



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

This is the portion of the meeting set aside for general public comment directly related to City business, for matters that do not appear on this evening’s agenda. Public comment requires a person to state your name and whether you are a resident of Bangor. The City Council has adopted a Public Comment Policy that we will adhere to. Statements during public comment should respect the dignity and seriousness of the proceeding, and individuals will be restricted to speaking once. Obscene, truly threatening, or overly repetitive comments will be deemed out of order and will be interrupted and removed. Topics that are considered out of order also include matters that are in litigation, individual employees or employee groups discussing matters for which complaint or grievance procedures are in place, personal disputes between the speaker and another resident not germane to City business, support for or opposition to any candidate for political office, and personnel complaints pertaining to individual City employees. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker, and the total time allowed for general public comment regarding City business will be limited to no more than one hour. The public comment period is for City Council members to listen and not to respond or debate with persons. If you do not live in Bangor or own property in Bangor, please allow those who do to have the opportunity to speak first. If you’d like to offer comment on any item directly related to City business not appearing on the regular agenda, you may approach the podium. Individuals who have appropriately pre-registered to give public comment via remote means will be given the opportunity to participate remotely. Alternatively, Councilors may be reached via email at [councilors@bangormaine.gov](mailto:councilors@bangormaine.gov). (A link to the adopted public comment policy can be found on the City’s website.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**MINUTES OF:                      Bangor City Council Regular Meeting of February 25, 2026**

**26-097    ORDER                      Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim    MALLAR  
Deed for Real Estate Located at 72 State Street**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 72 State Street. Tax and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by James W. Butler, at 72 State Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**26-098    ORDER                      Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim    DEANE  
Deed for Real Estate Located at 180 Yale Street**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 180 Yale Street. Sewer and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by Jordan Peterson and Alistair Lewis, at 180 Yale Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**26-099    ORDER                      Authorizing the Sale of Property at 240 Grove Street    CARSON  
in the Amount of \$57,000.00 to Melissa Nguyen and  
Bin Yo**

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**Executive Summary:** This Order would authorize the sale of 240 Grove Street. The City took ownership of the property due to a matured tax lien. Under State statute, there is a specific process municipalities in Maine must use for the sale of foreclosed properties.

The City Realtor listed the property in accordance with state law and has received a proposed offer of \$57,000.00 as the highest bid. This item was reviewed and recommended for approval in the Business & Economic Development Committee meeting on March 2, 2026.

**26-100    ORDER                    Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim    MALLAR  
Deed for Real Estate Located at 500 Essex Street**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 500 Essex Street. Tax, sewer, and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by CL Home Properties, LLC, at 500 Essex Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**26-101    ORDER                    Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim    BECK  
Deed for Real Estate Located at 631 Essex Street**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 631 Essex Street. Tax and sewer liens have matured on the property owned by Nattapong Kongsuriya and Crawford Kinney, at 631 Essex Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**26-102    ORDER                    Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim    WALKER  
Deed for Real Estate Located at Larkin Street**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at Larkin Street. Tax liens have matured on the property owned by Brann & Sons Properties LLC, at Larkin Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**26-103    ORDER                    Authorizing the City Manager to accept \$2,875 in        FISH  
funds, as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture  
(Gaul)**

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the City Manager to accept \$2,875 in funds, as result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Gaul). Members of the police department, either assigned to the patrol division or assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, were involved in an investigation that led to the seizure of \$2,875.00 cash. Penobscot County Docket Number CR-24-1998.

**26-104    ORDER                    Authorizing the City Manager to accept one firearm,    DEANE  
as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Thibodeau)**

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**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the City Manager to accept one firearm, as result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Thibodeau). Members of the police department, either assigned to the patrol division or assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, were involved in an investigation that led to the seizure of one firearm. Penobscot County Docket No. CR-2022-03671.

**26-105    ORDER                      **Appointing Nominees to Ethics Board and Water District Board of Trustees**                      **FISH****

**Executive Summary:** This Order will authorize the appointments to the Ethics Board and the Water District Board of Trustees to fill unexpired terms. Vacancies were advertised and the applicants were interviewed by the Council's Personnel Committee on February 23, 2026. The Committee has completed the process of interviewing applicants for these positions and has developed recommendations for full Council consideration.

**26-106    ORDER                      **Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a \$500,000 Grant from NASTAD to Support a Two-Year Program to Increase Support and Connections to Care for People Living with HIV**                      **WALKER****

**Executive Summary:** This Order would authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$500,000 grant from NASTAD to support a two-year program to increase support and connections to care for people living with HIV.

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, commonly called NASTAD, has a grant opportunity available with the purpose of supporting the re-engagement of people living with HIV that have been out of care and without routine HIV treatment. Adhering to HIV treatment plans is essential to achieve viral suppression. This grant opportunity is aimed at breaking down barriers to care and treatment.

If awarded, Bangor Public Health and Community Services would use the funds to expand its case management services and implement solutions for engagement and adherence, covering costs for staff, incentives, transportation, and other expenses that align with the work plan. The Department would partner with community organizations to offer a robust and comprehensive program.

This item was reviewed and recommended for approval at the Government Operations Committee meeting on March 2, 2026.

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**26-107    ORDER                      Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Create    **FISH**  
a Standing Committee on Homelessness (First  
Reading)**

**Executive Summary:** This Order would amend the Code of the City of Bangor by creating a standing committee on homelessness. During City Council’s annual priority setting session in December, City Council selected addressing homelessness as its top priority for the coming year.

In subsequent discussions, Council coalesced around the creation of a standing committee to help advise Council on its approach to addressing homelessness.

This standing committee would include a mix of experts in homelessness, individuals with lived experience with homelessness or housing instability, peer municipalities, and community members impacted by homelessness issues. Supplemental expertise would be provided by the City’s Homeless Response Coordinator and other experts from the City’s Department of Public Health & Community Services, Community & Economic Development, School Department, and Public Safety.

The Committee’s initial charge is to create a strategic plan for the City’s response to homelessness that is data driven, evidence informed, and that considers regional and structural coordination. Following completion of this initial charge, the Committee’s mission is broadened to more expansively consider issues impacting homelessness including better regional and structural coordination, identifying and quantifying gaps, recommending sustainable funding strategies, reviewing state legislative proposals, reviewing and providing feedback on items coming before Council and community stakeholder engagement.

This item was reviewed and recommended for approval at the Government Operations Committee meeting on March 2, 2026.

**26-108    ORDER                      Authorizing Issuance of \$75,000,000 of the City’s    **FALOON**  
General Obligation Bonds for a Consolidated Parks  
and Recreation Facility and a Tax Levy Therefor,  
Subject to Approval of the Voters of the City of  
Bangor (First Reading and Referral to Finance  
Committee on March 16, 2026)**

**Executive Summary:** This Order would authorize the issuance of up to \$75,000,000 in general obligation bonds for a new Parks and Recreation Facility.

In 2012, voters approved a Charter amendment (Article VIII, Section 19(a)), which requires all single capital improvement projects in excess of the established threshold, that do not meet one of the eligible exceptions of the Charter, be approved by the voters. As the estimated project cost is in excess of the current threshold, of approximately \$2 million, this borrowing will require voter approval.

If this Order is approved by the City Council on March 23, 2026, there will be a separate Order introduced under new business directing the question be placed on the June 2026 municipal ballot.

This Order will require a Public Hearing at the March 23rd City Council Meeting.

