

City of Biddeford
City Council
December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. Roll Call – all present

Councilor Lessard

Councilor Vadnais

Councilor Boston

Councilor Woods

Councilor Beaupre

Councilor Doughty

Councilor Kurtz

Councilor Pierson

Councilor Cote

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

None

4. Public Hearing

4.a Liquor License Ichibau Japanese Restaurant

Open at 6:00 pm

Comments: none

Close at 6:00 pm

5. Liquor License Consideration

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Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

6. Proclamation

6.a Holidays and Traditions

Mayor LaFountain read the proclamation.

7. Appointments

7.a 2025.160 Approval Mayoral Appointment of City Manager to PACTS

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7.b 2025.165 Approval Mayoral Appointment of Citizens to Committees

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7.c 2025.178 Approval- Council Nomination of City Council President

Motion by Councilor Doughty to nominate Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Lessard – yes, Councilor Vadnais – yes, Councilor Boston – yes, Councilor Woods – yes, Councilor Beaupre – yes, Council Doughty – yes, Councilor Kurtz – yes, Councilor Pierson – yes, Councilor Cote – yes.

Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7.d 2025.166 Approval Mayoral Appointment of Councilors to Committees

Motion: Councilor Cote

Second: Councilor Lessard

The following councilors names are added to the appointments for the Finance Committee:

Liam LaFountain, Mayor; Council President, Chair Roger Beaupre, Ward 3; City Council President Appointee Councilor Lessard, At Large; Mayor Appointee Councilor Doughty, Ward 4

All other appointments are listed in the order.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

7.e 2025.167 Approval Mayoral Appointment of City Solicitor

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion passed.

8. Presentation

8.a Recreation Bond Public Engagement Plan Proposal

Recreation Director Lisa Thompson presented the plan.

8.b Update: Eastern Fire/EMS Substation Phase I-B Land Due Diligence

Fire Chief Larry Best provided an overview of the process to date.

9. Public Addressing the Council

Several citizens congratulated the new Council and provided input for the coming term.

One citizen spoke about documents delivered to City Hall.

One citizen spoke about the budget and taxes.

Councilor Cote motion to suspend council rules to allow citizens to speak on prior topics.

Second: Councilor Kurtz

Vote – 6 yeas – Councilors Vadnais, Cote, Pierson, Kurtz, Doughty and Woods

3 nays – Councilors Beaupre, Lessard and Boston.

Motion passed.

Several citizens spoke about the Recreation presentation and provided input on the priorities.

10. Consideration of Minutes

10.a Council Minutes 11-18-25

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10.b Special Council Meeting Minutes 12-1-25

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

11. Second Reading

11.a 2025.161 Approval/Code of Ordinances, Ch. 2, Art 1, Sec. 2-3 Code of Ethics

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

12. Orders of the Day

12.a Remove from Table 2025.145 Approval To Sign Contract To Place The Order To Purchase A New Fire Department Ambulance

No motion.

12.b 2025.174 Approval PW Purchase Loader/Plow

Motion: Councilor Lessard

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote: 8 yeas – Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Boston, Woods, Beaupre, Doughty, Kurtz, and Pierson.

1 nay – Councilor Cote

Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Lessard to waive the 2nd reading.

Second: Councilor Beaupre

Vote: 8 yeas Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Boston, Woods, Beaupre, Cote, Kurtz, and Pierson.

1 nay – Councilor Doughty.

Motion passed

12.c 2025.175 Approval PW Purchase Mini Excavator

Motion: Councilor Lessard

Second: Councilor Woods

Vote: 6 yeas – Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Kurtz, Doughty, Beaupre and Woods

3 nays – Councilors Boston, Cote and Pierson

Motion passed.

Councilor Lessard – motion to waive the 2nd reading.

Second: Councilor Pierson

Vote: 7 yeas – Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Kurtz, Pierson, Beaupre, Boston and Woods.

2 nays – Councilors Cote and Doughty.

Motion passed.

12.d 2025.168 Approval Council Rules

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

12.e 2025.177 Approval to Establish Institutional Zone Review Committee

Motion: Councilor Boston

Second: Councilor Lessard

Councilor Boston expressed support for this committee and explained its history.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

13. Public Addressing the Council

Several citizens expressed support for item 2025.177

One citizen asked for more details on equipment purchases.

14. City Manager Report

City Manager Truc Dever congratulated the new council and looks forward to working with them. She provided an update on the FY24 and FY25 audits. She announced that COO Brian Phinney is retiring and thanked him for his 23 years of service to the city.

Councilor Beaupre – motion to extend the meeting past 9:00 pm

Second – Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

15. Committee Updates by Council

None

16. Other Business

None

17. Council President Addressing the Council

Council President Beaupre thanked the councilors for their support. He mentioned several recent events that were held downtown, they went well and the parking garage was full.

18. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor LaFountain is looking forward to the new session. He encouraged the public to look at the list of committee vacancies and apply if they are interested, including for the new committee created tonight.

19. Executive Session

19.a Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) c Real Estate Matters

19.b Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) e Legal Matters

Motion to enter executive sessions at 9:05 pm by Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion passed.

Motion to exit to executive sessions at 9:57 pm by Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 pm by Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned