



**City of Biddeford
City Council**

May 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

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City of Biddeford Notice of Budget Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing on May 6, 2025 on the City of Biddeford's City Government Budget as presented by the Acting City Manager. This meeting will be held in person and virtually through the Zoom meeting platform at 6:00 pm at Biddeford City Hall and online. Copies of the complete proposed budget are available on the City's website for public inspection. The budget files can be found at <https://biddefordme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/735/files>

City of Biddeford



PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2025

WHEREAS, National Police Week, observed from May 11 through May 17, 2025, honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Biddeford law enforcement officers ensure the safety and security of residents and visitors alike with courage and professionalism and it is incumbent upon us to recognize the duties, responsibilities, and sacrifices made by local law enforcement officers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Each year during National Police Week, communities across the country honor the memory of those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and recognize the ongoing efforts of those who continue to serve with honor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Biddeford extends its heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of the Biddeford Police Department for their continued service, integrity, and commitment to the well-being of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Martin Grohman, Mayor of the City of Biddeford does hereby proclaim the week of May 11–17, 2025, as National Police Week in the City of Biddeford and encourages all residents to join in honoring and expressing appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our local law enforcement officers.

*In Witness Whereof, We the undersigned have herewith affixed
our signatures this 6th day of May 2025.*

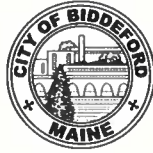
Martin Grohman
Mayor

*We appreciate
you.*



[Signature]
City Clerk

City of Biddeford



PROCLAMATION

2025 National Bike Month

Whereas, National Bike Month was established in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists as a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and to encourage Americans to try biking; and

Whereas, As an avid bicyclist and Mayor of Biddeford, I encourage residents across the City to recognize National Ride a Bike day on May 4, 2025, National Bike to Work Week, May 12-18, 2025 and National Bike to Work Day, May 16, 2025; and

Whereas, Biddeford residents are encouraged to bike to work at least one day during the week of May 12, 2025 to May 18, 2025; and,

Whereas, Regularly biking to work has many proven benefits for both employees and employers such as reduced health care costs, decreased absenteeism, reduced stress and reduced parking costs; and,

Whereas, Employers throughout the City are encouraged to promote biking to work with their employees not just during the month of May but throughout the year as much as possible; and,

Now, Therefore I, Martin Grohman, Mayor of Biddeford, Maine do hereby proclaim National Bike Month in the City of Biddeford for the month of May and I look forward to seeing fellow residents out on their bikes.

*In Witness Whereof, We the undersigned have herewith affixed
our signatures this 6th day of May 2025.*

Mayor



City Clerk

City of Biddeford



2025.36 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , May 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that I Martin Grohman, Mayor of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Marie Potvin

Ward 1

To the Policy Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025

Kim Largey

Ward 2

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026

Braden Drypolcher

Ward 2

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026

Jane Harrell

Ward 5

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Coco Corral

Ward 7

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Rebecca Cote

Ward 4

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Jessica Muise

Ward 4

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Savanna Matthews

Ward 5

As a Student Representative to the Public Art Commission for a term to expire
December 31, 2026

Attest by: _____
Robin Patterson, City Clerk

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Marie Potvin

Pronouns Mrs.

Ward 1

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public Art Commission

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I'm currently serving as a School Board member and am enjoying serving the community in which I grew up in as a way to give back to a community that has given so much to me as a child, an adult and as a 32 year retired Unified Arts veteran educator in the Biddeford School Department. I've always had a sincere interest in the Arts and see this as an opportunity to share my interest and serve my community in a different fashion. I've traveled extensively both domestically and internationally always making the Arts and Culture a focus of my travels. I've experienced a variety of art forms and believe to have developed a very good eye. I thoroughly enjoy creating and experimenting in the Arts. I sincerely hope to be considered for this unique opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. My life long support of the Arts in schools.

My friendships and association with a number of art teachers.

Have visited various art museums in the country and in Europe.

Attend and support the local schools Art Show.

I myself am a crafter/maker.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Currently on School Board.

Served as a MAHPERD board member for Health and PE.

Served as a leading member in promoting girls ice hockey for BYHA and MGIHA.

Served as a board member for EBLL facilitating the organization and running of a youth baseball program.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Kim Largey

Pronouns she/her

Ward 2

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public Art Commission

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Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I have been a homeowner in Biddeford since 2017 and grew up in the surrounding towns. I have spent all of my varied career as a working visual artist, and in institutional non-profit arts management and oversight, architecture, and arts teaching both in Maine and in Arizona. A resume can be provided upon request.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. -Working artist since 2007

-varied professional, administrative roles at museums, artist residencies, architecture firms and art non-profits

-Engine board member 2021-2022

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). This would be my first public board, but as mentioned above I served as a board member for Engine for one year (21-22, and I like to mention I am very supportive of Engines transition to Art of Biddeford). I have also facilitated administrative elements of private museum and non-profit boards over the years, but not served on the boards themselves.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Braden Drypolcher

Pronouns Field not completed.

Ward 2-1

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public Art Commission

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? As a landscape architect living in Biddeford and a father of two, I am deeply invested in the future of our community and how public spaces shape the experiences of those who live and visit here. I believe public art plays a vital role in enhancing these spaces, creating moments of connection, reflection, and inspiration. With my professional background, I have a strong understanding of how art can be seamlessly integrated into landscapes to elevate a sense of place and engage people of all ages. As a parent, I'm also passionate about creating spaces where families can come together, fostering creativity and curiosity in young minds. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise and perspective to the Public Art Commission, ensuring that Biddeford continues to grow as a vibrant, inclusive, and inspiring community

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I have 15 years of experience working on public realm developments throughout New England, ranging from small-scale community gardens to 100-acre master planning and urban development projects. My work has included designing vibrant, inclusive spaces that foster community interaction and engagement. I have also facilitated public art integration in several projects, ensuring that artistic elements enhance the sense of place and reflect the community's identity. Additionally, I have led public outreach initiatives, gathering input from diverse stakeholders to inform design decisions and create spaces that resonate with the people who use them. This experience positions me well to contribute meaningfully to the Public Art Commission

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Field not completed.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Jane Harrell

Pronouns she/her

Ward 5

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Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? Public art has an incredible ability to increase civic pride, bring in business and tourism, increase uniqueness of a community and engage the youth. As the daughter of a lifetime musical artist and teacher who grew up in New York City during its gentrification, I saw how art was used to invigorate, beautify, and revitalize communities. I'd be honored to bring that knowledge to the council to help Biddeford achieve its goals.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. Degree in intercultural communication and advocacy. Former winner of a Maine Small Business Association award. Former winner of a Maine Young Professionals award.

I grew up around the visual and performing arts in New York City in the 1980s and 1990s. This was a time of gangs, violence, and struggle for inner city families, but also one of enormous growth and pride. As the daughter of an artist, I was privileged to have a front row seat to how the city used all kinds of art to engage its citizens and increase civic pride, while also increasing tourism, strengthening local businesses and housing and sharing the plural voices and stories of its people. From fun, temporary installations that served as a sort of easter egg hunt for residents and tourists alike, to living art and plant installations that revitalized formerly defunct and dangerous areas, art held enormous power in changing New York City from a "scary" city in the 1980s to a world leader of art and culture.

And New York City isn't alone. As part of my intercultural advocacy work as President of my former business, I learned about and followed how visual arts have been used in city after city to achieve similar goals. I bring many examples and ideas and would be excited to see

how we can help beautify the city while also enhancing our community pride and increasing overall resourcing for the city's community.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Former President, 'cause Digital Marketing 2013-2023

Assisted creation of newest flag policy for Biddeford DEI commission, 2023

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Coco Corral

Pronouns she/her

Ward 7

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public Art Commission

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? We moved here from the west coast in early 2005 and fell in love with the town. Learned a lot about Biddeford history. We actively worked and rallied for the removal of MERC back in the day. Opened two art based businesses : lovinganvil AndMOR (fashion and art boutique) on washington street and HFS Annex (speakeasy listening room) off of Main Street. with community and art space in forefront.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I am an active member of the Biddeford Arts community - art scene in Biddeford and Maine in general since our arrival. My husband and I have a well known art studio - Hogfarm Studios - in the barn attached to our home on Yale Street. We have had two brick and mortar art based venues in downtown Biddeford:

I have a BFA and studied at both Rhode Island School of Design and the University of New Mexico.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Field not completed.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Rebecca Cote

Pronouns she/her

Ward 4

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public
Art Commission

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I have been an advocate, consumer and producer of public and community art all my life and most recently in Biddeford, I have initiated several community based art projects. I understand the importance art serves in our lives and how the public involvement in the art processes creates pride and a sense of contributing to bettering our community (placemaking). Through my experiences in Biddeford, I have engaged in art related projects with all age ranges, from senior citizens to high school and elementary school age students, business owners, city officials, hard working families and new Mainers. I feel I have a good sense of Biddeford's culture and community and would be honored to be of service to help guide Biddeford in this creative process. (side note: I just purchased a house in Sanford, yet remain dedicated to serving the community of Biddeford through my roll as Director of the Learning Works BLAST after school program and continuing to support the growth of creating projects in Biddeford.)

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. -Formed "Forging Commons" through an Engine Ignite grant to create public art projects that serve to better the education, health and wellness of our community. Projects include- Hill St Mural, Middle School Logo Contest, Public Silk Screen booth at Pollinator Festival, Youth Wheat Paste Expressions, Little Saints fundraiser for Better Biddeford, Yellow Tulip Mental Health Awareness Statements.

-Masters Of Education from Lesley University with a focus on Community Arts and Education.

-Director of Learning Works After School BLAST program at JFK, BPS and BIS

-As a director and entrepreneur, I have the acumen for sound judgment, open communication and good business sense.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Served on the Chamber of Commerce Board in Happy Camp, CA in 2002 for 3 years.

(yes, that is a real town)

Involved in the transition of Engine to Heart of Biddeford's Art of Biddeford initiative.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Jessica Muise

Pronouns Field not completed.

Ward 4

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Policy Committee

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? As a homeowner, small business owner, and active participant in civic and cultural life, I'm committed to supporting thoughtful, inclusive policymaking in Biddeford. My professional background includes arts administration, nonprofit leadership, and community development. I see strong public policy as essential to shaping a city that serves all its residents. When grounded in public input and clear values, policy changes can catalyze lasting community benefit.

I'm especially interested in bringing my experience with cultural policy, governance, and public engagement to this committee. Through prior roles, I've facilitated multi-stakeholder processes in rural and urban contexts across New England, participated in a variety of working groups, and helped align city goals with on-the-ground community needs. I would be honored to serve on the Policy Committee and help steward transparent, equitable processes that reflect the aspirations of our diverse and growing city.

I recently submitted interest in the Public Art Commission though through discussions with city council members and other residents I learned of the opening on the Policy Committee and recognize this might be a good fit for my long term interests in ethics and governance.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I bring over a decade of leadership in public-facing nonprofit work, much of it involving policy design, implementation, and advocacy. I worked closely with city staff, cultural organizations, and elected officials to support the creation and passage of the Public Art Commission ordinance, helping guide it from concept through council approval. I've also served on the Historic Preservation Commission, where I contributed to the stewardship of Biddeford's architectural and cultural heritage.

Professionally, I consult with organizations across Maine and New England on strategy, governance, and development—often advising on municipal partnerships, funding strategies, and regulatory frameworks. I am skilled in strategic planning, facilitation, and policy drafting, and I bring a systems-thinking approach to every table I join. I have also served in leadership roles at regional nonprofits and foundations, managing budgets, overseeing public engagement initiatives, and navigating compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines. I have a particular interest in inclusive policy making and public programs designed to increase civic access and participation.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Historic Preservation Commission, City of Biddeford (2021-2022)

Treasurer, Farm Hack (2024–present)

Treasurer, CraftMass (2017–2022)

Advisory Committee, Center for Arts at the Armory, Somerville, MA (2019–2020)

Grant Review Panelist: Maine Arts Commission, NEFA, Boston Center for the Arts, Somerville Arts Council (2017–present)

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Savanna Matthews

Pronouns She/they

Ward 5

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Which City Committee, Board or Commission do you request to be appointed to? Public Art Commission

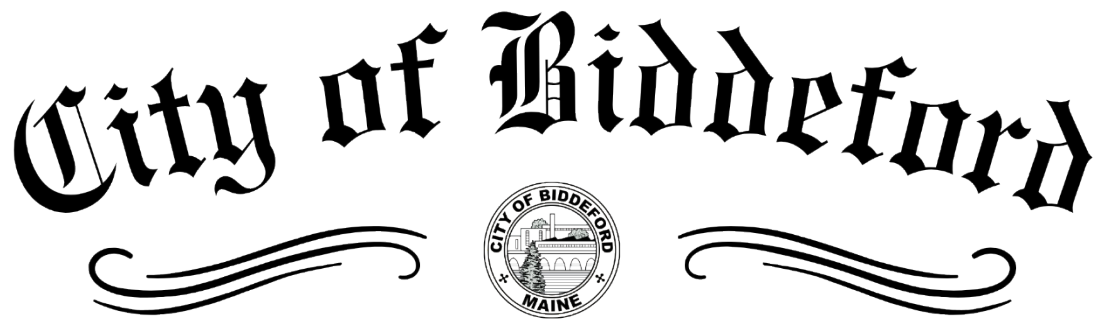
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Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? As a High school artist, I have a keen eye for detail and can bring a youth perspective, bridging a gap between generations. Joining the art commission would be a great way to meet other artists, make new connections, and get my ideas out there.

When I see public art, it makes me want to stop and take a picture and admire it. Getting to join in on making art around the city and adding my ideas would be an amazing experience.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I was a silver key winner in the Maine College of Art Scholastic Art Competition. I learned about the competition through my art teacher, Ms Ames. I have also done face painting at school events, including coming up with the designs. Art is a big part of my life.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Field not completed.



2025.62 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that I Martin Grohman, Mayor of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Councilor Dylan Doughty
Ward 4

To the Public Art Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Attest by: _____
Robin Patterson, City Clerk

City of Biddeford
City Council
April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Roll Call

Council President LaFountain - present
Councilor Lessard - present
Councilor Ortiz - present
Councilor Emhiser - present
Councilor Whiting - present
Councilor Beaupre - present
Councilor Gross - excused
Councilor Belanger - present
Councilor Doughty - present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

none

4. Proclamation

4.a Parkinson's Awareness Proclamation

4.b Dispatch recognition

Mayor Grohman read the proclamations

5. Presentation

5.a CAC Presentation

Leah Schaffer of the Citizens' Advisory Committee gave an update on the committee's work.

6. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen spoke about the comprehensive plan updates, requested an opportunity for citizen comments on it, and also mentioned the potential of municipal preferred status.

One citizen spoke about immigration issues and ICE.

Two citizens spoke in appreciation of the Parkinson's awareness proclamation.

Two citizens spoke about the new carry-in carry-out policy for city parks.

Councilor Emhiser commented that a Biddeford citizen has been involved with the Michael J. Fox Foundation which has raised over 2 billion dollars for Parkinson's research.

7. Consideration of Minutes

7.a Council Minutes 4-1-25

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7.b Special Council Meeting Minutes 4-7-25

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

8. Second Reading

8.a 2025.34 Approval Vacant Building Registration Ordinance

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Belanger

Public comments – one citizen commented on the fees; they should be used for the affordable housing trust fund.

One citizen asked about the hardship language.

One citizen asked about the percentage of vacant units.

Councilor Lessard asked the CEO to comment on the differences between this and the Anti-Blight ordinance. He also asked about the appeals process. He would like to make sure it doesn't infringe on property rights.

CEO Roby Fecteau explained that the Anti-Blight ordinance is just for the downtown district and takes 2 years to resolve; this ordinance will cover the entire city and action can begin much sooner. CEO Fecteau explained the appeals process. He said there are at least 12 properties that have been vacant for over one year. This ordinance will get their attention and force the owners to make a decision.

Councilor Ortiz said that this is progress, will need to take it in steps, the action from seven years ago isn't sufficient.

Councilor LaFountain said he had feedback from both sides of the issue. The Policy Committee looked at similar definitions from tested ordinances in Sanford and Bangor. He also pointed out that it isn't just about housing, it comes under the environment section of the code. It is important to get started and review it again in the future if needed.

Councilor Whiting – motion to refer this matter back to the Policy Committee with two directives. 1. Produce a revised ordinance with redline changes from the last meeting. 2. Consider reviewing certain policies to consider the public comments from this evening.

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote: 3 yeas – Councilors Beaupre, Whiting and LaFountain.

5 nays – Councilors Lessard, Ortiz, Belanger, Doughty and Emhiser.

Motion failed.

Councilor Belanger – motion to amend to Sec 34-562 A. remove “within the downtown area”.

Second: Councilor Doughty

Vote on the amendment – Unanimous in favor.

Amendment passed.

Councilor LaFountain – motion to amend 34-562, move F4 to E4.

Second: Councilor Belanger

Vote on the amendment – Unanimous in favor.

Amendment passed.

Councilor Whiting – motion to Table for two weeks.

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote 4 yeas – Councilors Lessard, Beaupre, Whiting and LaFountain.

4 nays – Councilors Ortiz, Belanger, Doughty and Emhiser.

Mayor Grohman voted against.

Motion failed.

Vote on the order as amended: 5 yeas, Councilors Ortiz, Belanger, Doughty, Emhiser, and LaFountain.

3 nays – Councilors Lessard, Beaupre and Whiting.
Motion passed.

9. Orders of the Day

9.a 2025.37 Approval Rec Playground RFP

Motion: Councilor LaFountain
Second: Councilor Lessard

Chris Martin from Ultiplay answered questions about the design and the timeline.

Councilor Beaupre said it was approved unanimously by the Finance Committee.

Councilor Belanger – motion to amend “to be funded through CDBG funds.”
Second: Councilor LaFountain
Vote on the amendment: Unanimous in favor.
Amendment passed.

Vote on the order as amended: Unanimous in favor.
Motion passed.

Mayor Grohman commented that it would be a great fit to name the new playground for Sgt. Jacob Wolterbeek.

9.b 2025.40 Approval HOB Fee Waiver

Motion: Councilor Emhiser
Second: Councilor Belanger

Councilor LaFountain asked if all of the events are free to the public.
HOB Director Delilah Poupore answered that two of them have a fee.

Councilor Lessard suggested that they add the amount to the HOB budget request and not open the door to waiving fees.

Councilor LaFountain – motion to exclude Oktober Fest and I Heart Road Race from the approval.
Second: Councilor Beaupre
Vote on the amendment: Unanimous

Vote on the order as amended: 7 yeas – Councilors Belanger, Ortiz, Doughty, Beaupre, Whiting, Emhiser and LaFountain.
1 nay – Councilor Lessard.

Motion passed.

Note: 2025 HOB events are Memorial Day Parade, Pride, Music in the Park, National Night Out, Fringe Fest, River Jam, Oktober Fest, I Heart Road Race, Creepy Crawl, Veterans Day Parade, Merry and Bright Night.

10. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen commented on the second read process.

One citizen commented on news from Augusta that could impact school funding. They requested a proclamation in support of the governor.

11. City Manager Report

Acting City Manager Brian Phinney gave an update on the FY23 audit, the FY24 finance work, the bond rating for the city and said the MFLA process is moving forward.

12. Committee Updates by Council

Councilor LaFountain provided an updated on the Capital Projects Committee – they recently reviewed the facilities and maintenance plans for the Fire and Police Departments.

13. Other Business

None

14. Council President Addressing the Council

Thank you to Public Works and the parks maintenance crews for getting the parks ready for Spring. He was at the Mayfield Memorial Park this past weekend. It looked great and was very busy.

15. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor Grohman mentioned the Earth Day activities coming up. He thanked Public Works for their planning and efforts on the Elm Street construction project. He reminded everyone to please support the businesses in that area.

He congratulated the Biddeford High School Marching Band for their New England Championship and the BHS Odyssey of the Mind team for their win, they will be going to the national competition.

16. Executive Session

16.a Executive Session 1 MRS 405 6 (e) Legal Matter

Motion to enter executive session at 8:05 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:32 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

City of Biddeford
City Council
April 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Roll Call - all present

Council President LaFountain
Councilor Lessard
Councilor Ortiz
Councilor Emhiser
Councilor Whiting
Councilor Beaupre
Councilor Gross
Councilor Belanger
Councilor Doughty

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Proclamation

3.a 2025 National Day of Prayer -PROCLAMATION

Mayor Grohman read the proclamation.

4. Executive Session

4.a Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (d) Labor Negotiations

4.b Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter

4.c. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (E) Legal Matter was added to the agenda.

Motion to enter executive sessions at 5:44 pm by Councilor Belanger.

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion to exit executive sessions at 8:58 pm by Councilor Belanger.

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Note: Council was scheduled to re-open as the Budget Committee when the Executive Session ended. This was cancelled due to the time.



City Council

Meeting Date: May 7, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 11.a
Item Description: 2025.39 Approval PW Pick Up
Submitted By: Jeff Demers, Director of Public Works

Supporting Information/Documentation:

2025.39 Public Works - Pick Up F-250 -ORDER, Bid tab F-250

Key Terms:

Purchase 2025 F-250 Pickup

Executive Summary:

Purchase a 2500 HD pickup truck with no plow. Saving plow from trade in vehicle.

Detailed Review:

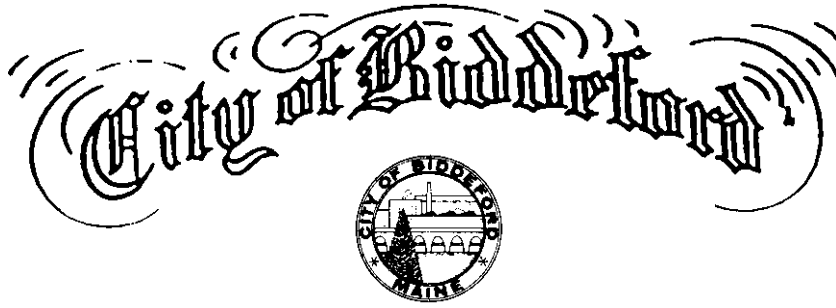
The Public Works Department is requesting the approval to purchase a 2025 Ford 2500 HD pickup truck for the Public Works Department. Public works posted an RFP on March 18, 2025. Three vendors supplied bids. Low bidder is Quirk Ford for a price of \$50,630. Please see the attached bid tabulation sheet. This vehicle will replace unit 553 at the Public Works Department. The trade vehicle has 170,000 miles and is a 2007 GMC 2500. Quirk Ford allowed a trade in value of \$5,641.

Funding Source:

The total amount being requested is \$44,989. These funds are located in the 2025 CIP. The Acting City Manager and Public Works Director recommend paying cash for this vehicle.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend the purchase through the low bidder being Quirk Ford.



2025.39

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council approves the purchase of (1) 2025 F-250 truck from Quirk Ford for a total sum of \$44,989 after trade. Cash funds for this purchase are in FY 25 CIP.

Note: This purchase will be charged to FY25 CIP 21204-60900 Project Code 42201

Attest by: _____



City of Biddeford, Maine
Public Works Department
371 Hill Street Biddeford, Maine 04005
Phone: (207) 282-1579 Fax: (207) 286-9395

April 7, 2025

Bid Opening – FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ¾ TON PICK UP

Present: Jerald Court – Public Works
Kara Cote – Public Works

Bids were opened at the Public Works Department on April 7, 2025, at 10:30am.

Quirk Ford of Augusta

2024 Ford F250	\$52,190.00 (In Stock)
2012 GMC 2500 Trade	\$5,691.00
Total	\$46,499.00

Quirk Ford of Augusta

2025 Ford F250	\$50,630.00
2012 GMC 2500	\$5,641.00
Total	\$44,989.00

Liberty Chevrolet

2025 Chevy Silverado	\$61,867.00
2012 GMC 2500	\$2,500.00
Total	\$59,367.00

City of Biddeford



2025.41 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby endorse Biddeford's Mayor, Martin Grohman, to take the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' 2025 Monarch Pledge on behalf of the City of Biddeford.

In doing so, the City of Biddeford joins other mayors and heads of local and tribal governments in supporting action to help save the Monarch Butterfly, an iconic species, whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years.

In joining these efforts, the City of Biddeford will promote the importance of the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators to the health of our community.

Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, the City of Biddeford is committed to creating habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators, and to educate residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.

As part of this national program, the City of Biddeford supports efforts like the national No Mow May month in which residents and businesses are encouraged to wild their lawns and refrain from mowing until June 1, each year, to allow Monarchs and other pollinators sufficient time for vital early spring feeding.

The City also encourages schools to plant wildflower gardens, including milkweed and other native flowering plants and trees, and to include the importance of pollination in their curriculums.

In order to actively engage residents of the city, the City of Biddeford will continue to work with Biddeford Community Gardens to support Monarch butterfly habitat.

Attest by: _____
Robin Patterson, City Clerk



City Council

Meeting Date: May 7, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 11.d
Item Description: 2025.60 Approval Maine Water Quarterly Billing
Submitted By: Gerry Matherne, Finance Director

Supporting Information/Documentation:

2025.60 Maine Water quarterly billing -ORDER, 20240730 Maine Water Billing Agreement Final
- Fully Executed

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

At the June 18, 2024 meeting, the Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Maine Water to outsource sewer billing services. Billing services include a mix of monthly and quarterly bills. The Budget Committee recommends converting al sewer billing to quarterly. If approved, this Order will authorize Maine Water to concert to quarterly billing for all accounts.

Detailed Review:

The original Maine Water service contract approved at the June 18, 2024 meeting is included in the packet for review. The contract specifies a set \$4.75 per bill issued. At this rate, and assuming the current number of monthly and quarterly bills, the estimated expense for Biddeford would be \$87,015/yr. The Budget Committee recommends a reduction in the sewer billing expense by consolidating the sewer billing frequency to quarterly-only. This will reduce the overall number of sewer bills, resulting in a reduction in the net impact in future years of approximately \$49,860. Maine Water has indicated that the frequency is not a concern and fully at the discretion of the City.

Funding Source:

Staff Recommendation:

Budget Committee recommendation.

City of Biddeford

The seal of the City of Biddeford, Maine, is circular. It features a central illustration of a lighthouse on a rocky shore with trees. The words "CITY OF BIDDEFORD" are inscribed around the top inner edge, and "MAINE" is at the bottom. The seal is flanked by two decorative, symmetrical scroll-like flourishes.

2025.60 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby authorization Maine Water to convert the sewer billing to quarterly billing at the earliest opportunity following the conversion.

Attest by: _____

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BILLING AGREEMENT
Between
THE MAINE WATER COMPANY and THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD

This Customer Service and Billing Agreement (the “Agreement”) dated as of _____, July _____, 2024, is between the City of Biddeford (the “City”) whose address is 205 Main Street, Biddeford ME 04005, and Maine Water Company (MWC), whose address is 93 Industrial Park Rd., Saco, Maine 04072.

Whereas, The City is the owner of the Biddeford public wastewater system, and as it desires to hire MWC to perform certain duties on behalf of the City in accordance with the terms herein:

Whereas, Maine Water desires to accept such engagement upon the terms and conditions set forth, and

Whereas, the City is authorized by law to enter into this Agreement,

Now, therefore, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree to the following:

SECTION ONE-ENGAGEMENT SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.1 Routine Services-Beginning on January 1, 2025 or and earlier date as agreed to by the parties in writing _____, (the “effective date”), the City hereby engages Maine Water to provide, and Maine Water agrees to provide in accordance with the terms hereof, the following: preparation and mailing (either printed or in electronic format as requested by customer) of all the City’s Wastewater bills, which bills shall indicate the name of “City of Biddeford” on each, collection and processing of cash receipts, daily maintenance, and updating of customer records, reminder notices for non-payment, preparation of reports as needed, customer service support for all inquiries and lien research as needed.

The parties agree that wastewater bills are an obligation that is owed to the City. The wastewater bill payments will be sent to MWC, as Trustee for the City, at an address provided. MWC agrees to regularly and faithfully deposit all cash, checks, ach, debit or credit card receipts for wastewater bills into an interest bearing and federally insured bank account.

These services shall be provided by Maine Water at rates established in Section Three.

For so long as this contract is in effect, and not later than Wednesday of each week, MWC will electronically transfer to the City (per wiring instructions provided by the City) those payments received by it the immediately prior week. Each month, MWC will provide the City with a print out or electronic report of all bills paid, all bills outstanding, and all amounts collected and on hand.

1.2 Non-Routine Services- Any additional services not specifically outlined above will be provided by Maine Water at rates established in Section Three. Approval by the City will be required for all non-routine services.

1.3 Insurance Coverages-Maine Water will provide at all times during the terms of this agreement the following insurance coverages:

- (a) Workers' compensation insurance in compliance with the State of Maine statutes for Maine Water employees
- (b) General liability insurance coverage with a minimum combined single limit of \$2,000,000, and
- (c) Automobile liability insurance with a combined single coverage limit of \$500,000.

Maine Water shall name the City as an additional insured on the general liability coverage and will provide the City certificates of insurance as evidence of coverage, if requested.

