



City of Concord

City Council

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 4, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
37 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

1. Call to Order.

Action: Mayor Champlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call.

Present: 14 - Councilor Stacey Brown, Mayor Byron Champlin, Councilor Nathan Fennessy, Councilor Jeff Foote, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Michele Horne, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Judith Kurtz, Councilor Paula McLaughlin, Councilor Karen McNamara, Councilor Jim Schlosser, Councilor Ali Sekou, and Councilor Brent Todd

Excused: 1 - Councilor Kris Schultz

3. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

4. 2024 - 2025 Priorities Discussion.

Action: Mayor Champlin distributed copies of potential 2024-2025 City Council priorities for discussion by members of City Council.

After general discussion, the following items were set as the City Council's top priorities and initiatives for 2024 - 2025.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES: 2024 - 2025

- Finance & Technology:
 - o Balance the Budget Minimizing Tax Rate Impact
 - o Maintain AA+ Bond Rating
 - o Maintain Compliance with Fiscal Policy Goals (Debt Ratio)
 - o Enterprise Resource Planning Implementation
 - o Assessing Full Measure & List
 - o Pursue Federal / State Funding
 - o Cost Containment - Health Insurance Costs
 - o Technology Infrastructure Projects

- Organizational:
 - o Recruitment & Retention
 - o Class & Compensation Study
 - o Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Belonging Implementation to prevent racism and discrimination in the community
 - o Solid Waste Contract Implementation
 - o Community Communication

- Housing / Homelessness - Continue to Enter in Public-Private Partnerships to Support Housing Projects (market rate / workforce / affordable) Utilizing Available Tools and Programs to Support Partners & Developers:
 - o RSA 79-E Community Tax Relief Incentives
 - o Community Development Block Grants
 - o Revolving Loan Fund Program
 - o Sale of City Owned Development Sites / Surplus Real Estate
 - o Zoning Amendments
 - o High Functioning, Coordinated, Quantified Approach to Homelessness with Public Updates
 - o Pursue City / County / State Partnerships

- Transportation & Utility Infrastructure; a system of systems
 - o Fully Fund Street Paving & Sidewalk Program
 - o New Airport Terminal
 - o Loudon Road Bridge
 - o Heights Sewer Improvement Project
 - o Broken Ground Water Booster Pump Station
 - o McKee Square
 - o I-93 Project w/ or w/out Bridge Deck (including Storrs Street Extension)
 - o State Parking Garages
 - o Public Transportation

- Community & Economic Development:
 - o Interim Zoning Amendments / Initiate Master Plan Update / Concord Next 2.0
 - o Implement Economic Development Advisory Committee
 - o Economic Development Website Overhaul / Digital Marketing

- Package
 - o Destination Marketing
 - o New Airport Terminal
 - o Heights Sewer Project
 - o Pursue Public / Private Partnerships
 - o Placemaking / Gateways / Community Art / Murals (Food Trucks)
 - o Regulatory Amendments - Review Charitable Gaming
 - o Mayor's Business Visitation Program
 - o Historic Preservation Initiatives

- Energy / Environment / Sustainability:
 - o Community Power Review
 - o Complete Solar Arrays at Old Turnpike Landfill / Hall Street Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - o Convert Remaining Ornamental Street Lights to LED
 - o EV Charging Stations (Parking Garages, Surface Lots, Parks)
 - o Energy Diversification / Efficiency
 - o Street Trees / Open Space

- Public Safety:
 - o New Police Station
 - o City Hall Campus Master Plan & Schematic Design
 - o Fire Gear Replacement
 - o Build Out Police Department Social Worker Staffing and Funding Options
 - o Community Policing
 - o Fire Department Equipment Replacement
 - o Continuous Improvement in Public Safety Effectiveness
 - o Recruitment / Retention

- Recreation & Leisure:
 - o Complete Construction of New Canal Street Riverfront Park
 - o White Park Inclusionary Playground
 - o Complete New Penacook Library & Activity Center (Divest 3 Merrimack Street)
 - o Memorial Field Design & Partnership Review
 - o Keach Park Lights

- o Bicentennial Square “Light Renovation” (Paver Replacement)
- o Merrimack River Greenway Trail (MRGT)
 - § Complete Purchase of Horseshoe Pond to Contoocook River
w/New Hampshire Department of Transportation
 - § Sunflower Field Section
- o Beaver Meadow Golf Course Club House Options
- o Garrison Park Pool
- o Terrill Park
- o Kiwanis Park Design
- o Identify Additional East Side Greenspace

5. Adjournment.

Action: At 7:45 PM, there being no additional Council business, Councilor Sekou moved approval to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A true copy, I attest:

*Elisabeth Harrington
Deputy City Clerk*