



CITY OF BANGOR

Government Operations Committee Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Minutes

Councilors Present: Beck (Chair), Walker, Deane, Mallar, Fish (remotely)

Non-Committee Councilors: Leonard, Hawes, Carson, Faloon

Staff: C. O'Donnell, J. Doyle, C. Lear, A. Krieg, J. Davis, J. Saavedra

Opened: 5:32

1. Letter of Support Request – PCHC

City Manager Lear explained why this was added last minute. PCHC is requesting letter of support from us for a grant application to the Maine Cancer Foundation's 2026 Cancer Screening grant program.

Councilor Walker made a motion to approve, Councilor Deane seconded. Roll call vote was taken, all in favor.

2. Proposed Ordinance on Advisory Committee on Homelessness and Housing

CM Lear introduced this item. Councilor Beck had circulated a redlined version and postponed the discussion to allow more time to review. CM Lear and Councilor Beck collaborated on an updated version attempting to reduce the need to go line by line. The memo explains the three areas that Council discussed and are needed for direction. That draft order that accompanies that memo.

There was discussion on the number of members needed and if subcommittees were needed. Followed by discussion of separating out the two committees and potential overlap. It was suggested that the item return in early March. It was determined to bring the Committee on Homelessness back first and then the Housing Committee discussion at a following meeting.

CM Lear asked for clarification about the criteria for slots regarding a person experiencing homeless and from the school. She suggested it be superintendent or designee. The item(s) will return for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.