

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

6:00 p.m. Request to go into Executive Session on a Legal Matter with the City Attorney in pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E.

6:30 p.m. Committee Interviews

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 24

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Chris Bitely and Paul Dean, City Manager Erin Herbig, and Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of June 3, 2025.

6) A. Open to the public

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B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

- Consideration of Committee appointments.
- Discussion regarding proposed committee interview schedule for July 1st.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

A. Request to approve a Lunch Wagon License permit application by Kerri Aguiar d/b/a Wicked Smahht Chourico Caht located at Cheeky Food Truck Park, 139 Searsport Avenue, Belfast, Maine, license to expire on December 31, 2025.

B. Request to approve a Lunch Wagon License permit application by Judi Bisceglia d/b/a Za'Spresso located at Front Street Shipyard, 101 Front Street, Belfast, Maine, license to expire on December 31, 2025.

C. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by the Belfast Flying Shoes for use of the Armistice Bridge to host two free community contra dances on Tuesdays, July 15 and August 19, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

D. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by Belfast Rotary Club, Habitat for Humanity and Come Boating for use of Steamboat Landing Park, the Belfast Boathouse, beach access and access to City Dock for the annual Belfast Harbor Fest on Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17, 2025.

E. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by the First Church for use of Spring Street, closing the street from Court Street to Church Street, for the annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

10) Business

A) Presentation on the proposed City of Belfast Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

B) Public Hearing on the proposed City of Belfast Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

- C)** Consideration of the proposed City of Belfast Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.
- D)** Proclamation honoring Michael Hurley as the 2025 Belfast Spirit of America recipient.
- E)** Presentation and request from the Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition to implement the Belfast Healthy Beaches Water Testing Pilot Program.
- F)** Request from the Parks and Recreation Director for authorization to expend up to \$13,166.00 to purchase a new mower for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- G)** Request from the Parks and Recreation Director to accept a \$250.00 donation to the City of Belfast.
- H)** Request by Coastal Mountain Land Trust for approval of a new Facility Use Request for use of Heritage Park on June 28, 2025, and the Upper Bridge West Rangeway entrance on July 12, August 2 and August 9, 2025.
- I)** Request by the MidCoast Shakespeare Studio for approval of a new Facility Use Request for use of Belfast City Park for a Summer Shakespeare Festival on Wednesday July 30, through Sunday, August 3, 2025.
- J)** Request by the Young Bloods for approval of a new Facility Use Request for use of Heritage Park, Park on Main, Belfast Common, and Steamboat Landing Park for Summer Shakespeare Festival Pop-Ups on Saturdays, July 26 and August 2, 2025.
- K)** Request by Belfast Bible Church for approval of a new Facility Use Request for use of Steamboat Landing Park on Saturdays, July 26 and September 13, 2025.
- L)** Request by the organizers of the Maine Celtic Celebration for a Boathouse Fee Waiver for the Annual Maine Celtic Celebration.
- M)** Request from the Parks and Recreation Director to accept and award the Request For Proposals for Belfast City Park Concessions for the 2025 season.
- N)** Request by the Deputy Economic Development Director to adopt a Resolution to submit a grant application to the State of Maine's Land and Water Conservation Fund to upgrade and/or reconstruct the City Park Playground and Public Restrooms.
- O)** Request by the Deputy Economic Development Director to accept a Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant (CAG) award from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF).
- P)** Request by the Deputy Economic Development Director to submit a grant application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program to improve roadway safety.

Q) Request by the Deputy Economic Development Director to submit a request for Flood Mitigation Assistance grant funds support the City of Belfast Hazard Mitigation Plan.

R) Request by the Economic Development Director to authorize sending City personnel to the upcoming National Brownfields Training Conference.

S) Request by the Economic Development Director to accept a proposal from Port City Architecture to provide architecture and engineering services for a proposed City of Belfast Public Safety Building.

T) Request to remove three City Street Trees.

U) Request by the Airport Manager to expend up to \$7,180.00 for a five-year Base Network Access and Support Agreement for the QTPod M4000 Self-Serve Terminal.

V) Determination of Grievance Appeal and Adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Belfast Police Association/Fraternal Order of Police.

W) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn