

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BANGOR CITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
Chaired by Council Chair Hawes
Councilors Absent: None
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM*

PROCLAMATION

Proclaimed September as National Recovery Month

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Coe thanked the City Council for the proclamation and also for supporting the bus service.

Mike Furrow spoke regarding homelessness and the need for more accountability.

Teresa Fallon felt the homeless problem could be addressed without demonizing the people and that intentionally instigating does nothing to solve the problem. She felt realistic pathways needed to be created for better outcomes.

Suzette Furrow felt projects needed to go to other service centers as Bangor could not handle what it has now.

Scott Pardy stated the root of the problem was the unchecked drug epidemic and there needed to be decisive structured intervention for fundamental change.

Phil Henry wanted an audit of programs to show results and full costs.

James Gallagher requested that City Councilors be seen in the downtown area.

Jacqueline Smallwood spoke regarding BanAir and the need for appointment of committee members before the board proceeds any further.

Catherine Devine didn't want money to go to projects that enabled drug use and felt the Council was not listening to the people.

Melissa Pelzawitz cautioned about forcing people into institutions as it was unconstitutional as people have rights.

Beth Haggerty stated that everyone was in this together and needed to work together for a solution.

Dr. Brian Calfman and Dr. Eric Wise asked the Council to reconsider their stance on the Main Street property.

Jeff Forney questioned why the Council wanted the property at 103 Main Street and asked that the decision to exercise the City's right of first refusal be postponed until a cost/benefit analysis could be conducted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO.

ASSIGNED TO COUNCILOR

**Explanatory Note: All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the City Council by one motion without discussion or deliberation. Any member of the public may request that the Council remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. An item will only be removed if a City Councilor requests its removal to New Business.*

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**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO.**

**ASSIGNED TO
COUNCILOR**

MINUTES OF: *Bangor City Council Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026, and Business and Economic Development Committee Meeting of July 20, 2026*

Action: Approved

26-263 **ORDER** *Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 28 William Street* **FALOON**

Action: Passed

26-264 **ORDER** *Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 70 Thatcher Street* **CARSON**

Action: Passed

26-265 **ORDER** *Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 1579 Union Street* **LEONARD**

Action: Passed

26-266 **ORDER** *Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Bill of Sale for Real Estate Located at 159 Holiday Park* **BECK**

Action: Passed

26-267 **ORDER** *Authorizing Revisions to Ambulance Service Policy Hereinafter Referred to as the Emergency Medical Services Transport Plan* **DEANE**

Action: Passed

26-268 **ORDER** *Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Temporary Land Lease for Two Lot Locations as Described Below, to General Electric Company* **MALLAR**

Action: Passed

26-269 **ORDER** *Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Athena Health for Electronic Health Record and Medical Billing Services for Bangor Public Health and Community Services* **FISH**

Action: Passed

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REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE AND FIRST READING			ASSIGNED TO
ITEM NO.			COUNCILOR
	<i>It was previously determined that Councilor Beck has a conflict of interest regarding Resolve 26-272. Councilor Beck left the meeting.</i>		
<u>26-270</u>	<u>ORDINANCE</u>	Moratorium Extension Ordinance on Data Centers in the City of Bangor, Maine	CARSON
	<i>Action: First Reading</i>		
<u>26-271</u>	<u>RESOLVE</u>	Accepting and Appropriating an Airport Improvement Grant Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Program in the Amount of \$5,534,795 from the FAA, \$145,652.50 from MDOT, and \$575,578.50 Local Match for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A and Taxiway M at Bangor International Airport	LEONARD
	<i>Action: First Reading</i>		
<u>26-272</u>	<u>RESOLVE</u>	Appropriating \$7,000 from Bangor Opioid Settlement Unspent Funds to the Together Place	LEONARD
	<i>Action: First Reading</i>		
<u>26-273</u>	<u>RESOLVE</u>	Amending Council Resolve 26-195 Making an Appropriation for the Total School Budget for the Bangor School Department as Required by 20-A MRSA Section 15690 4 A	MALLAR
	<i>Action: First Reading</i>		
<u>26-274</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	Authorizing Issuance of up to \$1,400,000 of the City's Bonds to Purchase Land and Improvements Located at 103 Maine Avenue and a Tax Levy Therefor	LEONARD
	<i>Action: First Reading and Referral to Finance Committee on September 21, 2026</i>		
UNFINISHED BUSINESS			ASSIGNED TO
ITEM NO.			COUNCILOR

Councilor Beck returned to the meeting.

<u>26-253</u>	<u>RESOLVE</u>	Accepting and Appropriating up to \$300,000 from MaineHousing with a \$126,000 Match from Bangor Opioid Settlement Unspent Funds to Support Project HOPE	BECK
	<i>Hilari Simmons, Michael Furrow, James Gallagher, Jacqueline Smallwood, Scott Pardy, Phil Henry, Tyler Shanahan spoke against the Resolve.</i>		
	<i>Katie Coe felt a postponement made sense.</i>		

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ITEM NO.

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Action: *Motion made and seconded to Postpone to the September 28, 2026, City Council meeting.*
Vote: 8 – 1
Councilors Voting Yes: Carson, Deane, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes
Councilors Voting No: Beck
Passed to Postpone

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM NO.

ASSIGNED TO
COUNCILOR

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application for Special Amusement Permit of 81 Park Street LLC d/b/a The Tarratine, 81 Park Street

BECK

Action: *Motion made and seconded to Open Public Hearing*
Public Hearing Opened
Motion made and seconded to Close Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed
Motion made and seconded for Approval
Approved

PUBLIC HEARING:

Application for Special Amusement Permit of Giri Bangor Holiday Inc. d/b/a Holiday Inn, 404 Odlin Road

BECK

Action: *Motion made and seconded to Open Public Hearing*
Public Hearing Opened
Motion made and seconded to Close Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed
Motion made and seconded for Approval
Approved

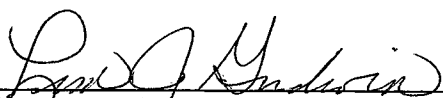
PUBLIC HEARING:

Application for Special Amusement Permit of Las Palapas Mexican Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Las Palapas Mexican Restaurant, 8 Bangor Mall Boulevard

BECK

Action: *Motion made and seconded to Open Public Hearing*
Public Hearing Opened
Motion made and seconded to Close Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed
Motion made and seconded for Approval
Approved

ATTEST:


Lisa J. Goodwin, MMC, City Clerk