



SACO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - 6:30 PM

CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

1. CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. a City Council meeting was held in the City Hall Auditorium.

2. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Joshua Parks recognized the members of the Council and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: Douglas Edwards, William Doyle, Jeffrey Onnen, William Gayle, Tricia Huot, and Nathan Johnston. City Administrator Ryan Pelletier was also present this evening. Mayor Jodi MacPhail was excused this evening.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. GENERAL

5. COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

- Councilor Doyle - I just want to point out that I have not been told what my committee assignments are to date, and if that could be generated and sent to me in the email, that'd be great. City Administrator Pelletier we have it and I'll give it to you after the meeting if you'd like.
- Councilor Huot - The Dyer Library wants everyone to know they have a new online platform that if you want access to the Journal Tribune and some of the other media that you can use it for free without any web page or subscription popups at the Dyer Library. If you ask someone at the circulation desk, they can inform you and they have all kinds of activities coming up for February vacation. So definitely check out their website.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals choose to speak:

- Sarah Gardner, 17 Pine Haven Street
- Lisa Desrochers, 18 Pine Haven Street
- Linda Daniel, 31 Pheasant Road
- Hope Lambert, 14 Pheasant Road
- Richard Bryant, Attorney for Blue Haven Mobile Home Park
- Brian LaRoche, 19 Meserve Circle
- John Voight, 1 Gallant Drive

7. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilor Doyle moved, Councilor Edwards seconded, to approve consent agenda items #A and #B as follows:

A. Confirm Mayor's Reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Andrew Bracy - Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Andrew Bracy to the Historic Preservation Commission, for a term that would expire on June 30, 2029. Further move to approve the Order.

B. Confirm Mayor's Reappointment to the Conservation Commission - Melissa Field - Be it Ordered that the City Council confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Melissa Field to the Conservation Commission, for a three-year term, expiring on February 9, 2029. Further move to approve the Order.

The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. (One Reading) Emergency Ordinance for Temporary Moratorium on Mobile Home Park Lot Rental Increases

Councilor Johnston moved, Councilor Doyle seconded, Be it found by the Saco City Council that an emergency exists, and therefore be it Ordered, that the City adopt the Emergency Ordinance for Temporary Moratorium on Mobile Home Park Lot Rental Increases, and that during the time the Moratorium is in effect, the City shall prohibit any Lot Rent Increases in mobile home parks from the date of adoption to the expiration of this Emergency Temporary Moratorium Ordinance on or before April 10, 2026, unless re-enacted or repealed by the same Emergency Ordinance procedures. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

B. (One Reading) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Pilot Policy

Councilor Onnen moved, Councilor Johnston seconded, Be it Ordered that the Saco City Council adopt the EV Charging Pilot Policy for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027; and further, direct City Staff to bring forward a fee schedule update as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process to reflect the provisions of this pilot policy. Further move to approve the order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

C. (Second/Final Reading) Amendment to Chapter 169 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance

Councilor Edwards moved, Councilor Doyle seconded, Be it Ordered that the City of Saco hereby approves the final reading and ordains the ordinance amendments to Chapter 169 Recreational Vehicles included with this meeting packet as updated through January 21, 2026. Further move to approve the order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

D. (One Reading) Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Saco, Maine and the University of New England Wave Gauge

Councilor Onnen moved, Councilor Huot seconded, Be it Ordered that the Saco City Council hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Saco, Maine and the University of New England: Wave Gauge in the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting packet. Further move to approve the order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

City Administrator Ryan Pelletier provided administrative updates.

10. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Doyle moved, Councilor Edwards seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with six (6) yeas. Time: 7:10 p.m.

Attest: _____

Michele L. Hughes, City Clerk