1.4 Audit - At least once per year, and upon reasonable notice at all other times, MWC shall provide full access to, and accounting of, its collections activities and the segregated account set up hereunder, to the City Finance Director and/or to the City's independent auditors if the Finance Director directs, it being the intention of the Parties to assure full transparency in the collection and reporting of revenues.

SECTION TWO-RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD

2.1 The City, and not MWC, shall be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the City Pollution Control Facilities and compliance with all required regulations and reporting. The City shall maintain in full force all easements, permits, licenses or other similar approvals and consents necessary to operate and maintain the wastewater system. No part of this agreement is intended to require, suggest or infer that MWC shall be responsible for any part of such operations and maintenance of the City's Wastewater Facilities.

2.2 The City shall be responsible for all capital expenditures required to maintain its Wastewater Facilities.

2.3 The City shall be responsible for all operating costs other than those not specifically mentioned under Routine Services above.

2.4 The City shall provide MWC access to the wastewater operator, wastewater records and systems as needed and required to fulfill the Routine Services outlined above.

2.5 The City will maintain in full force and effect property, workers compensation and liability insurance pertaining to the wastewater system.

2.6 Each party acknowledges that the other party's ability to effectively carry out its obligations under this agreement depends in large part upon the cooperation and prompt and timely fulfillment of each party's obligation hereunder. Each party hereby agrees that it shall execute documents and take such actions at such times and in such manner so as to enable the other party to perform its obligations hereunder.

SECTION THREE-COMPENSATION

3.1 Routine Services-As compensation for all services rendered pursuant to Section 1.1 above, including postage and all billing supplies, MWC shall bill the City on a monthly basis, commencing with the effective date at a rate of \$4.75 per wastewater bill issued. Additionally, upon completion of the initial start-up of the billing system, MWC will bill the City the actual costs of initial set up and conversion charges by Northern Data Systems and FSSI estimated to be no more than \$16,000.

3.2 Non-Routine Services –Costs for non-routine utility services provided by MWC pursuant to Section 1.2 above shall be paid by the City to MWC on a time and expense basis using the labor and materials and supplies rates. Labor rates will be charged as established annually.

3.3 Materials, Supplies, and Subcontractors- Materials, supplies, and services purchased through MWC, other than routine billing supplies and postage, will be billed to the City at actual cost plus a 10% fee. Maine Water agrees to pass on to the City any discounts on materials, supplies, and subcontractors received by Maine Water.

3.4 Payment Terms-Maine Water's invoices for services rendered hereunder and for reimbursement of amounts expended shall be due and payable by the City within 30 days of the invoice date. All past due amounts shall bear interest after the due date at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month.

SECTION FOUR-TERM OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term- This agreement shall remain in effect for one year from the effective date, and may be extended for additional terms as mutually agreed upon by Maine Water and the City, subject to price adjustments.

4.2 Termination- In the event of a default by either party, the nondefaulting party may terminate this agreement on thirty (30) days written notice to the defaulting party, except that this agreement shall not be terminated if the defaulting party cures the default during the thirty (30) day written notification period. Either party may terminate the contract upon one year's advance written notice.

4.3 Authority-The City and MWC warrant and represent that each has the authority to enter into this Agreement. The City warrants that it has appropriate funds available for payment to MWC required by the Agreement.

4.4 Force Majeure-If because of any act of occurrence beyond the reasonable control of either party, including, without limitations, acts of God, legislation or lawful regulations of any governmental body, court ordered, fire, flood, explosion, strikes, labor disputes or shortages, wars or civil commotion, either party is prevented from performing any or all of its obligations hereunder, and if the party unable to perform gives prompt notice to the other party of such force majeure, then such party unable to perform shall be required to resume performance of its

obligations under this Agreement only upon termination of the aforementioned force majeure and any time or date limitation shall be extended to the extent such party is so prevented.

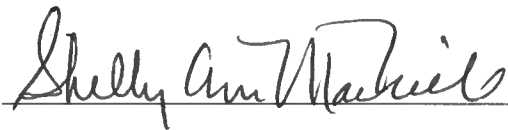
4.5 Modifications and Amendments- This Agreement may not be modified or amended and no provision hereof shall be waived except in writing and signed by both parties.

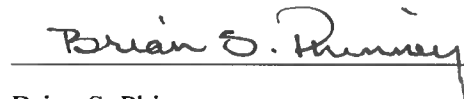
4.6 Dispute Resolution. If the Parties have a disagreement or dispute arising from this Agreement and the services provided herein, each agrees to first attempt to resolve such dispute via mediation before filing suit. The Parties agree in advance that they shall mediate their dispute in Portland Maine before a mutually selected practicing mediator or practicing attorney such mediation to last at least one half day. Only if such mediation fails, may one or the other initiate a lawsuit against the other. All fees for mediation shall be split, except each shall pay their own costs for counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Maine Water Company by its duly authorized officer, and the City, by its duly authorized City Manager, have executed this Agreement as of the date and year written on page one.

WITNESS:

CITY OF BIDDEFORD

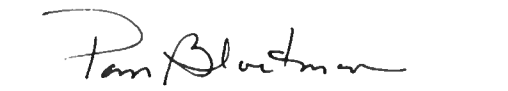


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Chief Operating Officer

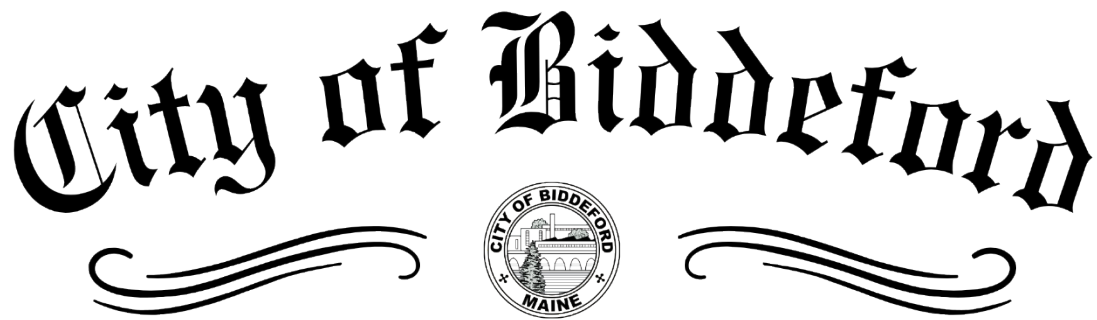
WITNESS:

MAINE WATER COMPANY





Mark Vannoy
President



2025.61 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... May 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II OPERATION,

Section 42-33 Use of compression release engine brakes prohibited, be amended by adding or deleting to read as follows:

Sec. 42-33 Use of compression release engine brakes prohibited; exemptions.

(a) It is a traffic violation for the operator of a motor vehicle equipped with a compression release engine braking system (jake brake) to activate or use this braking system within the City of Biddeford. ~~between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.~~

(b) The following vehicles are exempt: Fire Department vehicles, or vehicles used in emergency construction or repair work by state, municipal or public utilities are exempt.

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.44

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$47,821,494 for the CITY GENERAL FUND budget excluding Schools, Adult Education, TIF Funding and County Tax for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, broken down as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	\$15,513,217
PUBLIC SAFETY:	\$14,773,566
PUBLIC WORKS:	\$6,051,409
PUBLIC SERVICES:	\$4,221,417
DEBT SERVICE:	\$4,413,175
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	\$2,148,709
CONTINGENCY:	<u>\$700,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$47,821,494

Attest by: _____

CITY OF BIDDEFORD PROPOSED BUDGET

	Approved Budget FY2025	Dept. Head Request FY2026	City Mgr Recommendation FY2026	Budget Committee Recommendation FY2026
County Tax	\$1,674,127	\$1,720,000	1,720,000.00	\$1,808,299
Municipal Appropriation				
General Government	\$13,882,466	\$15,642,397	15,412,479.49	\$15,513,217
Public Services	\$3,624,795	\$3,640,447	3,554,195.48	\$4,221,417
Public Safety	\$14,280,173	\$15,558,003	14,747,066.12	\$14,773,566
Public Works	\$5,924,730	\$6,066,829	6,028,382.30	\$6,051,410
Contingency	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$38,212,164	\$41,407,677	\$40,242,123	\$41,259,610
Debt Service	\$4,420,737	\$4,413,175	\$4,413,175	\$4,413,175
Capital Projects	\$2,200,000	\$2,128,709	\$2,128,709	\$2,128,709
Total Municipal Appropriation	<u>\$44,832,901</u>	<u>\$47,949,562</u>	<u>\$46,784,008</u>	<u>\$47,801,494</u>
Less: Municipal Revenue Sharing	(\$3,325,000)	(\$4,254,393)	(\$4,254,393)	(\$4,254,393)
Other Non-Property Tax Revenue	(\$10,616,967)	(\$10,792,685)	(\$11,031,054)	(\$11,468,254)
Use of Prior Year Surplus	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
Net Municipal Appropriation	\$30,390,934	\$32,402,484	\$30,998,560	\$31,578,846
TIF	\$2,112,042	\$2,112,042	\$2,112,042	\$2,128,709
Local Education Assessment	\$27,223,022	\$30,323,280	\$30,323,280	\$29,765,424
Overlay	<u>\$239,757</u>	<u>\$239,757</u>	<u>\$239,757</u>	<u>\$239,757</u>
Total Appropriation	\$61,639,883	\$66,797,563	\$65,393,640	\$65,521,036
Less: Homestead	(\$799,402)	(\$799,402)	(\$799,402)	(\$799,402)
BETE	(\$303,292)	(\$303,292)	(\$303,292)	(\$348,792)
Tax Commitment	\$60,537,189	\$65,694,869	\$64,290,945	\$64,372,842
Total Taxable Value	\$4,257,419,733	\$4,277,419,733	\$4,277,419,733	\$4,277,419,733
Tax Rate	\$14.22	\$15.36	\$15.030	\$15.05

	Dept. Head FY2026		City Mgr Proposed FY2026		Budget Committee Recommendation FY2026			
	In \$	In %	In \$	In %	In \$	In %		
County Tax	\$45,873	2.74%	\$45,873	2.74%	\$134,172	8.01%		
Municipal Appropriation:								
Expenses	\$3,116,661	6.95%	\$1,951,107	4.35%	\$2,968,593	6.62%		
Less: Municipal Revenue Sharing	(\$929,393)	27.95%	(\$929,393)	27.95%	\$929,393	27.95%		
Other Non-Property Tax Revenue	<u>(\$175,718)</u>	<u>1.66%</u>	<u>(\$414,087)</u>	<u>3.90%</u>	<u>\$851,287</u>	<u>8.02%</u>		
Net Municipal Appropriation	\$2,011,549	6.62%	\$607,626	2.00%	\$1,187,912	3.91%		
TIF	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$16,667	0.79%		
Local Education Assessment	\$3,100,258	11.39%	\$3,100,258	11.39%	\$2,542,402	9.34%		
Overlay	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>		
Total Appropriation	\$5,157,681	8.37%	\$3,753,757	6.09%	\$3,881,153	6.30%		
Amount from surplus/reserves	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>		
Total Appropriation	\$5,157,681	8.37%	\$3,753,757	6.09%	\$3,881,153	6.30%		
Less: Homestead	(\$0)	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%		
BETE	(\$0)	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$45,500	15.00%		
Tax Commitment	\$5,157,680	8.52%	\$3,753,757	6.20%	\$3,835,653	6.34%		
Total Taxable Value	\$20,000,000	0.47%	\$20,000,000	0.47%	\$20,000,000	0.47%		
Tax Rate	\$1.139	8.01%	\$0.811	5.70%	\$0.830	5.84%		
			\$ Needed	Tax Rate +/-	% Increase	\$Needed	Tax Rate +/-	% Increase
Needed to get to zero:	Total	\$3,469,372	\$0.81	5.70%	5.84%	\$ 3,551,269	\$0.83	5.84%
	County	\$45,873	\$0.01	0.08%	0.22%	\$134,172	\$0.03	0.22%
	School	\$3,100,258	\$0.72	5.10%	4.18%	\$2,542,402	\$0.59	4.18%
	City	\$323,241	\$0.08	0.53%	1.44%	\$ 874,694	\$0.20	1.44%

