



**City of Biddeford
City Council**

August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Teams

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City of Biddeford

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2026.117 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , AUGUST 18, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that I Liam LaFountain, Mayor of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Paul Therrien

Ward 7

As a member of the Veterans Committee

For a term to expire on July 31, 2029

Frederick Oliver

Ward 7

As a member of the Veterans Committee

For a term to expire on July 31, 2028

Eric Gates

Ward 3

As a member of the Veterans Committee

For a term to expire on July 31, 2028

Attest by: _____
Robin Patterson, City Clerk

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Paul Therrien

Pronouns Field not completed.

Ward 2

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(Section Break)

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

Veterans Committee

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I enjoy working with others to resolve problematic issues, to improve/enhance our community moving forward

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I am a retired 20-year United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), and a current member of the Biddeford Veterans Committee, appointed by Mayor Marty Grohman

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). Member and Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Commission - Mayoral Administration of Bonnie Belanger, Roger Norman, Jim Grately, Donna Dion, Wallace Nutting, Joanne Twomey, Alan Casavant

Chairman of the previous Charter Review Commission

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name FGREDERICK A OLIVER

Pronouns Field not completed.

Ward 7

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

Veterans Committee

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? As a disabled veteran I feel I have a lot to offer other veterans.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I was on the Ad Hoc Committee and would like to remain on the committee, I am a member of the American Legion Post 26 here in Biddeford.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). I am on the city's Airport committee now, and was a city employee for many years.

Committee, Board, and Commission Application Form

Application

Name Eric Gates

Pronouns Field not completed.

Ward 3

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

Veterans Committee

If other, please list below. Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving the City of Biddeford? I am a military veteran (1984-2011) and adopted Biddeford as my home in 2011. My life has been a nearly continuous call to serve. Biddeford has graciously given veterans an opportunity to be heard and recognized through the previous ad hoc Veterans Committee. Now as a permanent or standing committee, it is important to ensure the new Veterans Committee benefits from the work and ideas previously considered by the ad hoc committee. I am willing to help with this transition.

Please list any experience that may be pertinent to the Board or Committee in which you are requesting to serve. I am a retired member of the United States Air Force, having completed 27 years of service in field and headquarters assignments, in peace and combat. Additionally, I've served as the American Red Cross's Service to the Armed Forces Manager for the State of Maine (2015-2017) and interacted with a vast number of governmental and non-profit veteran service organizations. I appreciate the need to work alongside these various entities and leverage their capabilities for veterans in our community and not try to duplicate them.

Please list any prior experience serving on any public Boards, Commissions or Committees (and approximate dates). - Served as a municipal staff liaison to a citizen commission (staff liaison to Saco's Coastal Water Commission, 2012-2014).

- Member, vice chair of Biddeford ad hoc Veterans Committee (2024-2026).

City of Biddeford



2026.118 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , AUGUST 18, 2025
BE IT ORDERED, that I Liam LaFountain, Mayor of Biddeford, do hereby appoint:

Councilor Patricia Boston
Ward 1
To the Finance Committee

Councilor Jacob Pierson
Ward 6
To the Capital Projects & Operations Committee

Council President Roger P. Beaupre
Ward 3
As a non-voting member of the Veterans Committee

Attest by: _____
City Clerk

City of Biddeford
City Council Meeting
August 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers & Teams

1. Roll Call

Council President Beaupre: present

Councilor Boston: present

Councilor Woods: present

Councilor Doughty: present

Councilor Kurtz: excused

Councilor Pierson: present

Councilor Cote: present

Councilor Vadnais: present

Councilor Lessard: present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda

Mayor LaFountain removed the executive session from the agenda.

4. Recognition

4.a HR - Report to Council

Mayor LaFountain provided an update on July anniversaries, retirements, terminations, and new hires.

5. Appointments

5.a 2026.115 Approval- Acceptance of Resignation of Councilor Dylan Doughty - Ward 4

Motion to accept by Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Vadnais.

Vote: 7 Yeas, Councilor Doughty Nay

Motion passed.

6. Proclamation

6.a 2026 National Night Out

Council President Beaupre read the proclamation into the record.

7. Presentation

7.a CSO Presentation - Public Works Director, Jeff Demers

Thomas Milligan, Engineer Emeritus of the Department of Public Works, led the presentation.

7.b Update from Bond Counsel - Joseph Cutera

Joseph Cutera led the presentation.

8. Public Hearing

8.a Hakuna Matata Liquor License Public Hearing

None.

8.b Martini's on Main

None.

9. Liquor License Consideration

9.a Approval Hakuna Matata Liquor License

Motion: Council President Beaupre

Second: Councilor Boston.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

9.b Approval Martini's on Main Liquor License

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Cote.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Public Addressing the Council

Citizens from Ward 2, 4, and 5 asked the council to create a permanent memorial for Johan Sebastian Duran Guerrero.

Several citizens from Biddeford and Bangor spoke in support of Rift Arcade.

11. Consideration of Minutes

11.a Special City Council Meeting July 21, 2026 – Minutes

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Boston.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

11.b City Council Meeting July 28, 2026 – Minutes

Motion: Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Cote.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

12. Orders of the Day

12.a 2026.114 Fire Department DEA -Compliant Controlled Substance Management System Purchase

Motion: Councilor Woods.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

13. Public Addressing the Council

A citizen from Ward 4 asked council to create a memorial for Johan Sebastian Duran Guerrero and spoke in support of Rift Arcade.

A citizen from Ward 6 asked for transparency, accountability, and justice following the death of Johan Guerrero.

14. City Manager Report

City Manager Knight provided updates on the outstanding audits from past fiscal years, the access ramp to the City Theater, energy audits to city buildings, and upcoming paving projects in the city.

15. Committee Updates by Council

Councilor Boston provided updates from the Institutional Zone Committee and invited all to attend the Close the Gap ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Eastern Trail Project.

Councilor Lessard clarified the purpose of the Institutional Zone Committee and praised Councilor Boston and the Committee's efforts.

16. Other Business

Councilor Woods spoke about the installation of a permanent mural to honor Johan Guerrero and maintenance efforts on the existing temporary memorial. She also addressed permitting questions for Rift Arcade and housing affordability in the city.

Councilor Lessard discussed the ongoing response to the death of Johan Guerrero with regards to the use of public spaces.

17. Council President Addressing the Council

Council President Beaupre discussed the response to the death of Johan Guerrero, the Biddeford Police Department's involvement in the ensuing investigations, and the review of the ordinance governing temporary and permanent memorials, with particular attention to Mechanics Park.

Council President Beaupre also addressed current parking concerns and provided an update on the ongoing planning efforts for the former JFK School.

18. Mayor Addressing the Council

Mayor LaFountain recognized Maya Casada as a Biddeford Ambassador and reminded attendees of the upcoming Charter Committee Meeting and the Lester B. Orcutt Workshop. The Mayor also encouraged residents to apply to the Historic Preservation Committee, thanked Councilor Doughty for his service and outlined the process to fill the vacancy, and provided updates on the ongoing work following the death of Johan Sebastian Duran Guerrero.

19. Executive Session -1 MRS 405 (6) - Legal Matter

The Mayor announced that there were no matters to be discussed in Executive Session.

20. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Beaupre at 8:19 pm.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.



City Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Agenda Item 8.a

No:

Item 2026.98 Approval- Amendment to Council Rules Executive Session- Second

Description: Reading

Submitted By: Harry B. Center, II, Esq., City Solicitor

Key Terms:

Executive Summary:

An amendment to the Council Rules to allow the Council to extend any Council Meeting while in Executive Session, when there is no further Council votes or action other than adjournment.

Detailed Review:

As a matter of courtesy to the public, the City Council frequently holds Executive Sessions at the end of the agenda. The process usually involves an announcement to the public by the Mayor that the Council is voting to enter Executive Session and that there will be not action or vote following the Executive Session, other than to adjourn the meeting. The public access employee is excused, the video coverage of the meeting is ended, and the Council then works on whatever issue prompted the Executive Session. When this occurs past 9:00 pm, the Council is forced to engage in the cumbersome and time-consuming process of voting to move out of Executive Session, voting to extend the meeting, then re-entering Executive Session, presuming a vote to extend the meeting passes in accordance with the Council Rules.

Funding Source:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

N/A

Next Steps:

Amend the Council Rules if the Order is passed.

Attachments:

1. 2026.98 Approval- Amendment to Council Rules Executive Session- Second Reading

City of Biddeford



2026.98 IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... , JUNE 16, 2026 BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby approve amending Appendix A Rules of the City Council, Sec. A-1 Rule 1: Duties and Powers of Mayor or Presiding Officer by adding the following language in subsection i. in blue underline:

i The Mayor shall call regular meetings of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and regular meetings shall adjourn by 9:00 p.m. unless a majority of the Councilors present and voting, agree to extend the meeting for an additional hour to continue to 10:00 p.m. Beginning at 10:00 p.m., any motion to extend the meeting for one-hour increments shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. No extension past midnight shall be permitted unless all Councilors present vote unanimously to allow the meeting to continue beyond 12:00 a.m. If the Council is within Executive Session, this requirement may be satisfied by the Chair's taking of an informal poll of the Councilors. All regular and special meetings of the Council, including, but not limited to, Council workshops and public hearings, will be held in the Council chambers, unless a majority of the Councilors agree to a different location.

July 28, 2026

Motion to remove the Order from the Table by Council President Beaupre.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Passed.

Motion by Council President Beaupre to amend the Order by replacing the proposed amendment with: No motion to extend the meeting is required when the Council is in Executive Session.

Second: Councilor Lessard.

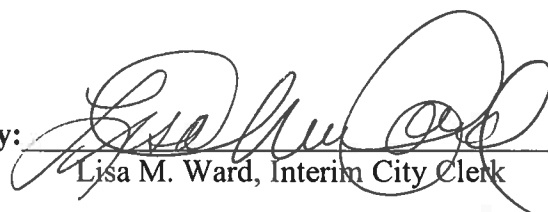
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Passed.

Vote to Approve as amended: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Attest by:


Lisa M. Ward, Interim City Clerk



City Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Agenda Item No: 9.a
Item Description: 2026.116 Approval- Special Event Fee Waiver -Recovery Revival
Submitted By: Roby Fecteau

Key Terms:

[ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL EVENTS - City of Biddeford, ME](#)

Executive Summary:

Recovery Revival will be holding a second annual event on September 12, 2026. The location is Mechanics Park.

Detailed Review:

Recovery Revival is seeking a fee waiver of Tier I permit fee. Pursuant to Article IV section 6-143, the City Council is the granting authority of fee waiver requests.

Funding Source:

\$100.00

Staff Recommendation:

NA

Next Steps:

NA

Attachments:

1. 2026.116 Approval - August 18th Recovery Revival-ORDER
2. Special Event Fee Waiver

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2026.116

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL... August 18, 2026

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby grant a permit fee waiver request of \$100.00 for a Recovery Revival pursuant to Chapter 6 Article IV Special Events sec 6-143

Attest by: _____

Fecteau, Roby

From: Chet Adams <chet.adams@bh-maine.com>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 8:01 AM
To: Fecteau, Roby
Cc: LaFountain, Liam
Subject: RE: RE: Special event fees
Attachments: file-001.png

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Roby,
I added this statement to the letter:

Dear Mr. Fecteau and the City of Biddeford Council,

I am requesting that the fees be waived for the Recovery Revival event at Mechanics Park. We are a non-profit organization looking to raise money for a community recovery center to be located in Biddeford.

The Biddeford Community Recovery Center, (BCRC) is looking to hold its second annual "Recovery Revival" at Mechanics Park.

The Recovery Revival is a fund-raising event to benefit the BCRC's efforts to create a Community Recovery Center in Biddeford. It will run from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday September 12th. (see attached flyer)

There will be several tables set out for vendors who have donated to the BCRC who will come and raise awareness of their own recovery related programs. There will be between fifteen and twenty tables, each with two chairs. There will also be a grill for hamburgers and hotdogs.

We will be setting up the "Hope Tree" which is a part of our fund-raising efforts and the symbol of our commitment to the local recovery community. We will have a microphone and speakers for both music (low volume) and for the speakers at this event. It is our hope that Mayor Liam LaFountain will be speaking at our event.

We will need access to an electrical outlet for the microphone and speakers.

We also explicitly ask that the sprinkler system in the park be turned off for the day. Last year they came on and had a significant effect on the tables, including pamphlets and other paperwork that was ruined.

Any assistance with parking would be appreciated but not necessary. Last year we were all able to get set up without incident.

We have a cleanup crew for when the event is completed. We will leave the park exactly as it is when we get there. There may be a couple of tent pegs used for anchoring things down, and these divots will also be fixed before we leave.

At its height last year, there was one hundred people at this event. We expect a similar turn out this year.

Thank you for allowing us to use this beautiful park to help us raise awareness both within the recovery community and with the general public.

Sincerely,

Chet B. Adams LADC, CCS

Board President for the BCRC

PS: Please turn off the sprinklers!

-Chet

From: Fecteau, Roby <Roby.Fecteau@Biddefordmaine.org>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 6:53 AM
To: Chet Adams <chet.adams@bh-maine.com>
Cc: LaFountain, Liam <Liam.LaFountain@Biddefordmaine.org>
Subject: RE: RE: Special event fees

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Good Morning Chet

Yes, I received the flyer advertising the event. If you are still requesting that the fees, be waived, I need a letter from you requesting that, so the council can review the request. I will let you know the date and time of the council meeting so you can address the request when the item comes up.

I need that letter this week as I'm going on vacation for 2 weeks.

thanks

Roby Fecteau
Director of Code Enforcement &
Emergency Management
City of Biddeford
205 Main Street Suite 104
Monday- Tuesday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

SECOND ANNUAL RECOVERY REVIVAL

OF YORK COUNTY

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF GROWTH, HEALING & CONNECTION

Open to all –
whether you're
in recovery,
supporting
someone, or
just part of the
community!



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BENEFIT THE
UPCOMING:


**BIDDEFORD COMMUNITY
RECOVERY CENTER**

SEPT. 12, 2026

11:00AM - 3:00PM

MECHANICS PARK, BIDDEFORD

MORE CONNECTION — LESS ADDICTION