

A regular meeting of the Keene City Council was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026. The Honorable Mayor Jay V. Kahn called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll called: Randy L. Filiault, Michele A. Chalice, Bryan J. Lake, Jacob R. Favolise, Laura E. Tobin, Robert C. Williams, Philip M. Jones, Kris E. Roberts, Bettina A. Chadbourne, Edward J. Haas, Laura E. Ruttler-Miller, Molly V. Ellis, Thomas F. Powers, and Mitchell H. Greenwald were present. Councilor Catherine I. Workman was absent. Councilor Chadbourne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A motion by Councilor Greenwald to adopt the June 4, 2026 minutes was duly seconded by Councilor Powers. Mayor Kahn pointed out a correction on page 140. When he was doing math on the impact on the tax rate of downshifting Meals and Rooms and Retirement Costs, he said that it would account for about 6% (instead of 4% mentioned in June 4 meeting) of the City's revenue raised through taxation, which he said would be particularly relevant to this evening's conversation. The motion to adopt the June 4, 2026 meeting minutes, as amended, carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Kahn led the Council in honoring Councilor Molly Ellis, who celebrated a June birthday.

The Mayor announced upcoming dates of interest in June 2026 and July 2026:

- Friday, June 19, 2026: Juneteenth
  - Mayor Kahn reminded everyone of the Juneteenth celebration beginning at 5:00 PM at Fuller Park at the Keene Parks and Recreation Center. This was the sixth time that the City's Human Rights Committee sponsored a Juneteenth celebration, which the Mayor called a very worthwhile and meaningful event.
- Friday, July 3, 2026: SwampBats Independence Day Eve Game and Fireworks
  - The game begins at 6:30 PM and the fireworks begin at 9:30 PM. Thousands of people are expected in attendance and the Mayor called it a great way to start the 4th of July holiday weekend.
- Saturday, July 4, 2026:
  - Monadnock 250th Independence Day Celebration:
    - Councilor Molly Ellis reported that she hoped to see everyone at the Parade, for which between 50 and 60 groups had signed up. She said it would be a real showstopper and invited everyone. Mayor Kahn said the Monadnock 250th Independence Day celebration begins at 11:00 AM with the parade down Main Street and continues with Festival activities beginning at about 12:00 PM at locations around Downtown and in Railroad Square. There will be a lot of celebration activities; check program guides that will be available for details. There will also be a lot of bands, such as the Nelson Town Band and the Keene Jazz Orchestra. A petting zoo is expected. Another location is Wyman Tavern, where the Historical Society of Cheshire County will have period-specific crafts as well as tours of the Tavern and other festivities. There will be

- transportation up-and-down Main Street for that purpose. There will be a movie at the Colonial Theater for people needing a place to cool down.
- 4 on the 4th Road Race
  - The morning of the 4th of July celebration. Mayor Kahn said people should be signing up now if they intend to either walk or run the four-mile course. There are also registrations on the same day. Walkers begin at 7:30 AM and runners at 8:00 AM.

Mayor Kahn also reminded the Council that a City Council Fiscal Policies workshop would be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers. He continued with a reminder that Council break will be in August. The regular City Council meeting of August 6, 2026, will be held as planned; however, the August 20, 2026 and September 3, 2026 Council meetings are canceled. All Standing Committee meetings in August are canceled. This includes PLD on August 12, 2026, FOP on August 13, 2026 and August 27, 2026, and MSFI on August 26, 2026. Regular meetings will resume with the September 9, 2026 PLD and September 10, 2026 FOP.

Mayor Kahn also shared a piece of really good news for the downtown project and the Keene Downtown Group. He thanked the Keene Downtown Group for having put together a coalition that submitted a grant request to Northern Border Regional Commission, which was funded. The announcement was made just a few days prior. It is a grant that is designed specifically to help support the 100 small businesses in Downtown Keene, which employ around 825 people, to have a number of community building activities that are driven to promote and market Downtown, and to create events and experiences in the Downtown area—providing direct support to businesses and capacity building for groups that can sponsor activities in the downtown area. Mayor Kahn called it great news. He gave Councilor Haas, a member of the Keene Downtown Group, a shoutout for helping the group to mobilize and apply for these funds. The City Manager and Mayor were both active in helping to promote this grant as well.

#### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION - KEENE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mayor Kahn stated the intention to recognize Mr. Joe Conti, Director of the Keene Concert Band at Keene High School. However, Mr. Conti was unable to attend to talk about the activities and awards that the Keene High School Music Department received recently as they competed in the 2026 Music in the Parks Festival held at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. Mayor Kahn reported that Music in the Parks is a nationally recognized educational music festival that brings together students performing ensembles from across the country. They perform before professional adjudicators and receive valuable educational feedback. The festival celebrates musical excellence, achievement, and growth, culminating in an awards ceremony honoring participating students and programs. The Keene High School Music Department led by Joe Conti, the band director, Abby Hall, the choral director, and Amanda Paul, the orchestra director, reported the following awards and distinctions earned: the Keene High School String Orchestra took second place; the Keene High School Choir took first place in their division; the Keene High School Concert Band took first in their division and best overall concert band; the Keene Music Department won an Esprit de Corps award presented to the school that best exemplifies spirit support, behavior, musicality, and presentation among all participating schools; and one of

their band participants, a student Ezekiel Aris, won the Outstanding Student Pianist award. The Mayor said these achievements reflect not only exceptional musical talent, but also the dedication, teamwork, character, and professionalism demonstrated by the students and educators of the Keene High School Music Department. Their success is a source of pride for the entire City of Keene and serves as an outstanding example of the value of arts education in our community. On behalf of the City Council and residents of Keene, the Mayor congratulated all the students, directors, staff, families, and supporters who contributed to the remarkable accomplishments of these students.

COMMUNICATION - KENNETH KOST - UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD STEWARDSHIP OF 100 CHURCH STREET AND REQUEST FOR PERMANENT POCKET PARK DESIGNATION

A communication was received from Kenneth Kost, providing an update on community efforts to monitor, maintain, and activate the City-owned property at 100 Church Street through neighborhood stewardship and events. The communication requests that the City permanently retain the property and consider designating it as an official pocket park. Mayor Kahn referred the communication to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

COMMUNICATION - COUNCILOR GREENWALD - CONFLICT OF INTEREST - OLD ELM STREET ROW DISCONTINUANCE (RESOLUTION R-2026-22)

A communication was received from Councilor Mitchell Greenwald, putting on record a conflict of interest pursuant to the requirements of Section 15. of the City Council's Rules of Order. The conflict relates to Resolution R-2026-22, the discontinuance of Old Elm Street right-of-way.

Mayor Kahn noted Councilor Greenwald was putting on record a conflict of interest pursuant to the requirements of Section 15. of the City Council's Rules of Order. The conflict relates to Resolution R-2026-22, the discontinuance of Old Elm Street right-of-way, which would be on the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure (MSFI) Committee meeting agenda of June 24, 2026. Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor Kahn granted Councilor Greenwald's recusal from deliberation and voting on Resolution R-2026-22 when the item is before the MSFI Committee and the City Council.

COMMUNICATION - COUNCILOR JONES - REQUEST TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LAND USE DEFINITIONS IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

A communication was received from Councilor Philip Jones, requesting that the Keene City Council explore the addition of the following land-use definitions to the Land Development Code: Data Center, Cryptocurrency Mining Facility (Crypto-Mine), Privately Owned Prison, Privately Owned Immigration Detention Center. Mayor Kahn referred the communication to the Joint Planning Board and Planning, Licenses and Development Committee.

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COMMUNICATION - HARRIS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION -  
AMPHIBIAN CROSSING PROGRAM UPDATE

A communication was received from Brett Amy Thelen, submitting a letter on behalf of the Harris Center for Conservation Education thanking the City Council and City staff for their support of the 2026 amphibian road closure program and ongoing planning efforts for the Jordan Road amphibian underpass project. The letter provides a summary of this year's amphibian migration protection efforts, volunteer participation, and conservation outcomes, and expresses gratitude for the City's partnership in this wildlife conservation initiative.

Mayor Kahn hoped Councilors would read the letter and find some pleasure and humor in the accuracy of the census, which was clearly detailed in the letter.

Councilor Greenwald said constituents of his ward had been asking about when the amphibian tunnel would be built, including the amphibians. The City Manager said she was not sure exactly. The question she normally gets is whether the City of Keene is paying for it and she said the answer to that is no, it will be paid for through a grant, donations, and volunteers.

Mayor Kahn filed the communication from the Harris Center as informational.

PLD REPORT - KEENE ELM CITY ROTARY CLUB - REQUEST TO USE CITY  
PROPERTY - CLARENCE DEMAR MARATHON - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

A Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the City Council grant a revocable license to the Keene Elm City Rotary Club to conduct the Clarence DeMar Marathon on Sunday, September 27, 2026, subject to the licensing requirements identified in the staff report, including associated road closures. All permissions granted herein are subject to compliance with the City-approved safety protocol document, which becomes a part of this license. A motion by Councilor Filiault to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

PLD REPORT - KEENE MUSIC FESTIVAL - REQUEST TO USE CITY  
PROPERTY – KEENE MUSIC FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

A Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the City Council grant a revocable license to Keene Music Festival to use downtown City rights-of-way to conduct the Keene Music Festival on Saturday, September 5, 2026, subject to the licensing requirements identified in the staff report, including associated road closures and authorization of free parking. All permissions granted herein are subject to compliance with the City-approved safety protocol document, which becomes a part of this license. A motion by Councilor Filiault to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

## PLD REPORT - WARRANT FOR UNLICENSED DOGS - CITY CLERK

A Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending the City Council issue a warrant for unlicensed dogs pursuant to NHRSA 466:14, and the Keene Police Department and the City Clerk's Office be directed to issue a civil forfeiture to those dog owners who have failed to license their dog by April 30, 2026. A motion by Councilor Filiault to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones.

Councilor Haas said this is something the City is obliged to do for the State of New Hampshire. He called it a negative revenue opportunity for the City: the City does not make any money on it and does not even cover its costs on this. He said he mentioned this in the Committee meeting and looks forward in future years to maybe not needing to invest so much effort into what is a money-losing opportunity for the City. He said we do not need to do so much advertising and chasing people: just let it happen. He thought it could be a conversation going forward.

Councilor Haas said he would support the warrant but asked to see if the City could save some money in the next year.

Mayor Kahn said there were other elements in the report, including the fact that fewer notices needed to be sent out this year, so he said there was good work getting that information out to people and getting compliance.

The City Clerk reported that staff reviewed their efforts and the one piece of it that is costly, aside from actually running the program, which they are obligated to do, is the newspaper posting. The other efforts that seem like they might be costly she said are really quite inexpensive: they do a robocall for \$50.00 (vs. the former manual phone calls, so she called it a huge improvement they would not want to get rid of) and approximately 300 postcards to people the Clerk does not have email addresses for at a cost of about \$150. The City Clerk thought it was affordable for \$200. Mayor Kahn said the record reflected that \$600.00 was collected (\$600 is expected amount we might collect in 2026 from fines).

The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

## FOP REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BENCHMARKING & STRATEGIC PLAN – CONSULTANT SELECTION - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with Matrix Consulting Group for the Public Works Department Benchmarking & Strategic Plan Project in an amount not to exceed \$85,000. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne.

Councilor Chalice said she had questions from constituents regarding \$85,000 going to a consultant. She contacted the Public Works Director, who graciously provided bullet points to be able to respond to constituents and in case the other Councilors are interested, they could email

Councilor Chalice. She said it is a large amount of money and people are feeling very tender about money right now, so she wanted to feel more comfortable. She appreciated the Public Works Director being very responsive. Mayor Kahn said the City Manager was in the process of sending that information to all City Councilors.

The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

**FOP REPORT - AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MONADNOCK T-HANGAR CORPORATION LEASE AGREEMENT - AIRPORT DIRECTOR**

A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to execute the Monadnock T-Hangar Lease Agreement between the City of Keene and Monadnock T-Hangar Corporation, the surrender of the existing lease, the Notice of Lease, and any related documents necessary to complete the lease transaction. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

**FOP REPORT - INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PUBLIC WORKS' FY26 OPERATING BUDGET - PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the Public Works Director's report be accepted as informational. Mayor Kahn filed the report as informational.

Mayor Kahn called this to all Councilors' attention as this would be teeing up for some future action by the Council once the fiscal year ends, so he asked them to take a look at where some Budget pinch points have occurred in Public Works over the course of the fiscal year. As this gets clearer as the end of the fiscal year approaches, he said it would be an item the City Manager brings back later.

**FOP REPORT - ENGINEERING SERVICES – COURT STREET WELL FIELD UPGRADE PROJECT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a contract with Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc., for engineering services for the Court Street Well Field Upgrade Project for an amount not to exceed \$542,200. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

## CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager, Elizabeth Ferland, first in regard to the presentation by the Public Works Department at the Finance, Organization and Personnel (FOP) Committee meeting, she said the City knows there will be some overages in the Water and Sewer Department and also the Transfer Station. Regarding the Transfer Station overages, the more we dispose, the more fees we actually bring in, so that is offset. This has really been teeing up a conversation that will take place after the year closes about moving some money around, similar to the Fire Department, who would be going to the next FOP meeting to have the same conversation over time. She said these were just informational reports about something coming later.

The City Manager announced a Fiscal Policy Workshop on June 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers. She provided a copy of the Fiscal Policies to the Councilors. Adoption of these policies is in many ways the beginning of the Fiscal Year 28 Budget process because these policies establish parameters that are really the guidance for the City Manager's proposed Budget. The Finance Department will be presenting a handful of recommended policy changes for the Council's consideration. Right now, she said the City is looking at changing the billing percentage amount for ambulance in the Fiscal Policy because the law changed on that; so, the City can increase that. The City is also looking at just deleting the section on self-funded health insurance, which the City had not done in at least a decade, in addition to adjusting the language related to the annual review of revenues, which should be something done at budget time every year. The City Manager clarified that there would be another internal meeting to see if there is anything else to clean up and they will present that the night of the workshop. Any recommendations from the workshop will be sent to FOP for review, and then back to the Council for adoption because it is a Resolution that moves its way through the process.

The City Manager also provided information to the Councilors about Robin Hood Park. The Robin Hood Park Renovation Steering Committee held its first meeting on June 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM. The Committee was established as a City Manager Steering Committee to help guide future planning recommendations for the park. The group represents a diverse cross section of the community, including families, retirees, program users, environmental advocates, trail stewards, and individuals focused on accessibility. Committee members were listed in the Council's packet. So, to help frame the Committee's work, the Council was also provided with the 2023 Robin Hood Park conceptual plans and the 2023 Flash vote results. That work was done to build a basis for the budget and for the capital plan for this project. There was some early work in terms of scope for Robin Hood Park, and it became very clear the pool was important to everyone. The Steering Committee will be giving input as to which direction they are going to go with the rest of the park; there were two concept plans provided to the Council. The City recently approved funding for phase one of the pool rehabilitation work to position the project for construction immediately following the conclusion of the 2026 summer season. Those plans for the pool would be presented at the July 22, 2026 Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee meeting, with a plan for an August 10 bid, September 10 bid opening, and September 14 contract award. She called it a tight deadline. The City Manager said right now the plan is to rehab the pool not to replace it and there are some things that need to happen in terms of accessibility before moving into other elements of the Park. She noted that two City Councilors and members of the East Keene Group are participating on the Steering Committee.

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REPORTS - CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS - RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY REVITALIZATION ZONE (RPRZ) (RSA 79-E:4-B) APPLICATION FOR 429 ELM STREET

A memorandum was read from the Community Development Director, Paul Andrus, recommending that the Mayor set a Public Hearing regarding the Residential Property Revitalization Zone (RPRZ) application submitted by HG Johnson Real Estate, on behalf of Joe and Cheryl Bagster, owners of the property located at 429 Elm Street. Mayor Kahn referred the memorandum to the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee meeting of July 9, 2026, and set a Public Hearing for July 2, 2026 City Council meeting at 7:00 PM.