City of Biddeford FY2026 Budget

FY2025 Mil Rate:	\$	14.22
Proposed FY2026 Mil Rate:	\$	15.05
Mil Rate Increase:	\$	0.83

	Dollars	Tax Rate	% Increase
Total Increase from 2025	\$3,551,269	\$ 0.83	5.84%
County Assessment	\$134,172	\$ 0.03	0.22%
School Assessment	\$2,542,402	\$ 0.59	4.18%
City Assessment	\$874,694	\$ 0.20	1.44%

Median Home Impact

	2025	2026
Median Value	\$382,350.00	\$382,350.00
Mil Rate	\$14.22	\$15.05
Taxes	\$5,437.02	\$5,754.16
\$\$ Increase		\$317.14
% Increase		5.83%



Budget Detail

County Tax:	\$1,808,299
Municipal Appropriation	
General Government	\$15,513,217
Public Services	\$4,221,417
Public Safety	\$14,773,566
Public Works	\$6,051,410
Contingency	\$700,000
Total Operating Budget	\$41,259,610
Debt Service	\$4,413,175
Capital Projects	\$2,128,709
Total Municipal Appropriation	\$47,801,494
Less: Municipal Revenue Sharing	(\$4,254,393)
Other Non-Property Tax Revenue	(\$11,468,254)
Use of Prior Year Surplus	(\$500,000)
Net Municipal Appropriation	\$31,578,846
TIF	\$2,128,709
Local Education Assessment	\$29,765,424
Overlay	\$239,757
Total Appropriation	\$65,521,036
Less: Homestead	(\$799,402)
BETE	(\$348,792)
Tax Commitment	\$64,372,842
Total Taxable Value	\$4,277,419,733
Tax Rate	\$15.05

City of Biddeford



2025.45

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby adopt the following estimated REVENUES and APPROPRIATIONS from fund balance in support of the general fund budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as follows:

OTHER NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUE:	\$11,468,254
STATE REVENUE SHARING:	\$4,254,393
USE OF FY25 OPERATIONAL SURPLUS:	\$500,000
HOMESTEAD:	\$799,402
BETE:	\$348,792
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS:	\$17,370,842

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.46

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of, \$165,022 for the Biddeford Airport comprised of \$165,022 for the AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND and \$0 in reimbursable grant expenses for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that estimated revenues to the Biddeford Airport Fund in the sum of \$169,516 comprised of \$169,516 for the AIRPORT OPERATIONS FUND and \$0 for the AIRPORT REIMBURSABLE IMPROVEMENT FUND be hereby adopted in support of the Biddeford Airport appropriation

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.47

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$1,974,698 for the AMBULANCE FUND for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of \$1,623,968 in estimated revenues to the Ambulance Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Ambulance Fund appropriation

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.48

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 22025

BE IT ORDERED, , that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$44,248 for the MOORING FEES FUND for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of \$56,600 in estimated revenues to the Mooring Fees Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Mooring Fees Fund appropriation.

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.49

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$158,707 for the POOL BEACH PERMITS FUND for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of \$130,280 in estimated revenues to the Pool Beach Permits Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Pool Beach Permits Fund appropriation.

Attest by: _____

Note: Pool Beach revenues are dependent on the condition of the facilities at the beach. The Council has authorized temporary facilities pending replacement of the permanent structure and parking facilities damaged by the winter storm events. Revenues are projected to be lower because of this situation. The revenue projection reflects this condition. If facilities and parking are available through the entire season revenue is expected to increase above current projections.

City of Biddeford



2025.50

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of \$839,463 for the RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of \$934,000 in estimated revenues to the Recreation Programs Fund be hereby adopted in support of the Recreation Programs Fund appropriation.

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.53

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the Maine Dept. of Education has determined the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, for Biddeford, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act to be \$36,065,078.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does appropriate and will raise the sum of \$22,462,640 for the Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education for kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2-A, section 15688.

***Note:** The Biddeford School Department's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does appropriate and will raise the sum of **\$2,648,820** for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the City Council for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the City of Biddeford's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

***Note:** Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was approved by the voters*

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council will raise and appropriate \$4,193,611 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$4,193,611 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Biddeford School Committee.

The Biddeford School Committee recommends \$4,193,611 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$4,193,611.

Note: *The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Biddeford budget for educational programs.*

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.56

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the Biddeford School Committee to expend \$49,269,781 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the City of Biddeford's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools, as follows:

Regular Instruction:	\$17,943,490
Special Education:	\$10,341,515
Career & Technical Education:	\$3,849,511
Other Instruction:	\$823,606
Student & Staff Support:	\$3,126,528
System Administration:	\$1,429,891
School Administration:	\$1,778,006
Transportation & Buses:	\$2,351,350
Facilities & Maintenance:	\$4,929,256
Debt Service & Other Commitments:	\$2,648,820
All Other Expenditures:	\$47,808
Total School Budget:	\$49,269,781

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the School Department is authorized to accept grant funds during the fiscal year and to expend such funds for the purposes for which they are intended.

Attest by: _____

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IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum of **\$791,554** for ADULT EDUCATION for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and does hereby appropriate and will raise the local share for ADULT EDUCATION in the amount of **\$453,301**.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Biddeford Adult Education is authorized to expend any additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest of and for the wellbeing of the Adult Education Program.

Attest by: _____

City of Biddeford



2025.58

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... MAY 6, 2025

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby appropriate the sum **\$2,087,744** for School FOOD SERVICE ("Hot Lunch") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the sum of **\$2,087,744** in estimated revenues is adopted in support of FOOD SERVICE, with a local share for FOOD SERVICE in the amount of **\$0.**

Attest by: _____