

City of Biddeford
City Council
October 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Roll Call

Council President LaFountain - present
Councilor Lessard - present
Councilor St.Cyr - absent
Councilor Emhiser - excused
Councilor Whiting - present
Councilor Beaupre - present
Councilor Gross - arrived at 6:17 pm
Councilor Belanger - present
Councilor Doughty – excused

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

Item 10.b will be postponed to a future meeting.

Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) a Personnel Matters will be added to item 17.

4. Proclamation

4.a USOA Miss Maine, Paige Lessard -Proclamation

4.b National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Mayor Grohman read the proclamations.

5. Appointments

5.a 2025.143 Approval/Mayoral Appointment to a Committee-Citizen

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Presentation

6.a Veterans Committee Report to Council

Councilor Beaupre gave an update on the Veterans Committee.

6.b Wellness on Wheels

City staff gave a presentation on the concept of a Wellness on Wheels program.

7. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen expressed appreciation for the Veterans Committee and made statements about taxes.

One citizen praised the Wellness on Wheels concept.

One citizen commented on the UNE pier issue.

One citizen commented on documents delivered to City Hall.

8. Consideration of Minutes

8.a Council Minutes 10-7-25

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9. Second Reading

9.a 2025.136 Approval GA maximums

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.b 2025.127 Approval/Amend Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Art IV - Fire

Advisory Committee, Police Advisory Committee, Public Safety Advisory Committee

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

One citizen expressed concerns with the changes.

Councilor LaFountain explained the process that the Policy Committee went through and the structure of the committee.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.c 2025.139 Approval/Amend Chapter 42, Art IV - Sec. 42-92 Limited Parking - Delete 15-min Parking, 163 Main St

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Belanger

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.d 2025.140 Approval/Amend Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Art IV, - Sec. 42-92 - Limited Parking - Add 15-Min Parking, Main/York

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Orders of the Day

10.a 2025.144 Approval Games of Chance

Motion: Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10.b 2025.151 Confirmation of City Manager's Nomination for Director of Economic Development

This item is postponed to a future meeting.

10.c 2025.147 Approval of funds to insure and maintain JFK School property through remainder of fiscal year 2026

Motion: Councilor LaFountain

Second: Councilor Lessard

City Manager Truc Dever reviewed the funding request based on an inspection by the Public Works Director.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

11. Committee of the Whole

11.a Political Signs Discussion

Motion to enter at 7:26 pm by Councilor Whiting.

Second: Councilor Belanger

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Councilors discussed several issues with political signs used in municipal elections.

Motion to exit at 7:33 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

12. Public Addressing the Council

One citizen made comments in support of a skate park.

One citizen asked for an update on the sewer bills.

One citizen mentioned the citizens tenant's alliance meeting on Sunday.

One citizen thanked the Chief of Police for support during the political gathering last weekend.

13. City Manager Report

City Manager Truc Dever provided an update on the sewer billing. She also spoke about USPS delays with the paper tax bills.

14. Other Business

Councilor Beaupre asked for an update on the Elm Street construction project – it is scheduled to be completed by Veteran's Day.

Councilor Lessard thanked the City Manager for clarifying that the citizen meeting on Thursday would be televised and recorded. He also thanked her for posting the leaf removal dates on the Public Works website. He asked about an item that was requested to be on the agenda.

15. Council President Addressing the Council

Council President LaFountain reminded everyone that the next council meeting is on Thursday November 6th. He has received emails with questions about the UNE pier and the 250-foot buffer and requests a resolution at the next council meeting to get a legal opinion on that issue. Councilor Beaupre seconded that request.

16. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor Grohman asked the council if they would like the City Manager to check into a lease for the Biddeford Ice Arena. He asked the local media to provide more coverage of the state property tax fairness credit. There are several upcoming events including activities at the Y on Thursday, Trunk or Treat on Friday, Cheese and the Supernatural at the Library, Take Back Day for expired prescriptions on Saturday, and the Citizen's meeting on Thursday at 6:00 pm in the council chambers.

17. Executive Session

17.a 1 M.R.S. 405(6)c- Real Estate Matters

17.b 1 M.R.S. 405(6)d- Labor Negotiations

17.c 1 M.R.S. 405(6)e- Legal Matters

17.d. 1 M.R.S 405 (6) a – Personnel Matters

Motion to enter at 7:56 pm by Councilor Belanger

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion to exit by Councilor Belanger at 9:05 pm

Second: Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm by Councilor Belanger.

Second: Councilor Whiting

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.