

**City of Biddeford**

**City Council**

**March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

**City Hall Council Chambers & Teams**

**1. Roll Call** - all present

Council President Beaupre

Councilor Lessard

Councilor Vadnais

Councilor Boston

Councilor Woods

Council Doughty

Councilor Kurtz

Councilor Pierson

Councilor Cote

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda**

One executive session for legal matters will be added to item 17.

**4. Proclamation**

*4.a Eid al-Fitr -Proclamation*

Mayor LaFountain read the proclamation.

**5. Presentation**

*5.a Superintendent Jeremy Ray - FY27 School Budget*

Superintendent Ray presented the budget.

## **6. Appointments**

*6.a 2026.34 Approval/ Mayoral Appointments to a Committee - Citizen*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

*6.b 2026.43 Approval/ Council Appointment of Interim Tax Assessor*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **7. Public Addressing the Council**

Delilah Poupore, Director of Heart of Biddeford, shared details for Restaurant Week this week.

One citizen spoke about the skate park.

One citizen spoke about the budget.

One citizen spoke about the flower planters.

## **8. Consideration of Minutes**

*8.a Council Minutes 3-3-26*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **9. Second Reading**

*9.a 2026.31 Revised Division 2 Emergency Medical Services Ordinance Sec. 30-26 through Sec. 30-30*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Public comment – one citizen asked about the revenue from this service. Fire Chief Best explained that it contributes to the overall cost but does not cover everything.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **10. Orders of the Day**

*10.a 2026.35 Approval of MOU with SMPDC to complete Comp Plan*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

One citizen spoke about the Comp Plan. Several councilors expressed support for the consultant help to meet the timelines.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

*10.b 2026.37 Approval - General Assistance Emergency Mutual Aid MOU with Saco*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

General Assistance Supervisor Jake Hammer reviewed the details of the MOU. Mayor LaFountain asked for an update next month.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

*10.c 2026.40 Approval Amend Household Waste Definition and 2 bag overflow limit per*

*week.*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Councilor Beaupre - motion to amend 58-4 -1 new text, remove from unacceptable waste: “hazardous waste; commercial or industrial waste”.

Second: Councilor Lessard

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

1 nay – Councilor Boston

Amendment passed.

Vote on the order as amended: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

#### *10.d 2026.42 Approval of Recreation Grant Projects*

Motion: Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Recreation Director Lisa Thompson reviewed the options for the grants and the timelines. Councilor Pierson- motion to accept Option 1 with the addition of the Clifford Park Trail Management Plan as listed in Option 2.

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

### **11. Public Addressing the Council**

One citizen spoke about St. Patrick’s Day.

### **12. City Manager Report**

City Manager Truc Dever provided staffing updates. She also went over key dates in the budget process.

### **13. Committee Updates by Council**

Councilor Woods gave an update on the Public Art Commission.

Councilor Kurtz gave an update on the Heart of Biddeford.

Councilor Boston gave an update on the IZ review schedule and progress.

#### **14. Other Business**

Councilor Kurtz recently had a ride along with the Fire Department. He thanked them for their work and was very impressed.

#### **15. Council President Addressing the Council**

Councilor President Beaupre spoke about the Comp Plan progress. He gave reminders for the upcoming Veterans, Policy and Traffic Committees.

#### **16. Mayor Addressing the Council**

Mayor LaFountain spoke about the Irish flag raising event today. He recently met with a second-grade class and they want people to stop littering. The students also provided input on recreation priorities. Mayor LaFountain congratulated the Biddeford/York/OOB hockey team for winning the state championship; also the Biddeford 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team for winning the New England championship. The current City Theater production is The Secret Garden. Tours are available for Councilors at the new York County EMS facility, let him know if you are interested.

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

Second: Councilor Woods

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

#### **17. Executive Session**

*17.a Executive Session under MRS 405 (6) A — Personnel Matters*

*Added MRS 405 (6) E - Legal Matters*

Motion to enter at 8:51 pm by Councilor Beaupre

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9:56 PM

Motion to come out of Executive Session: Councilor Woods

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **18. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 pm by Councilor Woods

Second: Councilor Lessard

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned.