



# City of Concord

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 7, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
37 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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1. Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
2. Roll Call.

**Present:** 14 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Stacey Brown, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Nathan Fennessy, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Paula McLaughlin, Councilor Karen McNamara, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Erle Pierce, Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins, and Councilor Brent Todd

**Late:** 1 - Councilor Fred Keach

Councilor Champlin attended the meeting by phone indicating that he was alone in the room. Councilor Keach was late.

3. Agenda overview by the Mayor.
4. 2022 - 2023 Priorities Discussion.

**Action:** Mayor Bouley distributed copies of potential 2022-2023 City Council Priorities that he had drafted based on comments/information received from other members of City Council. Mayor Bouley indicated that he hoped the listing would be a good starting point for members of City Council to use to discuss and establish priorities for the next two years.

Following City Council discussion, Councilor Brown moved to set the following items as City Council's top priorities and/or initiatives for 2022-2023; information listed in a non-prioritized order. The motion was duly seconded and passed on with a roll call vote. All members of City Council voted yes on the motion.

#### **Calendar Year 2022 - 2023 Priorities**

Equity and responsible fiscal management are the guiding principles pertaining to all priorities listed below.

1. Balanced Budget Issues: FY 2023 and FY 2024
  - Eliminate Use of Fund Balance to Balance Budget
  - ARPA Strategy
  - Health Insurance Costs
  - Grant Funding Opportunities
  
2. Community-wide Economic Development Initiatives to Expand Tax Base
  - Bricks & Mortar: Pitco, Mazda, Employment Security, Sexton Ave, Steeplegate, Exit 17, Exit 13, Airport
  - Zoning Rewrite (Incentives)
  - Housing: Private Development - All Levels (Regional)
  - Economic Development Website Update
  - Downtown Business Investment
  - Outdoor Dining/Food Trucks
  - Fees/Rent Analysis
  
3. Public Safety Work
  - Fire Stations & Police Station Analysis
  - Enhance Emergency Management Services
  
4. Recreational/Cultural Opportunities/ Parks/Cemeteries
  - Library, Pools, Arena, BMGC, Trails, MRGT, Recreation Programming
  - Terrill, Kiwanis Park, Skate Area, Penacook River Front, Monkey Around Playground, Cemeteries, Recreational Corridor
  
5. Enhanced Community Events/Arts
  - More Partnerships
  
6. Sustainability Initiatives/Climate Change
  - Energy: LED Street Lights
  - Diversity
  - Workforce & Housing (Homelessness)
  - Essex Hydro
  - Renewable Energy
  - EV Charging Stations
  - Trees, Urban Canopy

## 7. Transportation

- I-93, Storrs Street, Stickney Ave
- MRGT
- Airport Terminal
- Sidewalks: Maintain/Recondition
- Projects: Langley & McKee Square

## Ongoing Initiatives

1. Former Tannery Site/Park
2. Enhanced Neighborhood Street Paving Program
3. Bridges: Loudon Road Bridge
4. Technology Infrastructure Improvements:
  - Cybersecurity
  - Network Security Engineer
  - Risk Assessment/Management/Training
  - Munis Module Implementation
  - Fiber Cable Replacement
5. Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors.
6. Comments, Requests by the City Manager.
7. Adjournment.

**Action:** At 8:38 p.m., Councilor Fennessy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

*A true copy: I attest:*

*Janice Bonenfant*  
*City Clerk*