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**26-090    RESOLVE            Making an Appropriation from Undesignated Fund    **LEONARD**  
Balance in the Amount of Up to \$50,000 to Fund a  
Director of Human Resources**

**Executive Summary:** This Resolve would make an appropriation from Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of up to \$50,000 to fund a Director of Human Resources. Currently, the City of Bangor's Assistant City Manager concurrently holds the title of Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Labor Relations Officer with the human resources and labor relations functions occupying at least half of the Assistant City Manager's working hours. Given the size of the City's workforce and the critical importance of the City's employees, it is beneficial for there to be a stand-alone Department Head-level position that leads the City's human resources and labor relations functions. By creating a new Director of Human Resources position, the City acknowledges the critical importance of its employees. A survey of the five largest cities in Maine shows that Bangor is the only City without a stand-alone Director-level human resources role. The City's greatest asset is our employees and focused leadership on hiring, training, and labor relations will ensure that the City is utilizing this asset to the greatest public benefit.

Additionally, removing human resources and labor relations from the Assistant City Manager role will allow the Assistant City Manager to refocus on important technology projects, public outreach and communications, and process improvement - which will result in increased efficiency, cost savings, and better customer service.

This item was reviewed and recommended at the Government Operations Committee Meeting on March 2, 2026.

**26-095    ORDINANCE            Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to            **BECK**  
Establish Chapter 46, "Employee Authority in  
Immigration Matters"**

**Executive Summary:** This Ordinance establishes clear limits on the City of Bangor's involvement in federal immigration enforcement, consistent with federal and state law, in order to prioritize public safety, community trust, and the responsible use of municipal resources.

The ordinance makes explicit that Bangor does not operate its departments, programs, or public safety services for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. It affirms that City employees will continue to comply with all valid federal and state laws, judicial warrants, subpoenas, and court orders, and will continue to cooperate fully in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity. What this ordinance does is draw a firm line between local public safety responsibilities and federal civil immigration enforcement.

The ordinance is grounded in a public safety rationale. When residents are afraid that routine interactions with local government could expose them or their family members to immigration enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek emergency assistance, cooperate with investigations, or access basic City services. This ordinance is intended to preserve trust between the City and the people it serves, which is essential to effective policing, emergency response, and community well-being. Furthermore, this policy ensures that Bangor's limited tax dollars are reserved for local safety priorities rather than being diverted to unfunded federal enforcement mandates.



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extensive information gathering and ultimately a grant application process to inform the allocation of up to \$650,000. The Committee received a total of 32 grant applications and voted a final recommended slate of 16 awards to City Council. This final recommendation passed the Advisory Committee by a vote of (3-2).

At a Special Council Workshop on March 2, 2026, Council voted to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendation with modifications. One grant applicant, the City's Department of Public Health & Community Services (DPH&CS), scored well enough in the grant scoring process to receive a grant award of \$50,000 for their proposal. However, when the final recommendation was ultimately moved by the Advisory Committee, the motion was made to not fund the DPH&CS proposal and to instead fund a lower scoring proposal because DPH&CS had already been allocated opioid settlement funds for a different program. The two members voting against the Committee's final recommendation due to the removal of the DPH&CS proposal felt that it was inequitable and not in alignment with the Committee's established procedure to specifically remove an applicant based on a criterion that was not set forth in the grant application documentation and because no other applicant was reviewed to determine whether they had already received opioid settlement funds.

At the Special Council Workshop, Council desired to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendation with the addition of the request from DPH&CS, which necessitated the removal of the lowest scoring applicant from the Advisory Committee's recommended slate. This removed applicant will be considered for future funding with opioid settlement funds if they choose to apply.

The full list of awards is contained in the Attachment and was recommended for approval at the Special Council Workshop by a vote of 7-1.

**26-110    ORDER                      **Directing Compliance with New State Law 5 M.R.S.                      **BECK****  
**Chap. 337-E "Immigration" Effective Immediately**  
**and to Formalize Written Procedure Regarding**  
**Providing Access to Confidential Information and**  
**Non-public Spaces at the Request of Law Enforcement****

**Executive Summary:** This Order directs the City Manager to instruct City staff to comply immediately with new state statute 5 M.R.S. Chapter 337-E entitled "Immigration" (LD 1971), which clarifies the relationship of state and local law enforcement agencies with federal immigration authorities, notwithstanding that this new state law does not take effect until 90 days after the Maine Legislature adjourns the current legislative session. It is anticipated that this state law will take effect statewide in July 2026, but this order would direct that the City begin complying with the requirements outlined in the state law immediately.

