



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL
389 CONGRESS STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

DATE: January 28, 2019

TIME: 5:00 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

City Council Strategic Planning

1. Goal Settings

EDC Goals
Finance Committee Goals
HHS Goals
Housing Goals
Legislative Goals
Mayor's Goals
Sustainability and Transportation Goals

2. Budget Guidance

3. Adjourn

Economic Development Committee

- Waterfront Working Group
- Maine State Pier/Portland Ocean Terminal Redevelopment
- Marijuana regulations
- City Workforce Development Program Design and Funds through use of tax increment financing revenue
- Improved Broadband Access
- Amethyst Lot/Portland Landing
- Possible Portland Transportation Center (PTC) Expansion
- City of Portland Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)/Services in Lieu of Taxes (SILOT) Policy
- Outside Dining Seating

Finance Committee:

- Begin conversation about long term, big picture, implications when the Pension Obligation Bond is retired
- TIF District revenues and how allocated
- Capitalization of Housing Trust Fund
- Finish work on proposed Responsible Contractor Ordinance
- Finish work on proposed Disparity Study
- Review Fund Balance Policy
- Review Debt Management Policy

Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee

Councilor Belinda Ray, District 1, Chair

Councilor Brian Batson, District 3

Councilor Pious Ali, At-Large

Workplan Information for 2019 Council Goal Setting Session:

The committee's early 2019 Work Plan consists of active items that are being carried over from 2018. These items will likely make up the first five months of the committee's work .

The items listed as "Other Committee Priorities" are priorities from past years as well. We hope to tackle one or more of them in the 2019 Council year, after closing out old items.

MEETING DATE	PRIMARY FOCUS	OTHER COMMITTEE PRIORITIES
Jan. 8, 2019	Earned Paid Sick Leave (EPSL)	Small Shelter Zoning (2017): (in limbo after the Planning Board declined to act on it without licensing regulations also determined in 2017); this may be addressed in conjunction with HSC if/when appropriate Opioid Epidemic (2018): Discussion around Safe Consumption Sites / Comprehensive User Engagement Sites Sober/Recovery Housing (2017): Regulation or Accreditation Process
Jan.22, 2019	Homeless Services Center (HSC)	
Feb. 12, 2019	EPSL/HSC	
Feb. 26, 2019	EPSL/HSC	
Mar. 6, 2019*	HSC	
Mar. 26, 2019	HSC	
Apr. 9, 2019	HSC/Noise Ordinance	
May 14, 2019	HSC/Noise	
May 28, 2019	HSC/Noise	
June 11, 2019		
June 25, 2019		
July 9, 2019		
July 23, 2019		
Sep. 10, 2019		
Sep. 24, 2019		
Oct. 8, 2019		
Oct. 22, 2019		

* March 6th is a Wednesday (we had to reschedule the Mar. 12th meeting due to conflicts). All other meetings are on Tuesdays. We meet at City Hall at 5:30pm. Check the city calendar for the room name/number.

Items on which the committee may request updates:

- Portland Opportunity Crew: # served, efficacy of program, potential for expansion
- India Street Public Health Updates: # served by various programs, ongoing initiatives and projects
- Health Assessment for the City of Portland: Dr. Bankole's work to integrate public health across all departments and assess the city's overall health and wellness
- Barron Center: census, programming, insurance issues, etc.
- Muskie Positive Health Transition follow-up

Other issues under consideration but not identified as top committee priorities:

1. Regulations to address golf cart issues on Peaks Island*
 2. Regulations for Backyard Fire Pits
 3. 100-foot requirement for issuing entertainment licenses: Discuss measuring technique and evaluate if 100 feet is the appropriate distance
 4. Retail Fur Ban in stores within the City
-

*** *A Quick Note on Potential Golf Cart Regulations***

The Peaks Island Council (PIC) has conducted a great deal of community outreach and information gathering around the use and regulation of golf carts in response to concerns expressed to the PIC by islanders. After an extensive survey that netted over 600 responses, multiple public forums, and a meeting with the owners of golf cart businesses on Peaks Island, the PIC drafted several recommendations which they have forwarded to members of the Council and the City Manager.

In talking with the City Manager, it appears that some of these recommendations may be able to be addressed relatively easily, which means we could have some changes ready for Council consideration prior to the 2019 summer season without working them through the committee.

If the Council feels that any such proposed changes do require further consideration by a Council committee, the HHS & PS Committee is open to having those items referred. However, given our current workload, we would not likely get to them until the second half of 2019.

Goal/Objective: Increase access to rental and ownership housing that is safe and affordable and accessible for working and low-income families.

Housing Committee Priorities

- A. Leverage an increase in the # of **affordable housing** units in the City in fiscal year 2019/20 by leveraging new projects and identifying opportunities to capacitate completion of projects in the pipeline. As part of establishing the 2019 Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan (framework, policy and priorities)
- ... Set an annual target of new units or % of units to be ready for occupancy by the end of each fiscal year.
 - ... Identify a specific a public/private partnership project to add rental and ownership units to our housing inventory, by leveraging policy, planning expertise, funding, zoning, public land and/or other strategies.
 - ... Increase the dollars available for affordable housing development by **proposing a general fund allocation to the Housing Trust Fund** in the annual city budget process.
- B. Spur new **workforce housing** to address demand from new businesses to the City. Evaluate recent changes to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance regulations to determine if a down payment assistance program is needed. Support implementation of the Hotel Linkage fee proposal and targeted use of any funds yielded to leverage development of workforce housing.
- C. **Advance multi-year workplan initiatives.** Continue to serve as the lead council committee for guidance, evaluation and implementation of ongoing housing program and policy initiatives including, for example:
- ... HOME: Recommendation of 2019 HUD funded Community Development Budget.
 - ... Rental Housing Safety & Inspection Program (through the Permitting & Inspection Department and the Fire Department). Continue to assess program implementation and effectiveness, receive mid-year and annual reports re: registrations and safety inspections of long and short term rental housing, and sponsor public review of rental market data.
 - ... Density goals for transit corridors. Review to determine what more the city can do to actualize this goal identified in the Comprehensive Plan.
 - ... Permitting & Review. Receive evaluation report from the Permitting & Inspections Department on the outcome of its initiatives to achieve customer service improvements including: transparency, process consistency, and time frames for issuance of permits, etc.
 - ... Planning Department. Review proposed revisions to Chapter 14 Land Use Code Division 30 and the site plan review process; maintain awareness of housing development trends and review recommendations for continuous improvement of department services to the public.

...The Rental Housing Advisory Board. Prioritize the activation of this Board and incorporate a timeline for receiving policy recommendations from the RHAP into the Housing Committee Work plan.

... Biennial Housing Report and Interim Housing Report. Develop and issue in the October 2019 the full biennial State of Housing Report. The report will include housing market facts, an overview of public policy best practices and developing trends, rental& ownership affordability data, and a broad range of current housing statistics; and include outcome measurement of policies implemented by the city, including for example:

- o Update on the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance (impact of the amendment to the calculation of the maximum sale price of workforce homeownership housing)
- o Hotel Linkage Fee – development, implementation, review of actual project impact?
- o Incentives for Density (are they working?)
- o Status of the Recode Initiative



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Legislative and Nominating Committee Meeting

2019 Goals

On-Going/Carry Forward

1. Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections
2. Maintain membership in Mayor's Coalition
3. Evaluate/modify nominations outreach process for open board/committee positions

Legislative/Electoral Priorities

1. Rank Choice Voting for all local elections
2. Local Clean Elections initiative
3. Local Lobbyist Disclosure/Registration
4. Develop Federal Legislative Agenda
5. Proposal from City Clerk regarding Portland polling places

Nominating Priorities

1. Review of Boards and Committees – length of terms and term limits
2. Review/modify annual District Meetings



Office of the Mayor, Ethan K. Strimling

2019 Priorities

1. **Ensuring Educational & Lifelong Success**

Universal Public Pre-K for all four-year olds in Portland: Create universal high quality pre-k for all four-year olds in Portland. (Working with School Department)

Fully fund the Portland Promise: Ensure the school budget has the revenue to fully fund our efforts to ensure academic excellence and equity for every student. (Working with School Department)

2. **Confronting Climate Change**

SolaRise Our Schools: Install solar arrays on the roofs and grounds of our schools to generate 100% of our school electricity. (Working with School Department)

15 Buses for 15 minutes: Add 15 new buses to our fleet, allowing us to reduce peak hour wait times from an hour to 15 minutes. (Working with METRO)

Light Hybrid Rail to the Eastern Waterfront: Install hybrid electric rail cars to come into Portland's Eastern Waterfront to reduce traffic. (Working with Sierra Club and Transportation Committee)

3. **Housing**

Fully Capitalize the Housing Trust: Invest \$7M more dollars into our Housing Trust over the next five years, in order to help leverage a thousand more units of housing. (On FC Workplan)

90 Days Notice for Tenants: Change the city ordinance to incentivize landlords to allow tenants 90 days notice before they have to vacate an apartment. (On HC Workplan)

Allow Sec. 8 holders access to all rentals: Amend city ordinance to stop landlords from banning Section 8 tenants (On HC Workplan)

4. **A Safe, Healthy Well Paid Workforce**

Paid Sick Leave for all Portland Workers: Amend city ordinance so that all workers in Portland receive paid time off to use when they or a loved one is sick. (On HHS Workplan)

Responsible Contracting: Amend City ordinance to require that contractors on public contracts pay workers Prevailing Wage, have quality training, and ensure worker safety. (On FC Workplan)

5. **Transparent Inclusive Democracy**

Municipal Clean Elections: Create a clean elections program for city council races to give every candidate an opportunity to run without being influenced by big donors. (On LN Workplan)

Lobbyist Disclosure: Create a requirement that anyone advocating the City declare the names of their clients, their campaign contributions, the policy positions they are trying to influence, and disclose the dates of all communications with city officials. (On LN Workplan)

Ranked Choice on all Elections: Expand Ranked Choice Voting to all municipal elections including school board and city council. (On LN Workplan)

Resident Voting: Expand voting rights to all residents of Portland, regardless of citizenship status. (On LN Workplan)

S&T Committee Goals

(January 18, 2019)

Committee Members: Councilor Duson, Councilor Ray, Councilor Thibodeau

1. Review all municipal buildings (definition includes school buildings) and implement plan for installation of solar arrays.
2. Review barriers to resident installation of solar panels (in both historic districts and otherwise).
3. Review (and amend where necessary) the City's Green Building Code.
4. Study and Implement Resident Parking Permits in select areas around the City.
5. Begin preparation of a Fertilizer Use Ordinance (may carry into 2020).