



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MEETING TO BE HELD REMOTELY

DATE: January 26, 2021

TIME: 5:00 PM

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The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 5:00 PM. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom. Virtual meetings are allowed using emergency legislation approved by LD 2167; 1 M.R.S. §403A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online.

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DETAILED WORKSHOP AGENDA

Workshop Agenda

COMMITTEE WORK PLANS

Legislative/Nominating Committee

Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

Housing and Economic Development Committee

Sustainability and Transportation Committee

Finance Committee

City of Portland City Council Workshop Session Agenda
Connecting Council Operating Principles and Goals to Committee Work
January 26, 2021
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Desired Outcomes

By the end of this session, we will have:

- Agreement on:
 - The role of Council Committees in supporting the accomplishment of shared 2021 Council goals;
 - How issues unrelated to the 2021 shared Council goals will be considered as they surface throughout the year.

What	When
Getting Grounded ▪ Welcome, Agenda Review (Carole Martin) ▪ Context Setting – high level review of Operating Principles and Goals (Mayor Snyder)	5:00 – 5:10
Getting Underway ▪ Committee Work Plan Review and Discussion: ● Chair reports re: ○ Outlining concrete connections to the 2021 Council goals ○ Recognizing potential opportunities for alignment between committees ▪ Finance ▪ Housing & Economic Development ▪ Health & Human Services ▪ Sustainability & Transportation ▪ Legislative & Nominating ▪ Approach to considering issues and opportunities that emerge throughout the year: ● Putting our Operating Principles to work; ● Identifying a communications process for use by all; ● Using Committees to help navigate issues.	5:10 – 6:25
Wrapping Up ▪ Next Steps:	6:25 – 6:30

Legislative/Nominating Committee 2021 WORK PLAN

Committee Goals

- Review Committee goals in context of Council goals
- Review interview questions and process for nominating activities
- Develop strategy to engage and collaborate with Portland delegation to Augusta
- Finetune work plan / communications / organizational process re: nominating work
- Establishing support and focus of City Clerk, City Manager, and Corporation Counsel
- Connect with policy stakeholders (Portland delegation, school board)

Committee Activity by Quarter

Q1 (January through March)

- Review State legislation
- Staff develop Federal priorities memo for Committee review
- Review/interview applicants to boards/commissions
- Review nominating work scheduling and process
- Ensuring legislative priorities align with Council goals

Q2 (April through June)

- Charter Commission election
- Any open board/commission seats and nominating work
- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination work process
- Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections

Q3 (July through September)

- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination outreach process

Q4 (October through December)

- Staff develop State priorities memo for Committee review (November)
- Committee requests councilors' input on State/Federal priorities (November)

Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

Councilor Tae Chong, District 3, Chair

Councilor Belinda Ray, District 1

Councilor Mark Dion, District 5

2021 Workplan

- 1. Shelter Licensing – Licensing and small shelter zoning to increase access to emergency shelter throughout the city with a goal to engage in community process and transparency.**
- 2. Overdose Prevention – Look at all aspects of overdose prevention including but not limited to pathways for safe injection sites, needle exchange program, harm reduction programs, sober housing and medical and behavior programs that address SUDs.**
- 3. The city’s new Homeless Services Center (replacement for the OSS) – Planning, Design, Construction – weekly updates and progress – create transparent process**
- 4. Shelter Policy –revisit the shelter policies including CTO, the City Council voted to adopt before the pandemic to see if the realities of COVID-19 necessitate revision.**
- 5. Mental Health – Cultivate public education, outreach, and supports as our community experiences Covid related disruptions and stress with specific regard to anxiety, mental health and substance use and a special emphasis on programs for school age and isolated elderly and nearly populations.**
- 6. Public Restrooms – Find a long term solution to provide public restrooms in the city to respect the human dignity of all people.**
- 7. Unsheltered Homelessness – Learn about the population of people resistant to sleeping in emergency shelters and how to better serve them.**
- 8. General Assistance – Regional Strategies for General Assistance to ease burden on city shelters and area services.**



CITY OF PORTLAND
Housing and Economic Development Department
Gregory A. Mitchell, Director

2021 Housing and Economic Development Committee Work Plan
As Approved at the January 19, 2021, Committee Meeting

Below is the Housing and Economic Development Committee (HEDC) Work Plan for Calendar Year 2021 as approved at the January 19, 2021, HEDC meeting, with the caveat that it may evolve throughout the year based on issues arising.

Economic Development Policy

- City/School-wide approach to procurement that focuses on locally owned businesses (Phoenix, AZ as example).
- Explore Neighborhood Identity/Branding
- Explore Post-Pandemic Business Retention programs and approaches including outdoor dining and retail
- Continue Tax Increment Financing (TIF) investment in workforce training

Rent Control Referenda

- Presentation, Overview, and Discussion with the Rental Housing Advisory Committee for Committee input and Committee Direction

Affordable Housing Policy and Budgets

- Housing Program Budget
- 2021 Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan
- Affordable Housing TIF CEA and Affordable Housing Development Fund Applications for City Housing Trust and HOME Funds - with a focus on developing housing for households between 60% and 100% of the area median income
- Encourage developers seeking assistance through the City's Affordable Housing Development and/or TIF Programs to participate in the Section 8 Family Self Sufficiency Program
- Encourage housing development that supports the Comprehensive Plan goal for development along major thoroughfares off peninsula

- Review and Discussion of Possible City TIF Policy Amendments consistent with the Green New Deal Referendum and Other Staff Recommendations
- Evaluate the use of the American Community Survey Portland Family Median Income vs. the HUD Portland Metro Area Median Income as the income metric for city funding resources.

Affordable Housing Public-Private Partnerships

- 45 Brown Street Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) Request
- Other Affordable Housing TIF CEA Requests
- Possible City TIF Policy Amendments consistent with the Green New Deal Referendum and Other Staff Recommendations
- Review and Vote to Approve Funding Requests Received from the Affordable Housing Development Fund Applications for City Housing Trust and HOME Funds
- Review city surplus property to sell/lease to support affordable housing

Real Estate Transactions

- 21 Randall Street Purchase & Sale (P&S) Agreement
- 43/91 Douglass Street P&S Agreement
- Proposal Review and Developer Selection for the City-owned 622 Auburn Street and 0 Gray Road Property followed by P&S Agreement

Annual Reports and Actions

- Presentation of 2021 Housing Report
- Communication Item - FY21 HUD Annual Allocation Plan
- City TIF District Annual Activity Report
- Committee Annual Accomplishment Report
- Presentation, Annual Overview and Integrated Report from Permitting and Inspections and Fire Department re: Short-term and Long-term Rental Housing Safety & Inspection Program - Implementation and Financial Report
- Portland Downtown Annual Budget, Work Plan and City Agreement
- Communication Item: Community Development Week – April 5-9, 2021/Fair Housing Month

Sustainability & Transportation Committee

Councilor Belinda Ray, District 1, Chair

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, District 2

Councilor Andrew Zarro, District 4

Sustainability & Transportation 2021 Workplan – A Living Document

MEETING DATE	PRIMARY FOCUSES	WORKPLAN ITEMS Council Goal(s)* addressed in parenthesis
Jan 14	Review of OCF Short-Term Action Items; 2021 Workplan	1) Review One Climate Future (OCF) short-term actions and identify steps the Committee can take in 2021 (4, 5) 2) Review Green New Deal citizen referendum to identify congruence/conflict with OCF and recommend changes as necessary (5) 3) Engage with the ReCode process to advance land use goals identified in OCF (4, 5) 4) Explore the creation of a Sustainability Fund to ensure the City has money available for implementation of the OCF plan (3,4,5) 5) Review “shovel ready” and “shovel worthy” City plans to help prioritize COP infrastructure projects for potential future funding (3, 5) 6) Review and recommend amendments to the sidewalk material policy (3,5) 7) Engage with Metro, NNEPRA, GPCOG, et al. to explore ways to improve transit service (2, 5) 8) Develop an energy disclosure ordinance to require landlords to disclose energy costs to tenants prior to leasing and property owners to disclose energy costs for homes and buildings prior to sale (2, 5) 9) Build on the Heritage Tree ordinance to expand the City’s urban tree canopy, particularly in the parts of the City with the fewest trees (4, 5) 10) Look at carry over items from 2020 (e.g., single use plastics, fertilizer ordinance) and determine whether they remain priorities at this time (5)
Feb 17	Metro Peninsula Loop Reboot update; COP Infrastructure Priorities; Green New Deal analysis	
Mar 17	Transit Tomorrow Vision; OCF 2021 potential committee actions	
Apr 21	Topic TBD	
May 19	Topic TBD	
Jun 16	Topic TBD	
Jul 21	Topic TBD	
Aug 18	Topic TBD	
Sep 15	Topic TBD	
Oct 20	Topic TBD	
Nov 17	Topic TBD	

* Council Goals listed on reverse

Items on which the committee anticipates getting updates during the year:

- Implementation of the One Climate Future plan and sustainability related initiatives/legislation.
- METRO Peninsula Loop Reboot
- Transit Tomorrow Vision
- Portland Transportation Center plans for potential relocation
- PMAC Annual Report and recommendations regarding fertilizers/analysis of SoPo fertilizer ban
- MLK Memorial – Subcommittee results and next steps
- Tree Canopy status, comparison with previous years
- South Portland-Portland Ferry Service
- Ocean Avenue Landfill groundwater/well tests
- Carbon Pricing – Federal Legislation
- GPCOG Project Development Fund

Council Goals for 2020/2021 Council Year (initially set on December 13, 2020)

- 1) Continue effort to reduce homelessness, assist people experiencing homelessness through city, regional and state efforts.
- 2) Increase access to rental and home ownership that is safe, affordable, and accessible, with emphasis on elders and covid-related market conditions.
- 3) Address the high property tax burden in Portland by passing an affordable combined school/city budget and pursuing other revenue sources, with economic stability and small business survival as key considerations.
- 4) Make human dignity a top priority by establishing policies, practices and partnerships within the city and at the state and regional levels.
 - Encourage widespread adoption of anti-racism, anti-bias, anti-discrimination practices.
 - Build awareness about the importance of mental health for people of all ages and support community agency efforts to reach those in need of services.
 - Work collaboratively to establish harm reduction strategies for those experiencing substance use disorder.
- 5) Showcase and advance the climate change and sustainability efforts underway in the city.
 - Increase public transit infrastructure and capacity in the city.

Finance Committee 2021 Work Plan - DRAFT

As originally discussed at 1/21/21 Finance Committee Meeting

- 1) Address the high property tax burden in Portland by passing an affordable combined school/city budget and pursuing other revenue sources, with economic stability and small business survival as key considerations.
- 2) Address the high property tax burden in Portland by passing an affordable Capital Improvement Plan budget during 2021 which will not add to existing levels of budgeted debt service.
- 3) Review FY21 audited results when available and continue to periodically review the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on City operations and revenues.
- 4) Discussion and presentation of staff plans for Pension Obligation Bond retirement in 2026
- 5) Overall TIFs Review and How TIF Funding Can Be Allocated
- 6) Discuss Financing of a New Shelter (operating and capital)