

MEETING MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8 2026, 7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mayor McEachern called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

A Non-Public Session was held in Conference Room A in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (e), and (l) at 5:45 pm.

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to leave the non-public session and seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor McEachern, Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilors Cook, Tabor, Blalock, Bagley, Moreau, Flynn and Hopkins

2. Invocation

Mayor McEachern offered a moment of remembrance for Joann Soesman, the long-time proprietor of Corks and Curds, for many years and a fixture of downtown, who will be dearly missed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McEachern led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Acceptance of Minutes

May 18, 2026, City Council meeting

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to accept and approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports

A. Recognitions

- Recommendation from Public Art Review Committee (PARC) – Gift from our Friendship City Santarcangelo, Italy

Christine Dwyer from the PARC committee explained an art installation gift from our Friendship City in Santarcangelo, Italy. The installation will be artwork created by artist Tiziano Corbelli, which consists of illuminated script displaying the poem 'The Air' by Tonino Guerra in both English and Italian, and will be on display in Vaughan Mall for about a year.

Councilor Cook moved to accept the public art gift from our Friendship City Santarcangelo, Italy consisting of an illuminated installation of the poem

'The Air' by Tonino Corbelli as recommended by the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) and authorize the City Manager to coordinate installation of the artwork as part of the Vaughan Mall project. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. Motion passed unanimously.

- *Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate, Office of the Consumer Advocate, State of New Hampshire for Community Power (CPCNH)

Mr. Kreis gave a presentation about Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), community power aggregation, and his role as a Consumer Advocate for Community Power in the State.

Councilor Bagley questioned why the word is not getting out in Portsmouth about Community Power (CPCNH). He also questioned a potential conflict of interest between Calpine Corporation (recently bought by Constellation) and CPCNH.

Councilor Tabor had questions about the independent report regarding CPCNH. He feels we need to research the ease of opting out of CPCNH.

Councilor Cook asked if there are other recommendations regarding CPCNH that the City should be considering.

Councilor Bagley talked about the City refresh, and should new residents opt out at this time.

Mayor McEachern asked about the ease of opting in and out of CPCNH. He also asked about the loophole regarding buying power and utility rates. He mentioned that the Energy Advisory Committee was formed to investigate these matters to be sure we are in the best position regarding aggregate power.

- *Juneteenth Holiday

Mayor McEachern recognized Juneteenth is observed each year on June 19. This day commemorates the end of slavery. He invited all residents to recognize Juneteenth through the many events put on by the Black Heritage Trail, the Seacoast African American Cultural Center and others. He also mentioned the recent installation of the Ona Judge Staines Mural at the Black Heritage Trail Museum on Court Street.

- *Pride Month

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor McEachern invited residents and visitors to join in the celebration of Portsmouth Pride on Saturday, June 20. This event offers an opportunity to come together in support of Portsmouth Pride and celebrate the vibrant and welcoming spirit that defines our City

A. Volunteer Committee Report

Councilor Cook moved to suspend the rules and take an item out of order, 15. A3 - Public Art Review Committee (PARC) Recommendation to Award Grant from the PNH400th Anniversary Education and Public Art Trust. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Councilor Cook moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment Session

There were four speakers: Paige Trace (the transparency of refresh to CPCNH); Esther Kennedy (the transparency for meeting minutes, need for a policy regarding capturing meeting minutes and how they are preserved, “How long are videos going to be kept?”, notation of non-public sessions); Joni McNeal (Atlantic Heights Neighbor Bike Rack donation/installation); and Rick Becksted (bare minimum meeting minutes, City Clerk has own identity over elections the budget, and the high cost to live in Portsmouth).

Councilor Hopkins moved to suspend the rules and take an item out of order, 16. B - the donation of a Bike Rack in Atlantic Heights from the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood. Seconded by Councilor Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Cook moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Tabor. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 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**

PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS: Petra Huda (her analysis of budget data); Rick Becksted (budget savings); Erik Anderson (Fire Boat, Housing Trust Fund, budget inefficiencies); Paige Trace (inefficiencies in City Clerk office); and Esther Kennedy (budget increase as it relates to employees).

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS

Councilor Bagley responded to the questions presented by public hearing speakers. Mayor McEachern asked Deputy City Manager – Finance & Administration, Nathan Lunney, to explain differences in the proposed FY27 budget vs. FY25 actual numbers. Councilor Cook explained budget increases due to decreases in State funding and increases in healthcare costs, and employee retention.

Councilor Cook moved to suspend the rules and take an item out of order 15. A. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

15.A 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.

Discussion – Councilor Blalock is not in favor of this motion. Assistant Mayor Kelley is concerned about not bringing this to the Housing Committee and going directly through the committee to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Councilor Bagley suggested, instead of using Capital Outlay, funding it through a Trust for housing. He believes this does not need to go to committee. Councilor Tabor said The Housing Trust Fund is dedicated to directing payments to help people to afford housing. He cannot support this motion.

Councilor Cook moved to 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. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed 7-2. (Councilors Tabor and Blalock voted against)

Councilor Cook made a second motion related to this item.

Councilor Cook moved 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, upon authorization by the Trustees of the Trust Funds to release \$65,000 from the City of Portsmouth Below Market Rate Housing Trust Fund for the Artist Live/Work Studio Study. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley. Motion Passed 8-1 (Councilor Blalock voted against)

Councilor Moreau moved to suspend the rules and take an item out of order, 15. D - to increase the Adult Non-Resident fees for Spinnaker Point. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

15.D 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

Councilors Bagley, Tabor, Cook and Moreau spoke in support of this motion.

Councilor Moreau moved to increase the Adult Non-Resident fees for Spinnaker Point as presented. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion - Councilor Cook had a question about dock utility access fees. Fees are going up and there is no differentiation between resident/non-resident fees. Currently, utility fees are set at a flat rate. Councilor Blalock asked if there will be any effect with the Spinnaker fees increase. Councilor Bagley believes that residents should be at an advantage over non-residents when setting fees.

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt Resolution #7-2026 – Municipal Fees as amended. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. On a Roll Call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A short recess was taken at 9:50 pm.

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 as amended.

Councilor Bagley moved to suspend the rules and take an item out of order, 15. C - 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. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. On a roll call vote, Councilor Bagley voted in favor. Mayor McEachern, Assistant Mayor Kelley, Councilors Cook, Tabor, Blalock, Moreau, Flynn and Hopkins voted opposed. Motion failed to pass 1-8.

Mayor McEachern passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Discussion - Mayor McEachern and Councilor Blalock spoke against this motion. Councilor Cook asked where these funds could be taken. Councilor Hopkins asked for a simple explanation of Mayor McEachern's comments of where the money could come from instead of adding to the budget. Councilor Cook asked if the fund balance may end up in the 13% range at the end of this FY26. Councilor Tabor asked if we really need to add to the budget. Before the vote was taken, there was additional discussion regarding the release of funds by the Trustees of Trust Funds out of the City of Portsmouth Below Market Rate Housing Trust Fund for the Artist Live/Work Studio Study. Councilor Cook cannot support the motion without the money included for this Study in the budget.

Mayor McEachern moved to suspend the rules and take items 14. E, 14. F and 14. G out of order. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

The gavel was passed to Assistant Mayor Kelley.

Item 14. 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.

Mayor McEachern moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.) Motion failed to pass 1-8. (Mayor McEachern voted in favor)

Discussion - Fire Chief McQuillen answered questions from Mayor McEachern, Councilor Moreau and Councilor Cook, and provided reasons for this position. Additional general discussion ensued. Speaking from experience as a rural firefighter, Councilor Hopkins described the benefits of having hands-on training opportunities.

Councilor Bagley made a motion to continue the meeting past 10:30 pm. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed 8-1. (Assistant Mayor Kelley voted against)

Item 14. 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.

14. F Mayor McEachern revised his original motion and moved the City Council to direct the City Manager and the Fire Chief to request a letter of support from the US Coast Guard for the City’s application to the FEMA Port Security Grant Program for a replacement fire boat, to coordinate with Coast Guard Sector Northern New England and engage New Hampshire’s Congressional Delegation in support of the application, with a report back to the Council before any bond authorization is sought. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion - Mayor McEachern explained his motion as it relates to previous comments from the public. Councilor Bagley asked a question to Chief McQuillen regarding the cost of the fire boat. Councilor Blalock agreed with the Mayor’s comments. Councilor Hopkins asked how grant deadlines affect the timeline. Councilor Cook spoke in favor of the motion and asked how quickly we can get letters of support.

14. G Mayor McEachern moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Councilor Cook and Councilor Bagley support the motion. Councilor Cook mentioned that there are no federal Funds to support City needs related to electrification of a city fleet. Councilor Bagley commented that we don’t need to do a study for equipment that doesn’t exist.

The gavel was passed back to Mayor McEachern.

Councilor Bagley moved to adopt Resolution # 8-2026 – General Fund Expenditures as amended. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-1 (Councilor Cook voted against)

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

Councilor Flynn moved to adopt Resolution #9-2026 – Water Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins and voted. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved to adopt Resolution #10-2026 - Sewer Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Cook. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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.

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt Resolution #11-2026 - Special Revenues, Portsmouth Housing Endowment Trust, and Committed Fund Balance for necessary expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #12-2026 INVESTMENT POLICY – A Resolution approving Investment Policy for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027

Councilor Bagley moved to adopt Resolution #12-2026 – Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McEachern closed the Public Hearing on the budget.

- 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

Discussion - Councilor Blalock is not in favor of this motion. He believes it will not accomplish its goals. Assistant Mayor Kelley commented on her hesitation in what this means long term regarding parking. Councilor Bagley supports this motion. Councilor Cook hopes this program helps residents with better access to parking. Councilor Tabor commented on the demand for parking and how to handle available parking. Mayor McEachern explained we may always have parking issues and he supports this program.