Additionally, this order directs the City Manager to formalize a written procedure to assist staff in understanding the proper course of action when law enforcement requests that the City provide confidential information or access to non-public spaces on City property.

The Government Operations Committee also discussed draft ordinance 26-095 at its March 2, 2026 meeting, which would have established an ordinance addressing employee engagement with immigration enforcement officials. After Committee discussion regarding the legal concerns and administrative challenges with the City implementing what would result in two distinct regulatory frameworks, the Committee voted to not

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recommend passage of Council Order 26-095 and to instead recommend this order.

This order was recommended for approval at the March 2, 2026 Government Operations Committee meeting by a vote of 3-2.



# CONSENT AGENDA

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BANGOR CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

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*Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM  
Chaired by Council Chair Hawes  
Councilors Absent: Deane  
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Evangeline White spoke in favor of a recreation center and the importance of girls' hockey. Katie Coe agreed.*

*Joe Garcia and Scott Pardy spoke against Ordinance 26-095.*

*Richard Charleston asked if there was something that could be done to stop the foot traffic at the back of the school house apartments.*

*Richard Ward spoke against supporting the Food & Medicine organization.*

*Tyler Shanahan spoke regarding the correlation between housing costs and homelessness.*

*Katie Coe and Adam Baker spoke in favor of Ordinance 26-095.*

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**MINUTES OF:** *Bangor City Council Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026*

*Action: Approved*

**26-092    ORDER**    *Authorizing City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation Related to Overweight Construction Vehicles on US Route 2 for Cyclical Pavement Resurfacing*    **MALLAR**

*Action: Passed*

**26-093    ORDER**    *Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Aerocloud Systems to Expand the Common-use System for Bangor International Airport*    **DEANE**

*Action: Passed*

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**26-094    ORDINANCE**    *Amending Chapter 165, Land Development Code, District Map to Re-Zone a Property Located at 26 Walter Street from Urban Service District to Urban Residence 2 District*    **FALOON**

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<p><b><u>26-095</u></b>     <b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b>     <i>Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Establish Chapter 46, “Employee Authority in Immigration Matters”</i></p> <p><i>Action: Motion made and seconded to remove ordinance until the City Attorney completes his review. Motion and seconded withdrawn.</i></p>	<b>BECK</b>
<p><b><u>26-096</u></b>     <b><u>RESOLVE</u></b>     <i>Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$320,603 from the State of Maine Department of Transportation for the Purpose of Funding New Mobile Fare Technology, an Electric ADA Van, and Bike Racks</i></p> <p><i>Action: Motion made and seconded for Passage of Referrals to Committee and First Reading Vote: 8 – 0 Councilors Voting Yes: Beck, Carson, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes Councilors Voting No: None Passed</i></p>	<b>MALLAR</b>
<b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></b>	<b><u>ASSIGNED TO</u></b>
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<p><b><u>26-086</u></b>     <b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b>     <i>Amending the Land Development Code, Section 165-73 Parking Area Location and Screening to Remove the Buffer Requirement for Parking Lots Adjacent to Properties Zoned G&amp;ISD, Except Where the Adjacent Property Contains a Residential, Cemetery, or School Use</i></p> <p><i>Action: Motion made and seconded for Passage Vote: 8 – 0 Councilors Voting Yes: Beck, Carson, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes Councilors Voting No: None Passed</i></p>	<b>FALOON</b>
<p><b><u>26-087</u></b>     <b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b>     <i>Amending the Land Development Code, Section 165-13 Definitions to Remove State Street from the Minor Arterial Street Definition</i></p> <p><i>Action: Motion made and seconded for Passage Vote: 8 – 0 Councilors Voting Yes: Beck, Carson, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes Councilors Voting No: None Passed</i></p>	<b>WALKER</b>

