

**Housing & Economic
Development Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM



MEMBERS

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Councilor Kate Sykes
Councilor Sarah Michniewicz

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1. **Discussion: Staff presentation of 2024 Annual Housing Report - Kevin Kraft and Victoria Volent**
 - a. See attached 2024 Annual Housing Report
 - b. 2024 Housing Report - Staff Powerpoint Presentation at Meeting
2. **Communication: Quarter 1 (1/1/2025-3/31/2025) Rent Control Report - Jessica Hanscombe**
 - a. See attached Report.
3. **Consideration: FY2025 Agreement for the Portland Tourism Development District and vote on a recommendation to the City Council for approval - Greg Watson and Lynn Tillotson**
 - a. See attached Memoranda and backup.
NOTE: Public Comment on this item was accepted at the April 15, 2025, meeting and is not required to be taken at this meeting.
4. **Consideration: Review and vote on a recommendation to the City Council regarding Minimum Wage Policy - Councilors Regina Phillips and Kate Sykes**
 - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
NOTE: Public Comment on this item was accepted at the March 20, 2025, and April 15, 2025, meeting and is not required to be taken at this meeting.
 - b. Public Comment attached.
5. **Consideration: Proposed Commercial Vacancy Program and vote on a recommendation to the City Council for approval - Greg Watson**
 - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
NOTE: Public Comment on this item was accepted at the April 15, 2025, meeting and is not required to be taken at this meeting.
6. **(Public Comment) Consideration: Review and vote to recommend to the City Council an Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District and Credit Enhancement Agreement for Front Street Phase III - Mary Davis**
 - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
NOTE: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) and (F) and 5 M.R.S.A. 13119-A, the Committee may go into executive session to review confidential material and provide direction to staff.

7. Communication: Update on the Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Allocations for Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME"), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program - Mary Davis and Rowen McAllister

- a. See attached Memorandum.

Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2025