RESIGNATION - CHARLES REDFERN - ENERGY & CLIMATE COMMITTEE - CITY PLANNER

A memorandum was read from City Planner, Megan Fortson, recommending the City Council accept the resignation of Charles Redfern from the Energy & Climate Committee with gratitude for his service. A motion by Councilor Greenwald to accept the resignation of Mr. Redfern with gratitude for time served was duly seconded by Councilor Powers. The motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

MORE TIME - PLD REPORT - COUNCILOR RUTTLE-MILLER - REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE COLLEGE CITY COMMISSION; PLD REPORT - MAYOR KAHN - POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF PERMITTED USES IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL PARK ZONES; AND FOP REPORT - EXECUTION OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH MCFARLAND JOHNSON - CITY ENGINEER

The first Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the request to reinstate the College City Commission be placed on more time. A second Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending that the Potential Expansion of Permitted Uses in Commerce, Industrial, and Industrial Park Zones be placed on more time. A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending the Execution of a Change Order for Engineering Services with McFarland Johnson be placed on more time. Mayor Kahn granted More Time on the three reports.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING - RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FAMILY" - ORDINANCE O-2026-02

A Planning, Licenses and Development Committee report was read, unanimously recommending the adoption of Ordinance O-2026-02. Mayor Kahn filed the report. Ordinance O-2026-02, Relating to the Definition of "Family," was read into the record for a second time. A motion by Councilor Filiault to adopt Ordinance O-2026-02 was duly seconded by Councilor Jones.

Councilor Jones said the best way to explain this to the public is that *Golden Girls* comes to Keene. Conversely, Councilor Haas said *Three's Company* comes to Keene.

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The motion to adopt Ordinance O-2026-02 carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

TABLED ITEM - RESOLUTION - RELATING TO THE 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET  
- RESOLUTION R-2026-09-C

At the June 4, 2026 City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to recommend that Resolution R-2026-09-B be amended, and the resulting "C" version of the Resolution be tabled until the June 18, 2026, City Council meeting.

The City Clerk read into the record that it be resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene as follows that the sum of \$32,941,678 be raised by taxation during the current year, which together with \$47,283,711 for estimated operating revenues, aggregating \$80,225,389, is hereby appropriated for the use of the several departments of the City government, and further that the sum of \$5,446,533 be appropriated for capital expenditures and capital reserve appropriations in the City's proprietary funds funded by the use of capital reserves, fund balance, and current revenues for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, as attached hereto and made a part thereof.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-09-C was duly seconded by Councilor Lake.

Councilor Powers said this is the culmination of a year's worth of work to lay out the City's work for the next year. While it is a lot of money, it covers all of our items covered by taxation, by our various funds, and brings in some of the bond money accounted for in this area as well as grants. He said this is the City's work plan. He said the budget certainly identifies a lot of work for every single department. So, he thanked everybody that contributed in every Department as well as the public. He judged from the public comments that they believe the Council/City is doing okay and that some believe the Council/City is not doing enough and could/should be doing more. He said there is only so much money. So, Councilor Powers said this represents a very solid budget for the next year, and the threads within it are the outlines of the Capital Improvement Plan for future years. He hoped that the Council would unanimously pass this budget.

Councilor Filiault applauded Councilor Powers and the Finance Committee for the work they put into this. He said he and Councilor Greenwald have both chaired the Finance Committee and said it is a brutal task passing a budget. However, he said that he and Councilor Greenwald did not have to deal with downshifting when they chaired the Finance Committee, such as what Councilor Powers faced this year. With that said, Councilor Filiault also wanted to commend the City Manager and staff for pointing out how much more the City is doing with so much less. He commented on starting a Budget year like this one and finding out how many millions you are already in the hole, calling it an unsustainable way to do business. He called what the state had done to the City and other communities "unforgivable." He said if things do not change in Concord this year, many taxpayers will be reaching an unsustainable level that they can no longer afford. With that said, he noted the City can only do with what it has, and he applauded the Mayor for pointing out how much downshifting is costing the City in the percentage of taxes. For those saying taxes are too high, Councilor Filiault said he agreed, and hoped people would

call the Governor and State Legislature to say this will not stand. Mayor Kahn said for those who do pick up the phone or write the Governor and State Legislature, they could use the 6% to 7% impact that downshifting in Retirement Costs and Rooms and Meals revenue sharing is having on Keene's annual Budget.