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<b><u>26-088</u></b>	<b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b>	<i>Amending Chapter 165, Land Development Code, District Map to Re-zone a Property Located at R23-003-B from Rural Residence and Agricultural District (RR&amp;A) to Government and Institutional Service District (G&amp;ISD)</i>	<b>CARSON</b>
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*Action: Motion made and seconded for Passage  
Vote: 8 – 0  
Councilors Voting Yes: Beck, Carson, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes  
Councilors Voting No: None  
Passed*

<b><u>26-089</u></b>	<b><u>ORDINANCE</u></b>	<i>Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Create a Standing Legislative Committee</i>	<b>CARSON</b>
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*Action: Motion made and seconded for Passage  
Vote: 8 – 0  
Councilors Voting Yes: Beck, Carson, Faloon, Fish, Leonard, Mallar, Walker, Hawes  
Councilors Voting No: None  
Passed*

<b>NEW BUSINESS ITEM NO.</b>	<b>ASSIGNED TO COUNCILOR</b>
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<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u></b>	<i>Application for Casino Operator License Renewal of HC Bangor, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino Hotel &amp; Raceway, 500 Main Street</i>	<b>BECK</b>
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*Action: Motion made and seconded to Open Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Opened*

*George Lane spoke against approving the license.*

*Motion made and seconded to close the Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Closed*

*Motion made and seconded for Passage  
Approved*

<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>	<i>Application for Special Amusement License Renewal of Endwell LLC d/b/a Paddy Murphy’s, 26 Main Street</i>	<b>BECK</b>
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*Action: Motion made and seconded to Open Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Opened*

*George Lane spoke against approving the license.  
Richard Charleston spoke in favor of approval.*

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*Motion made and seconded to close the Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Closed  
Motion made and seconded for Passage  
Approved*

ATTEST:   
Lisa J. Goodwin, MMC, City Clerk

## Goodwin, Lisa

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**From:** O'Donnell, Courtney  
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City of Bangor February 23rd 2026 council meeting, remote public comment

"Good snow day, the name is Michael Anthony Norton and I live at 83 Elm Street in Bangor Maine. I figure since we use YouTube and Zoom Workspace and vice versa each meeting, even with remote public commenters and council members chiming in, I can simply email you my public comment for the meeting today.

"The city's kids are in hypothermia so we don't have to worry about any limits for general audiences in our speech!

"I think Zoom work space or workplace should change its name because it's a branding and marketing tool that limits the performances of people who understand velocity, labor, and spatial relationships. "Netscape Navigator" might be the better iconic and respectable choice in today's day and age.

"I recently applied for a Dramatic Writing Professor position. People my age who were taught anything about dramatic writing during their time and enrollment with education understand clearly that email, text, text messaging, voice mails, and the like do not precede the discipline of dramatic writing. Nor does social media. But media and society do.

"It seems my license and perhaps that of many others to be employed in the most in picture and entertainment and communications industries has been overwritten by social media and the tremendous erasure by 'new' dramatic writing by our web civilization. For example, if you have a screenplay written or a major studio or production company and it's customers, this century you are historically deferred with, well, you need to write a website and host one, you need a social media tool to get the word out, etc.

"Since the employment opportunity for this position is in New York City, I wonder how many schools today are teaching *Manhattanomics*. Seems like the task for a dramatic writing professor like me, because the mere utterance of the word suggests that there are probably a million ways to teach it.

"Moving on. Today still no one understands in education or outside of it why dopamine is lost by those people with Parkinson's disease. No one today understands why some people diagnosed with cancer survive and others don't, regardless of all of this technology and instrumental instrumentation and medicine and equipment to help people fight and beat cancer permanently. People in our school systems don't know that these two enemies of human beings are *magnetic temporal disorders*. They are not taught that yet. It doesn't seem like we have a media able to indicate to the common audiences who are their customers that all of that equipment and medicine, once cancer and Parkinson's are defeated from the list of common diseases and disorders, can be applied to construct an extraordinary world far better than the one we are living in today and yesteryears. A vaccine or a cure that does not prescribe death for anyone of any age due to the diagnosis of the disorder. The magnetic temporal disorder.

"Earth science and biology; physics, finance, and public administration: these are a few formalized education courses that I have experiences with that bookend my career focus track in cinema and television and the arts. Because I have failed to win the hearts of publishers, consumers, and studio system employers should not indicate that the bookends of my education should be overshadowed.

"If we all go down to NCI, the National Cancer Institute that's been around more than a life expectancy of a male or a female on this planet, over 80 years, and say to them something to the effect, thanks to our dramatic writing education, 'hey, I have experience with people having been diagnosed with cancer and Parkinson's since I was in my single digits of years. Where is my license to collaborate with you and your customers and constituents today?' What are they going to say? 'We only employ Gloria Swanson and Steven Segal? We only approach and offer licenses and permits for that kind'?"

"By the way, I could be wrong but nowhere in the New Testament do the words of Jesus ever indicate it is inappropriate for any of us to have our wedding ceremony on Good Friday.

"Thank you. My three minutes is up. God bless and stay strong. And please get me to New York City in a New York minute!"

Mike Norton



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-097

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-097

Responsible Dept: Legal

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: 049-014

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 72 State Street

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 72 State Street. Tax and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by James W. Butler, at 72 State Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



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Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-097

Assigned to Councilor: Mallar

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 72 State Street

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Stephanie Kimball, Finance Director, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bangor, to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the City may have by virtue of tax and stormwater liens recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Book 16103, Page 40; Book 15652, Page 269; Book 15173, Page 341; Book 16103, Page 229; Book 15653, Page 116; Book 15174, Page 244; Book 15789, Page 54; Book 15616, Page 130; Book 15355, Page 277; and Book 15092, Page 201. Said deed shall be directed to James W. Butler and shall be in final form approved by the City Solicitor or the Assistant City Solicitor.



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03/09/2026 26-098

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

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Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: 056-157

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 180 Yale Street

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 180 Yale Street. Sewer and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by Jordan Peterson and Alistair Lewis, at 180 Yale Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-098

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-098

Assigned to Councilor: Deane

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 180 Yale Street

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Stephanie Kimball, Finance Director, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bangor, to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the City may have by virtue of sewer and stormwater liens recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Book 17649, Page 204; Book 17510, Page 270; Book 17392, Page 112; Book 17152, Page 39; Book 17650, Page 323; Book 17511, Page 291; and Book 17391, Page 217. Said deed shall be directed to Jordan Peterson and Alistair Lewis and shall be in final form approved by the City Solicitor or the Assistant City Solicitor.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-099

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-099

Responsible Dept: Community & Economic Development

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: 047-127

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Sale of Property at 240 Grove Street in the Amount of \$57,000.00 to Melissa Nguyen and Bin Yo

**Summary**

This Order would authorize the sale of 240 Grove Street. The City took ownership of the property due to a matured tax lien. Under State statute, there is a specific process municipalities in Maine must use for the sale of foreclosed properties.

The City Realtor listed the property in accordance with state law and has received a proposed offer of \$57,000.00 as the highest bid. This items was reviewed and recommended for approval in the Business & Economic Development Committee meeting on March 2, 2026.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Business & Economic Development Committee

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Action: Recommend for passage

For: 5

Against: 0

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-099

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-099

Assigned to Councilor: Carson

Authorizing the Sale of Property at 240 Grove Street in the Amount of \$57,000.00 to Melissa Nguyen and Bin Yo

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City is hereby authorized to sell said property located at 240 Grove Street to Melissa Nguyen and Bin Yo for \$57,000.00.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-100

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-100

Responsible Dept: Legal

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: 045-011-A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 500 Essex Street

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 500 Essex Street. Tax, sewer, and stormwater liens have matured on the property owned by CL Home Properties, LLC, at 500 Essex Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-100

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-100

Assigned to Councilor: Mallar

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 500 Essex Street

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Stephanie Kimball, Finance Director, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bangor, to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the City may have by virtue of tax, sewer, and stormwater liens recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Book 17565, Page 118; Book 17210, Page 131; Book 16877, Page 156; Book 17649, Page 221; Book 17510, Page 280; Book 17392, Page 120; Book 17650, Page 337; Book 17511, Page 297; and Book 17391, Page 225. Said deed shall be directed to CL Home Properties, LLC and shall be in final form approved by the City Solicitor or the Assistant City Solicitor.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-101

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-101

Responsible Dept: Legal

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: R49-004-A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 631 Essex Street

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at 631 Essex Street. Tax and sewer liens have matured on the property owned by Nattapong Kongsuriya and Crawford Kinney, at 631 Essex Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-101

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-101

Assigned to Councilor: Beck

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at 631 Essex Street

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Stephanie Kimball, Finance Director, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bangor, to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the City may have by virtue of tax and sewer liens recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Book 17565, Page 6; Book 17211, Page 10; Book 16878, Page 210; Book 17649, Page 218; Book 17510, Page 278; and Book 17392, Page 117. Said deed shall be directed to Nattapong Kongsuriya and Crawford Kinney and shall be in final form approved by the City Solicitor or the Assistant City Solicitor.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-102

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-102

Responsible Dept: Legal

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: 025-062

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at Larkin Street

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the execution of a municipal quitclaim deed for real estate located at Larkin Street. Tax liens have matured on the property owned by Brann & Sons Properties LLC, at Larkin Street. The outstanding charges due the City have been paid. Because the liens matured, a municipal quitclaim deed is required to release the City's interest in the property.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-102

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-102

Assigned to Councilor: Walker

Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate Located at Larkin Street

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Stephanie Kimball, Finance Director, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Bangor, to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed releasing any interest the City may have by virtue of tax liens recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Book 17211, Page 85; and Book 17565, Page 302. Said deed shall be directed to Brann & Sons Properties LLC and shall be in final form approved by the City Solicitor or the Assistant City Solicitor.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-103

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-103

Responsible Dept: Police

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept \$2,875 in funds, as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Gaul)

**Summary**

Members of the police department, either assigned to the patrol division or assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, were involved in an investigation that led to the seizure of \$2,875.00 cash. Penobscot County Docket Number CR-24-1998.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date:

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-103

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-103

Assigned to Councilor: Fish

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept \$2,875 in funds, as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Gaul)

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City Manager be authorized to accept \$2,875.00, as result of a State Criminal Forfeiture. The money will be deposited in the police department state forfeiture account.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-104

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-104

Responsible Dept: Police

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the City Manager to accept one firearm, as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Thibodeau)

**Summary**

Members of the police department, either assigned to the patrol division or assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, were involved in an investigation that led to the seizure of one firearm. Penobscot County Docket No. CR-2022-03671.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date:

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-104

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-104

Assigned to Councilor: Deane

Authorizing the City Manager to accept one firearm, as Result of a State Criminal Forfeiture (Thibodeau)

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City Manager be authorized to accept one firearm, as result of a State Criminal Forfeiture. The firearm will remain stored in the department's secured property room.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

02/09/2026 26-105

Council Meeting Date: 02/09/2026

Item No: 26-105

Responsible Dept: City Clerk

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Appointing Nominees to Ethics Board and Water District Board of Trustees

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the appointments to the Ethics Board and the Water District Board of Trustees to fill unexpired terms. Vacancies were advertised and the applicants were interviewed by the Council's Personnel Committee on February 23, 2026. The Committee has completed the process of interviewing applicants for these positions and has developed recommendations for full Council consideration.

