



Portsmouth, NH City Council

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Non-Public Session

Councilor Blalock moved to close Non-Public Session. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

2. Public Dialogue Session (when applicable)

3. Call to Order at 7:01 pm

4. Roll Call

Present - Mayor McEachern, Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilors Cook, Tabor, Blalock, Moreau, Flynn, and Hopkins. Absent - Councilor Bagley

5. Invocation

Mayor McEachern thanked Police Chief Mark Newport and Fire Chief Bill McQuillen for the 09/11 Ceremony last Friday. He also thanked Renee Plummer for her work with the 09/11 lighting project on top of Mt. Washington.

6. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McEachern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. Acceptance of Minutes

A. Minutes and Actions of August 17, 2026, City Council Meeting

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to accept and approve the minutes and actions of August 17, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 7-0. Councilor Tabor abstained.

8. Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports

A. Proclamations

- Try New Things Day in Portsmouth - presented by Ainsley Bennett

Mayor McEachern invited Ainsley Bennett, Mayor for the Day, to the dais to read her proclamation

- Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Mayor McEachern invited Elisabeth Robinson to accept this proclamation in honor of her son Eli.

- Direct Support Professionals' Appreciation Week

B. Recognition

- *Friends of the South End (FOSE) – Fundraising for Point of Graves Cemetery Wall Replacement - presentations by Martin Hannssmann of FOSE, Christine Sproviero, DPW Project Manager, and Kyle LaChance, FOSE President

C. Agenda Item 16.C taken out of order - the Acceptance of Donations for Point-of-Graves Cemetery Wall Repair with Brief Presentation.

Councilor Cook moved to suspend the rules and take Item 16.C take out of order - the Acceptance of Donations for Point-of-Graves Cemetery Wall Repair with Brief Presentation. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Hopkins moved to accept with thanks a donation from an anonymous resident from the South End, of up to \$240,000 for the Point of Graves Cemetery Wall Replacement. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Hopkins moved to accept with thanks the additional donations for the Point of Graves Cemetery Wall Replacement from Kyle LaChance, Robert Lambert, Emily Roesler, Lenore Leonardi, Peter Morin, Elizabeth Grady, Jolanda Fannin, Donald Margeson, Nancy Hanssman, Jolanda Fannin in honor of Jim and Minxie Fannin, Douglas and Mary Nelson, Boduch Family, Daniel J. Brown, Nancy Hammond, Diane Schaefer in memory of Elisha Biard, two anonymous donations, and Geno's Chowder and Sandwich Shop with amounts as presented in the attached memorandum. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

Mayor McEachern thanked Suzanne Woodland for all her work on this item.

D. Agenda Item 11.B taken out of order - Memorandum of Agreement for Portsmouth School District Paraeducators

Councilor Blalock moved to suspend the rules and take Item 11.B out of order - the Memorandum of Agreement for Portsmouth School District Paraeducators. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Blalock moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement for Portsmouth School District Paraeducators as presented. Seconded by Councilor Tabor.

Motion passed 8-0.

E. Agenda Item 11.A taken out of order - the Proposed Employment Agreement for Deputy

Fire Cheif Scott Egan

Councilor Blalock moved to suspend the rules and take Item 11.A out of order - the Proposed Employment Agreement for Deputy Fire Chief Scott Egan Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to accept the proposed Employment Agreement for Deputy Fire Chief Scott Egan as presented. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

9. Public Comment Session

There were 5 speakers

Stephen Longstaffe - Fleet Street bike lane and parking

Nick Hoburt - Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) - FLOCK cameras

Tyler Garzo - support of raising on-street parking rates for non-residents and a shuttle loop

Annie Poubeau - via Zoom - supports Fleet Street contra-flow bike lane

John McCaw, Town of Lee - Young Americans for Liberty, spoke about ALPR - FLOCK cameras

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

- A. First Reading to Amend Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article III, Boards, Section 1.302 (D) Appointments, Tenure, and Removal

Councilor Tabor moved to pass first reading to Chapter 1, Article III, Boards, Section 1.302 (D) Appointments, Tenure, and Removal and schedule a public hearing and second reading for September 28, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Motion passed 8-0.

