



# City of Concord

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Monday, June 26, 2017

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
37 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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*Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II to discuss the City  
Manager's Annual Evaluation to be held at 6:00 p.m.*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

**Present:** 14 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Mark Coen, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Allan Herschlag, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Linda Kenison, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Dan St. Hilaire, Councilor Stephen Shurtleff, Councilor Brent Todd, and Councilor Robert Werner

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Gail Matson

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

June 5, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** Councilor Grady Sexton moved approval of the June 5, 2017 meeting minutes.

4. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

**Public Hearings**

5A. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2018 ending June 30, 2018.

**Action:** Mayor Bouley opened the public hearings for recessed items A through D.

There being no public testimony, the Mayor closed public hearing items A through D.

5B. Resolution amending the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the Fiscal Year 2018 ending June 30, 2018. (Revised resolution submitted)

**Action:** Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item A.

5C. Resolution for the bonded projects within the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) hereby authorizing and approving the expenditure of \$9,894,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$9,894,000 in bonds and notes for various capital projects. (Revised resolution and revised worksheet submitted for June 5th meeting) (Revised resolution and revised worksheet submitted for June 26th meeting)

**Action:** Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item A.

5D. Resolution for annual capital closeout and repurposing of capital project funds; together with a report from the Senior Accountant.

**Action:** Public hearing for this item taken with public hearing item A.

5E. Resolution adopting the Solar Energy Systems Exemption for the City of Concord pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:62: together with report from the Director of Real Estate Assessments. (Revised resolution submitted)

**Action:** City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

Councilor Werner noted that this item was unanimously endorsed by that Tax Exemption Policy Committee. He feels that in addition to the environmental aspect and the advantages of solar, this develops an economic development opportunity to the city. He feels that this may bring more companies into the city and also feels that this is a benefit for the community.

Councilor Nyhan recognized city staff for their work on this item. He feels that, financially, this is a good decision and urged Council to support this resolution.

Councilor Todd noted his support adding that there may be existing companies that want to do the right thing.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing. There being no public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearing.

**Public Hearing Action**

6. Resolution fixing and determining the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the fiscal year 2018 ending June 30, 2018.

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Councilor Champlin recused himself from voting on the Chamber of Commerce; Councilors Kretovic, Grady Sexton and Mayor Bouley recused themselves from voting on the Crisis Center of NH; Councilors Todd and Herschlag recused themselves from voting on the Penacook Community Center; Councilor Kretovic recused herself from voting on the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH).

7. Resolution amending the amount of money to be appropriated by the City of Concord for the Fiscal Year 2018 ending June 30, 2018. (Revised resolution submitted)

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the revised resolution. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Councilor Champlin recused himself from voting on the Chamber of Commerce; Councilors Kretovic, Grady Sexton and Mayor Bouley recused themselves from voting on the Crisis Center of NH; Councilors Todd and Herschlag recused themselves from voting on the Penacook Community Center; Councilor Kretovic recused herself from voting on the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH).

8. Resolution for the bonded projects within the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) hereby authorizing and approving the expenditure of \$9,894,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$9,894,000 in bonds and notes for various capital projects. (Revised resolution and revised worksheet submitted for June 5th meeting) (Revised resolution and revised worksheet submitted for June 26th meeting)

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the June 26th revised resolution. The motion was duly seconded and passed 14 to 0 on a roll call vote with Councilor Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilors Champlin, Coen, Grady Sexton, Herschlag, Keach, Kenison, Kretovic, Nyhan, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff, Todd and Werner voting yes.

9. Resolution for annual capital closeout and repurposing of capital project funds; together with a report from the Senior Accountant.

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

10. Resolution adopting the Solar Energy Systems Exemption for the City of Concord pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:62; together with report from the Director of Real Estate Assessments. (Revised resolution submitted)

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the June 26th revised resolution. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

### **New Business**

**Action:** Councilor St. Hilaire moved, in accordance with RSA 273-A:3, II(c), to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 between the International Association of Fire Fighters - Local 1045 ("IAFF") and the City of Concord. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

In regards to the City Manager's Performance Evaluation, Councilor St. Hilaire explained that by Charter, the City Council rates the City Manager's performance as either "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory".

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to give City Manager Tom Aspell a satisfactory rating. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Councilor Kretovic moved acceptance of the City Manager's proposed contract and increase his salary three percent and increase retirement to 9.5 percent. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. (The City Manager's contract is on file at the City Clerk's Office)

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

Councilor Shurtleff announced that on Friday, June 30th, at 10:00 a.m. the dedication of the John Winant Memorial will be held at the State Library.

Mayor Bouley recognized and noted his appreciation of City Manager Tom Aspell. He indicated that the city is run professionally by him and if Council could vote for something more than satisfactory they would do so. He stated that the adopted budget reflects a balance that they all struggle with and gives the manager the tools to run the city smoothly.

**Comments, Requests by the City Manager**

City Manager Tom Aspell thanked the Council for their vote and his contract. He additionally thanked staff.

**Adjournment**

The time being 7:26 p.m., Councilor Kretovic moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

*A true copy: I attest:*

*Michelle Mulholland  
Deputy City Clerk*

**Information**