



# City of Concord

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Monday, June 22, 2020

5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link:  
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*Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) - (c) to discuss the Manager's evaluation to be held following the Council meeting.*

1. Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**Action:** Mayor Bouley welcomed everyone to the June 22, 2020 Electronic Meeting of the City Council, indicating City Council was meeting electronically due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04. Mayor Bouley noted that, in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order, we have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing this meeting. He noted that instructions are provided on our agenda on the City of Concord's website at: <https://concordnh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. He further noted that Council was utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the City Council have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting, and the public has access to listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting via the following website address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86861843671>.

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Mayor Bouley noted that we would not be using the Chat function in Zoom for this meeting. He also noted that testimony is only allowed for agenda items that have been scheduled for a public hearing, and public participation is not authorized for the other items on the agenda.

Anyone having a problem accessing the meeting was advised to call 603-230-4619 or send an email to: [citycouncilmeeting@concordnh.gov](mailto:citycouncilmeeting@concordnh.gov).

The Mayor indicated that in the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting would be adjourned and rescheduled at that time.

All votes to be taken during this meeting will be done by roll call vote.

Mayor Bouley asked members of City Council, when stating their presence at the meeting, to please also state whether there was anyone in the room with them during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

### **Roll Call.**

**Action:** In accordance with the Right-to-Know law, Councilor Kretovic indicated that she was currently alone, stating that her husband Bill may walk through the room. Councilor Nyhan indicated that his son Joe was in the room with him. All

other members of City Council indicated they were alone.

**Present:** 15 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Nathan Fennessy, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Meredith Hatfield, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Linda Kenison, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Erle Pierce, Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins, Councilor Brent Todd, and Councilor Robert Werner

2. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

### **New Business**

3. Communication from Councilor Rice-Hawkins requesting City Council consider making a formal statement condemning racism and police brutality. (Communication from Councilor Nyhan submitted.)

Members of City Council met and discussed draft statements condemning racism and police brutality from Councilors Rice-Hawkins, Nyhan, Kretovic, Grady Sexton and Mayor Bouley with a goal of formalizing a statement from the whole Council in response to this national issue. Copies of all communications from Councilors Rice-Hawkins, Nyhan, Kretovic, Grady Sexton and Mayor Bouley are on file at the City Clerk's Office.

After lengthy discussion, members of City Council came up with the following statement against racism and police brutality.

"As Mayor and City Councilors, we condemn the senseless deaths of George Floyd and other Black Americans at the hands of police officers who violated their oaths to protect and serve. We pledge to use our voices and our policies to combat systemic racism, to listen to the experiences of community members most impacted, and to reflect on our own roles in how to address these challenges as we shape our path forward together."

"Every person in our community deserves to be able to count on fair and just treatment, especially within the leadership and institutions of our democracy. Our nation's long and harmful history of systemic racism and institutionalized discrimination requires all of us to work harder to actively address and challenge racism and bias."

"We also express our gratitude and appreciation of the Concord Police Department. Our community can be proud of its Police Department and its commitment to protect and serve the people of Concord."

"But we can always do better. Over the coming months, the City plans to convene community discussions and identify actionable steps to ensure that we are delivering on our commitment to racial justice. We will be undertaking a public review of our policing and use of force practices so that community members may feel confident in our approach. It makes sense, in this moment, to identify areas for improvement throughout City government. The work ahead is both immediate and long-term, as well as expansive. We will create inclusive forums for all voices that move us forward together."

Prior to entertaining a motion, Mayor Bouley thanked all members of Council for their patience and participation in crafting this important message. Mayor Bouley further stated that, in addition to the words on a piece of paper the Council just drafted, as leaders, City Council must work hard in the future, in the action phase, to bring about change.

**Action:** Councilor Rice Hawkins moved approval of the statement drafted by City Council. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Hatfield and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Yes:** 15 - Councilor Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilor Champlin, Councilor Fennessy, Councilor Grady Sexton, Councilor Hatfield, Councilor Keach, Councilor Kenison, Councilor Kretovic, Councilor Matson, Councilor Nyhan, Councilor Pierce, Councilor Rice Hawkins, Councilor Todd, and Councilor Werner

### **Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors**

### **Comments, Requests by the City Manager**

### **Adjournment**

**Action:** At 7:52 p.m., Councilor Kretovic moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) - (c) to discuss the Manager's evaluation, to be followed by a meeting with legal counsel. The motion was duly seconded and passed with a roll call vote.

**Yes:** 15 - Councilor Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilor Champlin, Councilor Fennessy, Councilor Grady Sexton, Councilor Hatfield, Councilor Keach, Councilor Kenison, Councilor Kretovic, Councilor Matson, Councilor Nyhan, Councilor Pierce, Councilor Rice Hawkins, Councilor Todd, and Councilor Werner

**Action:** Councilor Todd moved to exit the non-public session at approximately 10:20 p.m. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

After this motion, the electronic Zoom meeting timed out and was not able to be restarted.

**Yes:** 15 - Councilor Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilor Champlin, Councilor Fennessy, Councilor Grady Sexton, Councilor Hatfield, Councilor Keach, Councilor Kenison, Councilor Kretovic, Councilor Matson, Councilor Nyhan, Councilor Pierce, Councilor Rice Hawkins, Councilor Todd, and Councilor Werner

*A true copy; I attest:*

*Janice Bonenfant  
City Clerk*