- B. First Reading to Amend Chapter 10, ZONING ORDINANCE, by removing most parking regulations from the Zoning Ordinance to the Site Plan Review Regulations (except one and two-family dwellings) by amending: Article 2, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Section 10.240, Conditional Use Permits; Article 5A, CHARACTER-BASED ZONING, Section 10.5A44, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, Section 10.5A44.20, Number of Required Spaces; Article 5B, GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE DISTRICTS, Section 10.5B80, Parking and Loading Requirements and Standards, Section 10.5B82, Number of Required Spaces, Section 10.5B83, Location of Motor Vehicle Parking Facilities; Article 6, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, Section 10.685, Parking; Article 8, SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS, Section 10.815.30, Parking Requirements; Article 11, SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, Section 10.1110, Off-Street Parking, Section 10.1112, Number of Required Spaces, Section 10.1113, Location of Vehicular Use Facilities, Section 10.1114, Design of Off-Street Parking Facilities, Section 10.1115, Off-Street Parking Provisions in the Downtown Overlay District, Section 10.1116, Bicycle Parking and Section 10.1120, Off-Street Loading

Councilor Moreau moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the October 13, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Deputy City Attorney McCourt spoke about the motion.

Councilor Moreau moved to amend the motion relative to Section 10.232.38 to strike the words "and loading zones". Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Moreau moved to further amend the motion to strike Section 10.244.50 relative to CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS conditions of approval and move to strike the entire Section. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Motion passed 8-0.

Additional comments from Councilors Moreau, Cook, Tabor and Mayor McEachern on the motion as amended.

A vote was taken pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the October 13, 2026, City Council meeting as amended.

Motion passed 8-0.

- C. First Reading to Amend Chapter 10, ZONING ORDINANCE, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ZONING MAP to be amended to change the district boundary of the Historic District by adding and removing the following parcels pursuant to Chapter 10, Article 4, Zoning and District Use Regulations, Section 10.421, District Location and Boundaries, Section 10.421.10

Councilor Cook mentioned this motion brings the map in line with Middle Street District. The goal is to remove properties that are not on Middle Street.

Councilor Blalock and Councilor Moreau spoke in favor of this motion.

Councilor Hopkins moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the October 13, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

- D. Public Hearing and Second Reading to Amend Chapter 10, Zoning Ordinance, Article 2 - Administration and Enforcement, Section 10.234 - Procedures for Variances, Special Exceptions and Appeals from Decisions of Code Official; Section 10.264 - Expiration and Abandonment of Approvals and Article 10 - Environmental Protection Standards, Section 10.1017.70 Expiration and Extension

- **PRESENTATION**

Peter Stith, Assistant Director of Planning and Sustainability, gave a brief presentation about Section 10.234.50 (BOA Notice), 10.246 (Conditional Use Permits), 10.246 (Conditional Use Permits) and Section 10.1017.70 (Wetland CUPs).

- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Mayor McEachern - Can we describe the proactive nature of signing-up for projects? Is there anything on the website to easily see the progress of projects on Boards and Commissions? Should we also include areas of town for notices?

Councilor Tabor - If I am a neighbor, how am I notified of a project? Currently, direct abutters are notified.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS** - no public hearing speakers

Councilor Cook moved to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading to amend Chapter 10, Zoning Ordinance, Article 2 - Administration and Enforcement, Section 10.234 - Procedures for Variances, Special Exceptions and Appeals from Decisions of Code Official; Section 10.264 - Expiration and Abandonment of Approvals and Article 10 - Environmental Protection Standards, Section 10.1017.70 Expiration and Extension for September 28, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Cook thanked those involved in putting together this motion.

Motion passed 8-0.

- E. Public Hearing and Second Reading to Amend Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.330 A, No Parking, which will move parking spaces from the west side to the east side of Fleet Street as presented

- **PRESENTATION**

Eric Eby, DPW Traffic Engineer, and Dave Desfosses, DPW Project Manager explained contraflow bike lane, sidewalks, and overall concept plan. ADA compliance was addressed.

- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Councilor Moreau asked how we will prevent people from illegally parking in the bike lane. It was explained there will be clear signage.

Councilor Hopkins asked about the cross section of the bike lanes and why brick was used in one section and asphalt in another section. Mr. Desfosses explained that different materials are being discussed to clearly mark lanes.

Councilor Blalock asked for clear signage.

Councilor Cook asked about time frame and clear marking of parking spaces. Mr. Desfosses explained timeframe to potentially be late Fall and early Spring.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

Matt Flynn - in support of this motion.

Arthur Carakatsane - spoke about residents of Portwalk as they relate to Fleet Street and Vaughan Mall pedestrian access.

Tyler Garzo - spoke in favor of this motion but would like the slightly wider lane in one section to be explained.

Councilor Blalock moved to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading to Amend Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.330 A, No Parking, which will move parking spaces from the west side to the east side of Fleet Street as presented for September 28, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Motion passed 8-0.

- F. Public Hearing and Second Reading to amend Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.336 A, One-Way Streets, changing Fleet Street to one-way from Congress Street to Hanover Street with a contra-flow bike lane as

presented

- **PRESENTATION** - see 10.E presentation
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Councilor Moreau addressed Mr. Garzo's aforementioned question about lane width. The slightly wider lane is due to the corner turning lane.

Councilor Cook talked about the safety of bikers travelling through town.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS** - no public hearing speakers

Councilor Flynn moved to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading to amend Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Article III, Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.336 A, One-Way Streets, changing Fleet Street to one-way from Congress Street to Hanover Street with a contra-flow bike lane as presented for September 28, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins.

Motion passed 8-0.

11. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

- A. Approval of 2027 City Council Meeting Calendar

Councilor Moreau moved to approve the 2027 City Council meeting calendar as presented. Seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Motion passed 8-0.

12. Consent Agenda

- A. Community Event Request from Millennium Running for New Castle 10K on April 25, 2026
- B. Community Event Request from Seacoast Paddleboard Club for Halloween Costume Paddle on October 25, 2026
- C. Community Event Request for Pro Portsmouth Events:
- First Night Portsmouth 2027 - December 31, 2026
 - Children's Day - May 2, 2027
 - 50th Annual Market Square Day Festival & 10K Road Race - June 12, 2027
 - 24th Annual Summer in the Street - July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7 of 2027
- D. Active City Encumbrances Report

Councilor Hopkins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

13. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Petition for Discontinuation of Abandoned Portion of Cornwall Street; RSA 231:43

Councilor Cook moved to request the Planning Board for a Report Back and schedule a public hearing to consider the discontinuance to coincide with receipt of the Report Back. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 7-0. (Councilor Flynn stepped out)

- B. Email Correspondence

Councilor Blalock moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Motion passed 7-0. (Councilor Flynn stepped out)

14. Mayor McEachern

- A. Acceptance of resignation - Anna Howard from the Economic Development Commission effective October 1, 2026.

Councilor Hopkins moved to accept with regret the resignation of Anna Howard from the Economic Development Commission and send a letter thanking Anna for her service to the City. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Flynn stepped out)

- B. Appointments to be Considered

- John Bohenko appointment to the Public Art Review Committee
- Richard Samdperil appointment to the Library Board of the Trustees
- Jason Goodrich appointment to the Economic Development Commission as a regular member
- Thomas Watson reappointment to the Economic Development Commission
- Andrew Ward reappointment to the Economic Development Commission
- Anne Weidman reappointment to the Economic Development Commission

- C. *Appointments to be Voted

- John (Jack) Holzman to the Board of Adjustment

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to appoint John Holzman to the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

- D. *CIP Citizen Request Subcommittee - Appointment of Council Members

Mayor McEachern appointed Councilors Tabor, Blalock, and Moreau to this committee

- E. *Status of Former Recreation Area Under the I-95 Bridge

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to request a report back to address the former recreation area under the I-95 bridge. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Blalock and Councilor Hopkins spoke about the need for this area to be addressed and to see if this can be a better used space for the Atlantic Heights Community. Councilor Cook would like to see this space enhanced with public art.

Motion passed 8-0.

A brief recess was taken at 8:49 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:02 p.m.

15. City Council Members

Councilor Moreau moved to suspend the rules and bring Item 17.C out of order the Report Back on Parking Ecosystem (Downtown Workforce, RAPP, Parrott Avenue, Parrott Avenue Lot, ParkMobile fees and Locations of Free Parking) Seconded by Councilor Hopkins.

Motion passed 8-0.

Carl Weber, Deputy City Manager, gave a report back presentation on Downtown Workforce parking, RAPP, Parrott Avenue, Parrott Avenue Lot, Park Mobile Fees and

Locations of Free Parking.

Councilor Cook moved to suspend the rules and take items 15.B, 15.E, 15.F and 15.C out of order. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

A. Agenda Item 15.B Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilor Cook, Councilor Flynn, and Councilor Hopkins

- Amendment to City Council Policy 2026-01 Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot to include the following amendments:
 - Remove the 35 cent transaction fee from the Downtown Workforce Parking Program (DWPP) on Parrott Avenue.
 - Increase the number of hours per sticker from 10 to 12 for the DWPP at the Foundry Garage.
 - Increase the number of monthly DWPP stickers from 20 to 26.
 - Clarify who qualifies for the DWPP, with the following proposed definition:
 - The DWPP was created to support small business owners and employees of restaurant, hospitality, retail and personal service businesses located downtown.

