

**Housing & Economic  
Development Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM



**MEMBERS**  
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1. **Review and accept Minutes of previous meeting held on July 15, 2025.**
  - a. See attached draft meeting Minutes.
2. **(Public Comment) Review and recommendation to the City Council regarding request by the VFW to waive Poker License Fee - Zach Lenhart**
  - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
  - b. See attached 2025 License Fees
3. **(Public Comment) Review and recommendation to the City Council Agreement for 2026 Back Cove Festival - Ethan Hipple**
  - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
  - b. Public Comment Received
4. **Discussion: Restaurant industry workforce and labor issues - Review Downtown Transit Oriented Development Tax Increment Financing District eligible uses for potential ways to assist the restaurant industry - Greg Watson**
  - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.
5. **Communication Only: Quarter 2 Rent Control Report**
  - a. See attached Q2 Rent Control Report.
6. **(Public Comment) Review and recommendation to the City Council regarding the issuance of an RFP for a Licensed Early Childhood Education Provider at City-owned property known as BC2 - Dena Libner**
  - a. See attached Memoranda and backup.
7. **Oral Communication: HEDC to discuss Performance Hall Moratorium at its October 21, 2025, meeting.**
8. **(Public Comment) Review and recommendation to the City Council on a request for loan funding from the Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund for Lambert Woods North/622 Auburn Street - Mary Davis**
  - a. See attached Memorandum and backup.

**9. (Public Comment) Review and recommendation to the City Council of approval of an Amendment to the Declaration of Condominium for Dougherty Commons Phase - Mary Davis**

a. See attached Memorandum and backup.

**10. Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(C) and 5 M.R.S.A. 13119-A, the Committee will go into executive session to provide direction to staff regarding the disposition of City-owned property at 21 Randall Street - Mary Davis**

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2025