



# Portsmouth, NH City Council

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers  
Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH

April 20, 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 (d, e, l)

## Agenda

### 1. Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

A. Community Power

### 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 March 16, 2026 City Council Meeting (***Sample motion – move to accept and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 City Council meetings***)

### 8. Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports

A. Proclamation – National Library Week in Portsmouth

- B. Portsmouth Police Department Awarded New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation
- C. Report Back from Public Art Review Committee (PARC) Regarding Plans for Jay Smith Park

## 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. First 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 first reading and schedule public hearing and second reading at the May 4, 2026, City Council meeting**)
- B. Public Hearing Regarding Resolution Authorizing \$6,000,000 to Participate in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Fleet Street Area Reconstruction Phase 2B (**Sample motion – move to adopt the Resolution as presented**)

**This requires a two-thirds rollcall vote of the City Council.**

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

- C. Public Hearing Regarding Resolution Authorizing \$6,500,000 to Participate in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Greenland Well PFAS Treatment (**Sample motion – move to adopt the Resolution as presented**)

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## 11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

- A. Town of Madbury Request for Easements on City Property (**Sample motion - move to authorize the City Manager to execute the permanent and temporary easements to the Town of Madbury for the culvert replacement on Freshet Road and accept their de minimis payment of \$500 as presented**)

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

- A. Letter from CJ Baroni and Jax Dieker of Peak East Coast Requesting the Peak East Coast 5K and Wellness Summer Series on August 8, 2026
- B. Letter from Victoria Spofford of Aware House Yoga Requesting the Yoga Series: Saturday Yoga in Prescott Park on June 20, July 25, August 22, and September 19, 2026
- C. Letter from Timothy Cole of Portsmouth Professional Firefighters Local 1313 Requesting the Fill-the-Boot Drive on August 8, 2026
- D. Letter from Nissa Bagelman of Reedmor Books and Brews Requesting an Event in the Memorial Bridge Parking Lot on July 25, 2026
- E. Active City Encumbrances Report from Peter Rice, Director of Public Works dated April 8, 2026

**13. Presentations and Written Communications**

- A. Email Correspondences (**Sample motion – move to accept and place on file**)
- B. \*Presentation Regarding Report Back on Prescott Park Master Plan Implementation Phase 1A

**14. Mayor McEachern**

- A. \*Appointments to be Voted:
  - Appointment of Elissa Margolin to the Board of Commissioners Portsmouth Housing Authority (**Sample motion – move to appoint Elissa Margolin to the Board of Commissioners Portsmouth Housing Authority**)
  - Appointment of Paula Glynn to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee (**Sample motion – move to appoint Paula Glynn to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee**)
  - Appointment of Colleen Ovecka to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee (**Sample motion – move to appoint Colleen Ovecka to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee**)
  - Appointment of Jessica Blasko to the Conservation Commission (**Sample motion – move to appoint Jessica Blasko to the Conservation Commission**)
  - Reappointment of Mary Loane to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee (**Sample motion – move to reappoint Mary Loane to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee**)
  - Reappointment of Jen Stebbins Thomas to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee (**Sample motion – move to reappoint Jen Stebbins Thomas to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee**)

- Reappointment of Dagan Migirditch to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Dagan Migirditch to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Reappointment of Andrew Samonas to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Andrew Samonas to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Reappointment of Byron Matto to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Byron Matto to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Reappointment of Erik Anderson to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Erik Anderson to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Appointment of Angus MacDonald to the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to appoint Angus MacDonald to the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Appointment of Oliver Chag to the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to appoint Oliver Chag to the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Appointment of Caitlin McGrath-Levesque to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee **(Sample motion – move to appoint Caitlin McGrath-Levesque to the Housing Blue Ribbon Committee)**
  - Reappointment of Richard Duddy to the Recreation Board **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Richard Duddy to the Recreation Board)**
  - Reappointment of Lauren Krans to the Recreation Board **(Sample motion – move to reappoint Lauren Krans to the Recreation Board)**
  - Appointment of Shan Zuidema to the Safe Water Advisory Group **(Sample motion – move to appoint Shan Zuidema to the Safe Water Advisory Group)**
- B. \*Amend Board/Commission/Committee Appointments of the City Council to Include Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilor Tabor, and Councilor Moreau on the Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee
- C. \*Elementary School Citizen Day **(Sample Motion – Move to request a report back from Superintendent McLaughlin on Enabling an Elementary School Citizen Day)**
- D. Proposed NHMA Legislative Policy – Uniform Homestead Exemption **(Sample Motion - Move to approve the proposed NHMA Legislative Policy on Homestead Exemptions as presented)**

## 15. City Council Members

### A. Councilor Cook/Councilor Tabor

1. \*Prescott Park Improvements (**Sample motion - move for the City to collaborate with Prescott Park Arts Festival, to plan for and initiate improvements to the Park infrastructure, funded by the Festival to support the long-term needs of the organization**)

### B. Councilor Bagley

1. Community Power (**Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to send a EDDM (Every Door Direct Mail) postcard to all households in Portsmouth showing community power pricing versus Eversource and how to opt out**)

Estimated cost sheet is included.

### C. Councilor Hopkins

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

## 16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. Approval of Grant from the NH Department of Transportation for Improvements to the Intersection of Market Street and Russell Street - \$1,450,000 (**Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement, approve any future schedule modifications, and accept \$1,450,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to take advantage of State and Federal funding opportunities for improvements to the intersection of Market Street and Russell Street**)
- B. Approval of an Amendment to a previously approved Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the NH Department of Safety for the Emergency Operations Center (**Sample motion – move to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) amendment as presented, to reflect the change of Federal Funding Year and Period of Performance dates from August 31, 2024, to August 31, 2026 and authorize the City Manager to enter into the amended Grant Agreement as presented**)
- C. Approval of Victims of Crime Award (VOCA) Grant - \$41,000 (**Sample motion - move to approve and accept the VOCA Grant as presented**)

**17. City Manager's Informational Items**

- A. \*Report Back on 134 Pleasant Street Revocable License Request
- B. Report Back on Water and Sewer Rate Model Questions
- C. \*Public Art Review Committee (PARC) Art Exhibitions in the Portsmouth Room
- D. \*Master Plan Open House Reminder
- E. \*Report Back on Transcription and Indexing Capabilities of the City's YouTube Channel
- F. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- G. Draft City Council Policy No. 2026-01 – Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot

**18. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished At Previous Meeting**

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

\*Indicates verbal report with no attachments