



**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL (ROOM 114)
125 STROUDWATER ST.**



I. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by City Clerk Ellis Ledoux and he read the City Council Land Acknowledgment statement into the record.

II. ROLL CALL

City Councilors Present: Michael Shaughnessy (At-Large, Vice-President) via Zoom, Brian McCambridge (Ward 1), Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3), Victor Chau (Ward 2), Amy Faulkingham (Ward 4), Gary Rairdon (At-Large)

City Councilors Absent: Jennifer Munro (Ward 5, President)

Other City Officials Present: Joyce Bobe (Student Representative), Jerre Bryant (Interim Director of Economic & Community Development), Eric Dudley (Director of Engineering & Public Services), Jennie Franceschi (Director of Planning & Code Enforcement), Tressina Germani (Finance Director), Greg Hamilton (Director of Emergency Communications & IT), Angela Holmes (City Administrator), Ellis Ledoux (City Clerk), Joanne LePauloue (Director of Human Resources), David Morse (Mayor), Greg Post (Director of Community Services), Monique Cornett (Deputy Director of Economic Development), Katherine Kelley (Wastewater Manager), Steve Goldberg (Police Department Captain), Kristin Collins (Legal Counsel)

In the absence of the City Council President & Vice President. City Clerk Ledoux asked for nominations for a President Pro-Tempore

Motion to approve Councilor Chau as President Pro-Tempore

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Faulkingham

Motion carried. Vote (6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

City Clerk Ledoux gave the floor to President Pro-Tempore Chau to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

V. MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Morse read his message into the record. The snippets are included below:

- The Worker's Compensation Premium for 2026 will be: \$360,373.00
- County Federal Marshall Inmate Contract to exclude ICE detainees : Potential fiscal impact on taxpayers. The anticipated with funding 5.37% without 13.7%
- Public Services will be collecting holiday tress: 12/29/2025-01/12/2026
- Garbage collection has been an issue in the city over the past couple of weeks. The Mayor has asked for a meeting with Casella to discuss future operations. Eric Dudley (Director of Public Services & Engineering) discussed the issues over the last few weeks. The following spoke: Councilor Turcotte

VI. CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

City Council President Munro opened the floor for City Council messages. Councilors provided the following updates:

- Councilor Turcotte wished everyone a Merry Christmas

VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

There was no Student Representative update.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for the first public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: Carson Wood (20 Foster St.),

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for consideration.

X. ORDERS OF THE DAY (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

Order 2025-169. Authorizing Salary Adjustment for Full-Time, Non-Union Employees

Order 2025-170. Authorizing Expenditure for Police Department Lateral Hire Reimbursement

Order 2025-171. Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of Maine Bureau of Highway Safety Traffic Enforcement Grant Funds

Motion to approve second and final reading of Orders 2025-169 through 2025-171

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Turcotte

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau asked if any Councilor would like to consider any item separately. No one spoke.

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke.

Motion carried. Order 2025–169 through 2025-171 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Business Licenses

Approving Liquor License for Town Line Diner, located at 1575 Bridgton Road

A public hearing on this item was held. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Portland Press Herald on December 30, 2025, posted to the City of Westbrook's website, and was posted in City Hall.

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the public hearing. The following individuals spoke: Joshua Gelston (owner)

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve the liquor license.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Turcotte

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rairdon, President Pro-Tempore Chau

Motion carried. Liquor license approved. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Resolves (One Reading Required)

Resolve 2026-01. Approving Annual Appointment of Warden & Ward Clerks for 2026

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Faulkingham

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Ellis Ledoux (City Clerk), Councilor Turcotte

Motion carried. Resolve 2026- 01 adopted. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Resolve 2026-02. Confirming Reappointments to Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Board

Motion to recuse Councilor Turcotte on this item.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Rairdon

Motion carried. Vote (6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded Councilor Rairdon

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rairdon

Motion carried. Resolve 2026- 02 adopted. (Vote 5-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Abstained: Turcotte

Orders (One Reading Required)

Order 2026-01. Amending the Code of Ordinances, Section 310-71, *Vehicle actions prohibited in certain places*, and Section 310-106, *Schedule II Parking Prohibited*, Regarding Foster Street Parking

Motion to approve the first and final reading of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor McCambridge, seconded by Councilor Turcotte

Motion to amend the legislation to change language to "Loading and Unloading Zone"

Moved by Rairdon, seconded by Chau

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rairdon, Mayor Morse, Eric Dudley (Director of Public Services & Engineering), President Pro-Tempore Chau, Councilor Turcotte, Carson Wood (20 Foster St.)

Motion to amend the legislation to change language from the crosswalk to the end of Foster Street to read "2 Hour Parking"

Moved by Council Rairdon, no second on motion.

Motion fails.

The item reverts to its original motion with no amendments.

Public Comment on original motion: Carson Wood (20 Foster St.), Eric Dudley (Director of Public Services & Engineering)

Motion carried. Order 2026-01 adopted. (Vote 5-1-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham

Nays: Rairdon

Absent: Munro

Orders (Two Readings Required)

Order 2026-02. Approving Purchase of Rifle Suppressors for Police Department

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Rairdon

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Turcotte, Captain Goldberg,

Motion carried. First reading approved. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Order 2026-03. Authorizing Purchase of Annual CCTV Software Subscription for Wastewater Division & Amending Order 2025-89 Regarding FY 2025-2026 Annual Vendor Lists

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor McCambridge, seconded by Councilor Turcotte

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following

individuals spoke: No one spoke

Motion carried. First reading approved. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

Order 2026-04. Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Utility Tractor & Rotary Broom

Motion to approve the first of two readings of the legislation.

Moved by Councilor Rairdon, seconded by Councilor Turcotte

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for comments on the motion. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke.

Motion carried. First reading approved. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council President Pro-Tempore Chau opened the floor for the second and final public comment portion of this meeting. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

XIII. REFERRALS

There were no referrals for consideration.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following items remain in their City Council Committees for deliberation. No updates were provided by Committee Chairs.

Committee of the Whole

Residential Landlord Registration

Remote Participation Policy

Facilities & Streets Committee

Austin Street Extension

Central Street Traffic Concerns

Establishment of Memorial Area

Haskell Street Traffic Calming

Policy on Establishing Memorial Areas

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405-6(E) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation. The following individuals are invited to attend: Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, Director of Planning & Code Enforcement, Director of Economic & Community Development, Deputy Director of Economic & Community Development, and Legal Counsel.

Motion to enter into Executive Session as stated above.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Rairdon

Motion carried. First reading approved. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Shaughnessy, McCambridge, Chau, Turcotte, Faulkingham, Rairdon

Nays: None

Absent: Munro

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The council meeting was adjourned directly from the Executive Session.

All in favor. None opposed.