Councilor Flynn moved to pass third reading and adopt as presented. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-1. (Councilor Blalock voted against)

- C. Public Hearing and Second Reading Regarding Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 5, Fire Department and Prevention Regulations, Article IX: Adopted Fire Codes

Assistant Mayor Kelley moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Cook moved to suspend the rules and pass third and final reading regarding Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 5, Fire Department and Prevention Regulations, Article IX: Adopted Fire Codes. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Cook moved to pass third and final reading as presented. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Resolution supporting HB 1491 – relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs

In response to the New Hampshire Municipal Association's request for support of HB 1491, a bill authorizing non-assessment risk pools, Councilor Cook 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.

Discussion - Councilor Cook would like to pass this motion so we can send our resolution to Governor Ayotte in support of HB 1491.

Councilor Cook moved to pass the resolution as presented. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. Motion passed unanimously.

8. City Manager's Items Which Require Action

- A. Approval of Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot Policy

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt City Council Policy No. 2026-01- Resident Access Parking Program (RAPP) Pilot as presented. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed 8-1. (Councilor Blalock voted against)

9. Consent Agenda

Councilor Bagley moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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

10. Presentations and Written Communications

- A. Email and Written Correspondence

Councilor Flynn moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Petition – AI Data Centers

Councilor Cook moved to referred Legal Department for a report back. Second by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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.

Councilor Tabor moved to refer to the Planning Board for a recommended action. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. Motion passed 8-0. (Councilor Moreau recused)

11. 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

Councilor Bagley moved to appoint the following as presented. Seconded by Councilor Moreau. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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

Gavel passed to Assistant Mayor Kelley.

- 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.

Discussion – Mayor McEachern explained his motion. Councilor Bagley asked a question related to the new ERP system. Nathan Lunney spoke about setting the tax rate. Councilor Tabor would like to know more, in the report back, about one-time large occurrences that have an impact. Councilor Cook said we need to think about the budgeting model.

Councilor Flynn moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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.

Discussion - Mayor McEachern explained his motion. Councilor Tabor is in favor of vacancy budgeting.

Mayor McEachern moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

Gavel passed back to Mayor McEachern.

(Item taken out of order 10.A Resolution #8-2026 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES) 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.

(Item taken out of order 10.A Resolution #8-2026 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES) 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.

(Item taken out of order 10.A Resolution #8-2026 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES) 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).

12. City Council Members

A. Councilor Cook

- (Item taken out of order 10.C) 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.
- (Item taken out of order 10.D) 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.
- (Item taken out of order 8.B.2) - 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.

B. Councilor Tabor

- Community Power presentation and communication plan

This item has been moved to the June 22, 2026 City Council Meeting agenda.

C. Councilor Bagley

- (Item taken out of Order 10.A Resolution #8-2026) 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

- (Item taken out of order 10.A Resolution #7-2026) 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

E. Councilor Flynn

- *School Food Insecurity Task Force Update – Councilor Flynn provided a brief verbal update, mentioning that the first meeting of the Task Force is set for June 10, 2026.

F. Councilor Hopkins

- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of February 5, 2026

Councilor Hopkins moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 5, 2026, Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor Flynn. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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.

Councilor Hopkins moved 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. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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

Councilor Hopkins moved to request report back from staff on its recommendation for one-way traffic and on-street parking on Fleet Street between Congress and Hanover. Seconded by Councilor Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

- License Agreement request from resident to park on State Street

Councilor Hopkins moved to place this request on file. Seconded by Councilor Tabor. Motion passed unanimously.

- The 100 Club request to approve renewal of valet license

Councilor Hopkins moved to approve The 100 Club's request to approve renewal of valet license. Seconded by Councilor Blalock. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Bagley recused)

- Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7, 2026

Councilor Hopkins moved to approve and accept the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of May 7, 2026. Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

13. 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

Councilor Flynn moved 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. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. (Item taken out of order See 9A.) Donation – Bike Rack in Atlantic Heights from the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood
- C. Unsolicited \$30 gift card to Common Man Roadside for general use by the Portsmouth Police Department

Councilor Blalock moved to accept the unsolicited \$30 gift card to Common Man Roadside for general use by the Portsmouth Police Department. Seconded by Councilor Flynn. Motion passed unanimously.

14. City Manager’s Informational Items

- A. Report Back on On-Street & Lot Parking Fees

Councilor Moreau moved to bring forward for first reading on June 22, 2026, an amendment to Chapter 7 relative to on-street parking fees. The amendment will change the process by which fees are established to be more in accord with the setting of fees through the Administrative Code (recommendations flowing from the Fee Schedule Study Committee). Seconded by Councilor Bagley. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. *Open Enrollment Policy for Portsmouth - School District/SAU52 – City Manager Conard gave a brief verbal update on the status of the legislation, which failed to pass during this legislative session, hence rendering the need to vote on said policy null and void.

15. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished At Previous Meeting

Councilor Blalock recognized the success of various Portsmouth High School Spring sports teams.

Adjournment

Councilor Moreau moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 am.

*Indicates verbal report with no attachments

Prepared by:

Sally A. Kellar

City Clerk



Approved by the City Council

Date: June 22, 2026

The Portsmouth City Council meeting of June 8, 2026, can be viewed in its entirety on the City of Portsmouth YouTube Channel.