Councilor Hopkins, Assistant Mayor Kelley, and Councilors Blalock, Moreau and Flynn spoke.

Councilor Cook moved to adopt the amended City Council Policy 2026-01 Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) pilot as presented. Seconded by Councilor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Agenda Item 15.E Councilors Cook and Flynn

- Amend RAPP Policy to include Parrott Avenue Lot for Resident and Downtown Workforce Parking only

Councilor Cook moved to amend the RAPP Policy to limit parking in the Parrott Avenue Lot to Resident and Downtown Workforce Parking only, with a small number of parking spaces set aside for Portsmouth District Court defendants. Seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Councilors Blalock, Moreau, Hopkins, Mayor McEachern and Assistant Mayor Kelley all spoke.

Councilor Moreau moved to amend the motion to charge no fee. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Moreau moved to pass the motion as amended. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins.

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Agenda Item 15.F Councilor Blalock

- Remove Parrott Avenue from RAPP Policy

Councilor Blalock moved to amend the RAPP Policy by removing the section of Parrott

Avenue from Roger Street to Richards Avenue. Seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Councilor Moreau is in favor of this motion.

Councilor Cook is not in favor if this change.

The gavel was passed to Assistant Mayor Kelley. Mayor McEachern spoke about camper vans along Parrott Avenue. The regulation of camper vans should be a separate topic and not a part of the RAPP program.

Councilor Hopkins is hesitant in supporting this motion at this time. She is concerned about library and school staff parking. A list of employees will be given to parking enforcement.

Councilor Blalock spoke in favor of his motion as it relates to recreation programs.

Assistant Mayor Kelley asked if we monitor parking usage at the Connie Bean Recreation Center. Mr. Weber explained that they can try to bring more data back on that area.

Councilor Blalock moved to amend the motion to have free parking for 4 hours. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Councilor Tabor opposes this motion and would like to continue the RAPP pilot for more data collection.

Assistant Mayor Kelley believes we need more time to collect data now that school is back in session.

Councilor Moreau also believes we need to get more data to make more concrete decisions.

Councilor Hopkins supports the statements from Assistant Mayor Kelley and Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Cook would like a few more weeks of data before we change parking on Parrott Avenue.

Motion passed 7-1 (Mayor McEachern)

There was a roll call vote on the motion as amended.

On a roll call vote, motion passed 5-3.

Assistant Mayor Kelley - YES Councilor Cook - NO, Councilor Tabor - YES, Councilor Blalock - YES, Councilor Moreau - NO, Councilor Flynn - YES, Councilor Hopkins - NO, Mayor McEachern - YES

- D. Agenda Item 15.C Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilor Cook, Councilor Flynn, and Councilor Hopkins

- Maintain the existing resident rate for on-street and lot parking

Councilor Flynn moved to maintain the existing parking fees for on-street and lot parking for residents for FY2027: \$1.25 per hour for first 3 hours and \$2.25 per hour thereafter pursuant to Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article XVI, Adoption of Fees, Section 1.1601, Procedure. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

E. *Assistant Mayor Kelley

- Motion to set parking fees for on-street and lot parking

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to [change the existing nonresident parking rate from \$2 per hour for first 3 hours and \$5 per hour thereafter] to parking fees for on-street and lot parking for FY27: \$3 per hour for first 3 hours and \$6 per hour thereafter pursuant to Chapter 1, Administrative Code, Article XVI, Adoption of Fees, Section 1.1601, Procedure. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Cook was not originally in favor of this motion, but with all the changes made, she now favors this motion.

Assistant Mayor Kelley agrees with Councilor Cook's statements, and this now matches our policy.

Councilor Moreau and Hopkins spoke in favor of this motion.

Councilor Tabor commented demand is out stripping supply. We need other long-term solutions in order to increase inventory. We need a way to fund future options. He talked about short term solutions and long-term problems. He is in favor of this motion.

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to amend the motion with an effective date of October 1, 2026, Seconded by Councilor Hopkins.

Motion Passed 8-0.

F. Councilor Tabor

- Municipal Solar Generation Plan

Councilor Tabor explained the costs and savings initially and over time. The location of the solar array will make good use of the land, on Jones Avenue, that is of no public benefit at this time.

Councilor Moreau asked if maintenance costs were included.

Mayor McEachern asked if there are any tax credits if the plan could be in service in 2027. Councilor Tabor does not believe we would be able to get the tax credit this quickly. Councilor Tabor's number and benefits do not include a tax credit at this time.

Councilor Flynn suggested a work session after the report back.

Councilor Cook thanked those involved for all the hard work put into this plan.

Councilor Tabor moved the Council request a plan for solar generation on City land and buildings incorporating DPW recommendations, including both near-term, smaller, high-ROI projects and also including a solar array project at the Jones Avenue landfill site as a \$4.1 million item in the Capital Improvement Plan, carrying forward and refining the current CIP element BI-27-PW-52: Solar Arrays and Potential Power Generation, and furthering Jones Avenue as a City Council goal for this term, with a report back at the October 13, 2026 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 8-0.

Councilor Moreau moved to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m. Seconded by

Councilor Cook.

Motion passed 7-1. (Assistant Mayor Kelley)

G. Councilor Bagley - This item was not taken-up.

- Parking Fees and Management

(Sample motion - move that the City Council maintain the hourly rate at the High Hanover Parking Facility at an amount equal to or lower than the on-street parking rates as set forth in Parking Principle #7)

H. Councilor Flynn

- *Status Update on the Sherburne School Project

Councilor Flynn, Assistant Mayor Kelley, and the Housing Committee to be invited to this presentation and update.

Councilor Flynn moved to request that City staff, in coordination with the Portsmouth Housing Authority, provide the City Council with a status update on the Sherburne School project. The update should include current progress, anticipated timelines, key milestones, and any recent developments or challenges that may affect next steps. This information will help the Council and the community understand where the project stands and how it is moving forward. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Motion passed 8-0.

I. Councilor Hopkins

- *Establish a Shuttle Loop Working Group

Councilor Hopkins moved to establish a Shuttle Loop and Public Transit Working Group, as outlined in the attached memo, to serve as the task force called for in the 2026-2027 City Council Goals. This time bound working group will consolidate existing studies, plans, and data on expanding public transit in Portsmouth, and report back to the City Council by January 29, 2027, with either a recommended pilot scope or a consultant-ready design scope. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Assistant Mayor Kelley asked what will happen if the report back considers other options in addition to what is described in the motion. She is in favor of a working group. If we have a shuttle loop, where will we tell people to park?

Councilor Hopkins would like the working group to look at the data already collected. It will be a bonus if a consultant is not needed. She is looking for an output that will generate action. Looking at data, is there anything that will work for Portsmouth? Would a shuttle loop assist with housing or public health?

Mayor McEachern would like to see if we can spend money on doing something instead of spending money on researching an idea. It will be interesting to see if something can be presented that will improve the quality of life for our residents. He is in favor of this group before the budget process is in full swing.

Councilor Blalock does not want to see efforts wasted. He is not confident there is a perfect solution. He also asked where the loop may include. He feels it is an unrealistic feel-good idea. He also spoke about his experiences using shuttle loops. In order for this to work, we would need a change of behavior.

Councilor Tabor is in favor of this working group. Councilor Hopkins has laid out the deliverables with a solid timeline. There has been no past success because NH funds public transportation less than any other state. Because the state allows parking money to be used for transportation as legal use, there is a funding mechanism that is not burdening the taxpayer.

Councilor Cook mentioned the need of this working group as it relates to greenhouse gas emissions and City parking issues.

Motion passed 7-1 (Councilor Blalock)

16. Approval of Grants/Donations

- A. Donation to the Senior Activity Center Luncheon Fund - \$500 from Karen Parnes

Councilor Tabor moved to accept the donation in the amount of \$500 as presented. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Motion passed 8-0.

- B. Donation of a Granite Bench at Four Tree Island

Councilor Moreau moved to accept the donation of a granite bench as presented. Seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Motion passed 8-0.

17. City Manager's Informational Items

- A. *Pease Development Authority Board Meeting Update

The 2025 Annual Report and Economic Impact Study were shared with the Council. The air traffic control tower is back in operation.

- B. *Upcoming Mechanic Street Pump Station Feasibility Study Public Input Meeting

There will be a meeting, Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:20 p.m. at City Hall, Conference Room A.

- C. *Next Portsmouth Room Art Exhibit -Light Falls - There will be a welcome reception before the September 28, 2026, City Council Meeting.

18. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished At Previous Meeting

19. Adjournment

Councilor Moreau moved to Adjourn at 10:58 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Motion passed 8-0.