



Portsmouth, NH City Council

Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH
in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers
Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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Anticipated Non-Public Session

6:00 p.m. – Anticipated Non-Public Session is being held in Conference Room A in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a) 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. July 13, 2026, Minutes of the City Council (*Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, City Council meeting*)
8. **Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports**
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 Adoption of Resolution #13-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act of up to Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) for costs related to

- School Facilities Capital Improvements
- Elementary Schools Upgrade
- Elementary Schools Playground Upgrade
- School Facilities – Pavement and Roofing

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

(Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #13-2026 as presented)

B. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution #14-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act of up to Six Million Four Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$6,485,000) for costs related to

- Ambulance Replacement Program
- Municipal Building Audit – Implementation
- Citywide Facilities Capital Improvements
- Hampton Branch Rail Trail (NH Seacoast Greenway)
- Citywide Storm Drainage Improvements
- The Creek Neighborhood Reconstruction
- Vaughan Mall Restoration
- Police Facility and Municipal Complex Design

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

(Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #14-2026 as presented)

C. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution #15-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act of up to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the costs related to the purchase of one fire apparatus

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

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

- D. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution #16-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act and/or participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program up to Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) for costs related to

- Annual Water Line Replacement
- Well Stations Improvements
- Madbury Water Treatment Plant – Facility Repair and Improvements
- Portsmouth and Collins Wells – Treatment
- The Creek Neighborhood Reconstruction
- Vaughan Mall Restoration

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

(Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #16-2026 as presented)

- E. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution #17-2026 authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act and/or participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program of up to Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) for the costs related to:

- Wastewater Pumping Station Improvements
- Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Citywide Storm Drainage Improvements
- Vaughan Mall Restoration

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

(Sample motion – move to adopt Resolution #17-2026 as presented)

- F. First Reading for Annual Omnibus Ordinance, Amending Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking ***(Sample motion – move to pass 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 and schedule public hearing and second reading at the August 17, 2026, City Council meeting)***

- G. Public Hearing and Second 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

- ***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 17, 2026, on the amendment to Chapter 6, Licenses and Encumbrances, Article I, Encumbrance Permits and Licenses for use of Public Property, Section 6.111, Fees, as presented)

- H. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 12, City of Portsmouth Building Code, Section 1201 through 1209, by deleting and replacing the entire Chapter

- **PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

(Sample motion – move to pass second reading of the amendment to Chapter 12, City of Portsmouth Building Code, Sections 1201 through 1209, and schedule a third and final reading at the August 17, 2026, City Council meeting)

- I. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article XVI, Adoption of Fees, Section 1.601, Procedure

- ***PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

(Sample motion – move to set the parking fees for on-street and lot parking for FY2027: \$3 per hour for the first 3 hours and \$6 per hour thereafter pursuant to Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article XVI, Adoption of Fees, Section 1.601, Procedure, and no change to resident parking rates, or the current \$2 per hour RAPP non-resident rates)

11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

There are no items under this Section.

12. Consent Agenda

- A. Granite State Wheeler's Annual Seacoast Country bicycle ride
- B. St. Paddy's 5k/10k by Millennium Running

C. Eastern States 20 Miler & Half Marathon by Millennium Running

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

13. Presentations and Written Communications

A. *Coakley Presentation

B. PPMtv Funds Request

C. Letter from Attorney Colby T. Gamester regarding 0 Elm Street ***(Sample motion – move to refer the letter from Attorney Gamester regarding 0 Elm Street to the Legal Department and to the Planning Board for a report back)***

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

14. Mayor McEachern

A. Appointments to be Considered

- Appointment of Wendi Alip to the Sustainability Committee

B. *Appointments to be Voted ***(Sample motion – move to appoint the following as presented)***

- Reappointment of Stephen Buzzell to the Cemetery Committee

C. Resignation of Paul Mannle of the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective July 1, 2026

(Sample motion - move to accept with regret the resignation of Paul Mannle from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and send a letter of thanks to Paul for his service to the City)

D. Resignation of Heather Krans of the Public Art Review Committee effective August 15, 2026

(Sample motion - move to accept with regret the resignation of Heather Krans from the Public Art Review Committee and send a letter thanking Heather for her service to the City)

E. *Working Group on Service Delivery and Technology ***(Sample motion – move to establish a Working Group on Service Delivery and Technology)***

15. City Council Members

A. Assistant Mayor Kelley and Councilor Tabor

- Presentation and Update on Housing Action Plan

(Sample motion – move to refer to the August 20, 2026 Planning Board meeting for review and comment and schedule Public Information and Input Sessions on September 23, 2026, in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library, and September 28, 2026, as part of the regular City Council Meeting)

B. Councilor Cook

- Vaughan Mall Art

(Sample motion - move to accept the Vaughan Mall Re-Design Plan in substantially similar form as presented to the City Council, noting that any changes made on Vaughan Mall do not preclude later implementation of the 2017 plans for Vaughan Mall, Worth Lot, and Bridge Street Lot)

And

(Sample motion - move to support the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (see attached Report from PARC) for the concept of a donated "City of the Open Door" art piece in the Vaughan Mall)

C. Councilor Hopkins

- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of July 2, 2026
(Sample motion - move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the July 2, 2026, Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting)

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Abatement Program - City of Portsmouth in the amount of \$776,653 for an additional Police Department Social Worker, an additional School Department Social Worker, and housing funds for the Welfare Department
(Sample Motion - move to accept the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Abatement Program - City of Portsmouth in the amount of \$776,653 as presented)
- B. New Hampshire Highway Safety Grant - Police Commission, in the amount of \$24,100 to support six highway safety initiatives ***(Sample motion – move to accept the terms of the Highway Safety Grant as presented in the amount of \$24,100)***
- C. Ranger Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution – Historic Marker Donation and placement request ***(Sample motion - move to accept this historic marker and authorize the City Manager to coordinate installation based on Department of Public Works location recommendation near Stoodley's Tavern on Hancock Street)***
- D. Donation from Portsmouth Lodge of Elks No.97 in the amount of \$4,500 to cover fees associated with training American Red Cross lifeguards for the Portsmouth Indoor Pool
(Sample motion – that the City Council move to accept the Portsmouth Lodge of Elks No. 97 donation in the amount of \$4,500 as presented)

17. City Manager's Informational Items

- A. *Update on DPW Project Pages
- B. *Report Back on the Online Guide for Residents Navigating Land Use Boards and One-Page Guides
- C. Status of Vaughan Mall Restoration Design

- 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