



Portsmouth, NH City Council

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

City Hall Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH

Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Register to participate via Zoom. A unique meeting ID and password are provided once you register. To register, click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

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Anticipated Non-Public Session

5:30 pm – Anticipated Non-Public Session is being held in Conference Room A in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (d), (l) and (m)

Agenda

1. **Rolling Stock Work Session 6:00 pm**
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 October 13, 2026, City Council meeting [DRAFT City Council minutes and actions of October 13, 2026.pdf](#) 
 - (Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the October 13, 2026, City Council meeting)*
8. **Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports**
 - A. Proclamation
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month [Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness.pdf](#) 

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. Third and Final Reading to Amend Chapter 10, Zoning Ordinance, which will remove most parking regulations from the Zoning Ordinance to the Site Plan Review Regulations (except one and two-family dwellings)

(Sample motion - move to pass third and final reading as presented)

- B. Adoption of Resolution #15-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipality Finance Act of up to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for costs related to the purchase of fire apparatus [Legal Notice Resolution 15-2026 Fire Apparatus.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to adopt Resolution #15-2026 as presented)

**11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action [CM Report 10_26_2026.pdf](#) **

- A. *Request for Solid Waste Ordinance Work Session

(Sample motion - move to schedule a Solid Waste Ordinance Work Session on December 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm to allow staff to provide additional details on solid waste collection challenges and receive City Council and public input)

- B. Request for First Reading on Sewer Ordinance [CM Action Item Regarding Sewer Ordinance First Reading.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to schedule first reading on November 16, 2026, regarding an amendment to the Sewer Use Ordinance which will delete in its entirety the existing ordinance in Chapter 11, Article II, and replace it with a new ordinance in Chapter 16, Utilities, Article III, Sewers)

- C. Friends of Lafayette House PILOT Agreement for FY2027 [CM Action Item Regarding Friends of Lafayette House PILOT Agreement.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a PILOT Agreement with Friends of Lafayette House in the amount of \$3,500 for FY2027)

- D. Betty's Dream Foundation PILOT Agreement for FY2027 [CM Action Item Regarding Bettys Dream Foundation PILOT Agreement.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a PILOT Agreement with Betty's Dream Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 for FY2027)

- E. Planning Board Recommendation Regarding Licenses and a Sidewalk Easement for 361 Hanover Street [CM Action Item Regarding 361 Hanover Street Easements.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to accept and record a Sidewalk Easement, a Landscape License, and a Pole License from 361 Hanover Steam Factory, LLC for 361 Hanover Street in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, subject to the

recommendations in the enclosed memorandum from Assistant Planning Director Stith)

- F. Memorandum of Agreement - Portsmouth Professional Fire Officers Association, Local #4039 [CM Action Item Regarding Fire Officers MOA.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Portsmouth Professional Fire Officers Association, Local #4039 as presented)

- G. Planning Board Recommendation on Cornwall Street [CM Action Item Regarding Cornwall Street.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to schedule a public hearing on the discontinuance of the identified portion of Cornwall Street at the November 16, 2026, City Council Meeting)

- H. Planning Board Recommendation on Taft Road [CM Action Item Regarding Taft Road.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to approve the discontinuance of the identified portion of Taft Road, subject to the recording of a Municipal Utility Easement over the existing water line in a form acceptable to the City Attorney)

- I. Planning Board Recommendation on 0 Elm Street [CM Action Item Regarding 0 Elm Street.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to authorize the issuance of a building permit for 0 Elm Street contingent on the applicant obtaining all other required variances, approvals, and permits, and on construction of a driveway adequate for emergency vehicle access as approved by the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department; this authorization confers no private right of access over Forrest Street or any other private property)

Or

(Sample motion - move to deny the request on the ground that the lot has no frontage and does not abut any constructed private road or other street)

- J. Sidewalk Easement for Property Located at 48-50 Langdon Street [CM Action Item Regarding Langdon Street.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to accept and record a Sidewalk Easement Deed from Martin Husslage)

12. Consent Agenda

Consent Action - No items for this meeting

13. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Email Correspondence [Email Correspondence Packet 10.26.26.pdf](#) 

(Sample motion - move to accept and place on file)

14. Mayor McEachern

- A. Appointments to be Considered

- Peter Weeks reappointment to the Trustees of the Trust Funds [Peter Weeks - Trustees Reappointment.pdf](#) 

B. Appointments to be Voted

- Zachary (Zach) Dombrowski to full member to the Economic Development Commission
- Matthew Jeffers to alternate member to the Economic Development Commission

(Sample motion - move to appoint as presented)

15. City Council Members

A. Councilor Bagley

Sealed Minutes of the Monday, September 28, 2026, Non-public Session

(Sample motion - move to release the sealed minutes of the Monday, September 28, 2026, non-public session, held under RSA 91-A:3 II(I) as the circumstances warranting their sealing no longer apply)

B. Councilor Hopkins

- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 1, 2026 meeting

(Sample motion - move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the October 1, 2026, Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting)

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

A. Point of Graves Cemetery Donations [Donation Point of Graves Packet.pdf](#)

(Sample motion - move to accept with thanks donations for the Point of Graves Cemetery Wall Replacement from an anonymous resident, Charles & Barbara Bickford, and Michael Pennington, in the amounts as presented in the attached Gift and Donation Submission Forms)

B. FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Office of Justice Programs to fund NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force's COPS and Enhanced Capacity Program [FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grant.pdf](#)

(Sample motion - move to accept the FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 and its terms and conditions from the Office of Justice Programs to fund NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force's COPS and Enhanced Capacity Program)

C. FY26 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant in the amount of \$1,031,000, from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service for the Portsmouth Police Department [FY26 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant.pdf](#)

(Sample motion - move to accept the FY26 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant in the amount of \$1,031,000 and its terms and conditions from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service for the Portsmouth Police Department)

17. City Manager's Informational Items

- A. Annual Food and Liquor Permit Renewals [CM Info Item Regarding Food and Liquor Permits.pdf](#) 
- B. *Pease Development Authority Board Meeting Update
- C. Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Q1 Report Back [CM Info Item Regarding RAPP Quarterly Check in October 26 2026.pdf](#) 
- D. *Off-Peak/Workweek Parking for Downtown Businesses Report Back
- E. *General Fund Revenues Update
- F. *Offsite Water and Sewer Improvements - Borthwick Avenue and Sherburne Property
- G. *Mechanic Street Pump Station 2nd Public Meeting - November 9, 2026, in Council Chambers at 6:30 pm

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