Mayor Kahn also wanted to congratulate and compliment the City's Finance Director and City Manager, who held many hours and days of conversations with their department directors, who are also very conscious of the needs of the City and their departments. They had done a good job at laying that out but also trying to project things over a number of years; he cited the Public Works Budget as a good example of that. The Mayor thought the Budget teed up the expectation that there is more to be done but as Councilor Powers pointed out, it is a budget that accomplishes a lot. The Mayor also thanked the FOP Committee for the many hours of hearings held on the Budget that offered the community opportunities to have input. The Mayor recalled a spirited City Council Public Hearing as well, with comments that were mostly in support of the recommendations. Something he was sure the City would continue to hear about is the School Board's and County's budgets (County increase is the smallest); they all wrap together with the City's to have a significant impact on residential taxpayers. He added that this is a reassessment year, so people would be seeing quite a different tax bill when the final bills are sent out. He said the City's tax rate is likely to be coming down but overall, the tax being paid is likely to be going up by an estimated 9%, which he called significant. The Mayor wanted to compliment the Council, which he called a fiscally responsible group, who carries the conscience of the City in trying to make the right decisions at the right time. He thanked them for their participation and awareness that went into their votes this evening.

The motion to adopt Resolution R-2026-09-C carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

**TABLED ITEM - ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING - FISCAL YEAR 2027 WAGE SCHEDULES - ORDINANCE O-2026-11**

At the June 4, 2026 City Council meeting, the Council tabled Ordinance O-2026-11 until the June 18, 2026, City Council Meeting to be taken up after the Budget adoption.

A Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee report was read, unanimously recommending the adoption of Ordinance O-2026-11. Mayor Kahn filed the report. Ordinance O-2026-11, Fiscal Year 2027 Wage Schedules, was read into the record a second time. A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Ordinance O-2026-11 was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

**TABLED ITEMS - RESOLUTIONS - RELATING TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE FY 2026-2027 BOND ISSUES: ASHUELOT RIVER GREEN SPACE, RESOLUTION R-2026-10; DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS & RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, RESOLUTION R-2026-12; GILBO AVE SOLAR PAVILLION PROJECT, RESOLUTION R2026-13; LOWER WINCHESTER STREET RECONSTRUCTION, RESOLUTION R-2026- 14; ROADWAY PRESERVATION & REHABILITATION**

PROGRAM, RESOLUTION R2026-15; ROBIN HOOD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, RESOLUTION R-2026-16; STORMWATER RESILIENCY PROGRAM, RESOLUTION R-2026-17; MARTELL COURT BYPASS PROJECT, RESOLUTION R-2026-18; DOWNTOWN: SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, RESOLUTION R-2026-19; WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, RESOLUTION R-2026-20

At the June 4, 2026 City Council meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the withdrawal of Resolution R-2026-11 Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Ashuelot River Dam Repair or Removal. The remaining bond resolutions (R-2026-10, R-2026-12, R-2026-13, R-2026-14, R-2026-15, R-2026-16, R-2026-17, R-2026-18, R-2026-19, R-2026-20) were tabled until the June 18, 2026 City Council meeting to be taken up after the Budget adoption. Each Resolution was taken up in turn and read for the second time.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-10: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Ashuelot River Green Space Project was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-12: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements & Reconstruction Project was duly seconded by Councilor Chalice. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-13: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for Gilbo Avenue Solar Pavilion project was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-14: Relating to the Appropriation of Funds for the Lower Winchester Street Reconstruction was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-15: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Roadway Preservation & Rehabilitation Program was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-16: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Robin Hood Park Improvement project was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-17: Relating to the Appropriation of Funds for the Stormwater Resiliency Program was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The

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motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-18: Relating to the Appropriation of Funds for the Martell Court Bypass Project was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-19: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Downtown Sewer Improvements Program was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2026-20: Relating to Appropriation of Funds for the Water Distribution Improvements Program was duly seconded by Councilor Chadbourne.

Councilor Jones asked if this is for the downtown or in general. The City Manager said this is a general account, but much of the funds for this project are associated with the downtown project.

The motion to adopt Resolution R-2026-20 carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Workman was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kahn adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

A true record, attest:   
City Clerk