Wilson from Alternate to Regular Member to the Cable and Broadband Internet Commission
- B. Appointments to be Voted (*Sample motion – move to appoint the following as presented*):
 - Reappointment of Deidre (Dee) Forte to the Cemetery Committee
 - Reappointment of Michael Griffin to the Cemetery Committee
 - Reappointment of Sue Polidura to the Cemetery Committee
 - Reappointment of Talia Sperduto to the Conservation Commission
 - Reappointment of Barbara McMillan to the Conservation Commission
 - Appointment of Matt Dydo to the Arts and Cultural Commission
 - Appointment of Marta Hurgin to the Sustainability Committee
- C. Motion for staff to provide a report back regarding a proposed refined revenue model prior to October 15, 2026, and in time for the setting of the tax rate. (*Sample*

motion - move for staff to provide a report back regarding a proposed refined revenue model prior to October 15, 2026, and in time for the setting of the tax rate)

- D. Motion for staff to provide a report back with a proposed vacancy modeling approach prior to October 15, 2026, and in time for the setting of the tax rate. ***(Sample motion - move for staff to provide a report back with a proposed vacancy modeling approach prior to October 15, 2026, and in time for the setting of the tax rate)***
- E. Amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease the Fire Department Budget as proposed by \$174,740, that amount representing the costs associated with the Deputy Chief – Training position. ***(Sample motion – move to amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease the Fire Department Budget as proposed by \$174,740, that amount representing the costs associated with the Deputy Chief – Training position)***
- F. Amend the Adopted FY27–FY32 CIP to decrease the amount for the Fire Boat Replacement (CIP # VE-25-FD-02) from \$900,000 to \$150,000, that amount representing up to 25% in matching funds for a Federal or State Grant for the proposed capital purchase of a \$600,000 Fire Boat. ***(Sample motion -move to amend the Adopted FY27–FY32 CIP to decrease the amount for the Fire Boat Replacement from \$900,000 to \$150,000, that amount representing up to 25% in matching funds for a Federal or State Grant for the proposed capital purchase of a \$600,000 Fire Boat)***
- G. Amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease Capital Outlay by \$50,000, that amount representing the costs for the Electrification of City Fleet – Development Plan (CIP # VE-27-PL-08). ***(Sample motion – move to amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease Capital Outlay by \$50,000, that amount representing the costs for the Electrification of City Fleet – Development Plan)***

15. City Council Members

- A. Councilor Cook
- Amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease Capital Outlay by \$65,000, that amount representing the costs for the Artist Live Work Studio Study (CIP # BI-27-ED-26), and authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to expend \$65,000 from the City of Portsmouth Below Market Rate Housing Trust Fund for the Artist Live Work Studio Study for below market rate housing. ***(Sample motion – move to amend the Proposed FY27 Budget to decrease Capital Outlay by \$65,000, that amount representing the costs for the Artist Live Work Studio Study, and authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to expend \$65,000 from the***

City of Portsmouth Below Market Rate Housing Trust Fund for the Artist Live Work Studio Study for below market rate housing)

- Resolution Supporting HB 1491 In response to the New Hampshire Municipal Association’s request for support of HB 1491, a bill authorizing non-assessment risk pools, I have requested that the Council consider passing the attached Resolution in Support of House Bill 1491. NHMA issued a call for action for municipalities to forward this resolution to the Governor and our legislative delegation to urge the Governor’s support of the bill that has passed both the House and the Senate that supports non-assessment risk pools and has been enrolled for the Governor’s signature. **(Sample motion – move to pass the resolution as presented)**
- Public Art Review Committee (PARC) Recommendation to Award Grant from the PNH400th Anniversary Education and Public Art Trust. The Public Art Review Committee (PARC) and the Portsmouth Public Library Director reviewed the grant proposals submitted in response to the request for applications. The committee decided to recommend awarding one grant for 2026 from the PNH400th Anniversary Education and Public Art Trust in the amount of \$10,000 based on the selection process outlined in the memorandum to the Council. **(Sample motion - move to award a \$10,000 grant from the PNH400th Anniversary Education and Public Art Trust to “History Through Art Mural Making” submitted by Terrence Parker in conjunction with the Portsmouth High School Art Program)**

B. Councilor Tabor

- Community Power presentation and communication plan (Sample motion – move the council approve the communication plan recommended by the Energy Advisory Committee to increase transparency and awareness of the best electric rates for residents)

C. Councilor Bagley

- Amend the FY27 budget to include a \$56,000 fuel subsidy due to the drastic increase in fuel costs since the budget was first prepared. **(Sample motion – move to amend the FY27 budget to include a \$56,000 fuel subsidy due to the drastic increase in fuel costs since the budget was first prepared)**

D. Councilor Bagley/ Councilor Moreau

- Increase the Adult Non-Resident fees for Spinnaker Point to the following:
Adult Non-Resident Membership per year \$575

Adult Non-Resident Membership per month \$50
Senior Citizen Non-Resident Membership per year \$300
Senior Citizen Non-Resident Membership per month \$35
Daily Guest Fee Non-Resident \$25

(Sample motion – Move to increase the Adult Non-Resident fees for Spinnaker Point as presented)

E. Councilor Flynn

- *School Food Insecurity Task Force Update

F. Councilor Hopkins

- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of February 5, 2026 **(Sample motion - move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 5, 2026, Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting)**
- Recommendation to remove from the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7, 2026: 1. The one-way traffic and on-street parking on Fleet Street between Congress and Hanover. 2. The License Agreement request from a resident to park on State Street, 3. The 100 Club's request to approve the renewal of valet license. **(Sample motion – move to remove these Action Items from the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7th, 2026, and presented for Council's consideration individually)**
- Recommendation for Council to request a report back from staff on its recommendation for one-way traffic and on-street parking on Fleet Street between Congress and Hanover **(Sample Motion - move to request report back from staff on its recommendation for one-way traffic and on-street parking on Fleet Street between Congress and Hanover)**
- License Agreement request from resident to park on State Street **(Sample motion – move to place this request on file)**
- The 100 Club request to approve renewal of valet license **(Sample Motion – Move to approve The 100 Club's request to approve renewal of valet license)**
- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7, 2026 **(Sample motion - move to approve and accept the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7, 2026)**

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant in the amount of \$380,178 for the NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (***Sample motion – move to accept the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant in the amount of \$380,178 for the NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force as presented***)
- B. Donation – Bike Rack in Atlantic Heights from the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood (***Sample motion – move to accept the donation of a bike rack from the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood to be placed by the Department of Public Works at the bus stop in Atlantic Heights***)
- C. Unsolicited \$30 gift card to Common Man Roadside for general use by the Portsmouth Police Department (***Sample motion – move to accept the unsolicited \$30 gift card to Common Man Roadside for general use by the Portsmouth Police Department***)

17. City Manager’s Informational Items

- A. Report Back on On-Street & Lot Parking Fees
- B. *Open Enrollment Policy for Portsmouth - School District/SAU52

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