**Committee Action**

Committee:

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date:

For:

Against:

**Previous Council Actions**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



**CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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02/09/2026 26-105

Date: 02/09/2026

Item No: 26-105

Assigned to Councilor: Fish

Appointing Nominees to Ethics Board and Water District Board of Trustees

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that,

the recommendations of the Personnel Committee of the City Council are hereby accepted, and the following individuals are hereby appointed to the regular positions and for the terms designated:

John King - Board of Ethics - Term Expires 12/31/2027

Thomas Higgins - Water District Board of Trustees - Term Expires 12/31/2026



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION

03/09/2026 26-106

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-106

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

### Title, Order

Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a \$500,000 Grant from NASTAD to Support a Two-Year Program to Increase Support and Connections to Care for People Living with HIV

### Summary

This Order would authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$500,000 grant from NASTAD to support a two year program to increase support and connections to care for people living with HIV.

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, commonly called NASTAD, has a grant opportunity available with the purpose of supporting the re-engagement of people living with HIV that have been out of care and without routine HIV treatment. Adhering to HIV treatment plans is essential to achieve viral suppression. This grant opportunity is aimed at breaking down barriers to care and treatment.

If awarded, Bangor Public Health and Community Services would use the funds to expand its case management services and implement solutions for engagement and adherence, covering costs for staff, incentives, transportation, and other expenses that align with the work plan. The Department would partner with community organizations to offer a robust and comprehensive program.

This item was reviewed and recommended for approval at the Government Operations Committee meeting on March 2, 2026.

### Committee Action

Committee: Government Operations Committee

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Action: Recommend for passage

For: 5

Against: 0

### Previous Council Actions

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** Consent



## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-106

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-106

Assigned to Councilor: Walker

Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a \$500,000 Grant from NASTAD to Support a Two-Year Program to Increase Support and Connections to Care for People Living with HIV

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor That, the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to apply for a \$500,000 grant from NASTAD for the purpose of supporting a two year program supporting individuals living with HIV.



REFERRALS TO  
COMMITTEES  
& FIRST READING



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

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Council Meeting Date: March 9, 2026

Item No: 26-107

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Action Requested: Ordinance

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Ordinance**

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Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Create a Standing Committee on Homelessness

**Summary**

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During City Council’s annual priority setting session in December, City Council selected addressing homelessness as its top priority for the coming year.

In subsequent discussions, Council coalesced around the creation of a standing committee to help advise Council on its approach to addressing homelessness.

This standing committee would include a mix of experts in homelessness, individuals with lived experience with homelessness or housing instability, peer municipalities, and community members impacted by homelessness issues. Supplemental expertise would be provided by the City’s Homeless Response Coordinator and other experts from the City’s Department of Public Health & Community Services, Community & Economic Development, School Department, and Public Safety.

The Committee’s initial charge is to create a strategic plan for the City’s response to homelessness that is data driven, evidence informed, and that considers regional and structural coordination. Following completion of this initial charge, the Committee’s mission is broadened to more expansively consider issues impacting homelessness including better regional and structural coordination, identifying and quantifying gaps, recommending sustainable funding strategies, reviewing state legislative proposals, reviewing and providing feedback on items coming before Council and community stakeholder engagement.

**Committee Action**

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Committee: Government Operations

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Action: Recommend for passage

For: 5

Against: 0

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

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City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading



## CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE

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Date: March 9, 2026

Assigned to Councilor: Fish

**ORDINANCE**, Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Create Standing Committee on Homelessness

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT**

The Code of the City of Bangor is amended as follows:

### Chapter 23 Boards, Committees and Commissions

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### Article VII Advisory Committee on Homelessness

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#### § 23-47. Committee establishment; membership; and mission.

- A. There is hereby established the Advisory Committee on Homelessness. The Committee's initial task will be to create a strategic plan for the City's response to homelessness that is data driven, evidence informed, and that considers regional and structural coordination. After the completion of this initial task, the Committee will broaden its scope to include more broadly developing and advising Council on strategies and policies to prevent and end homelessness.
- B. The Committee shall consist of nine regular voting members appointed by the City Council. All members shall be at-large members. The Council shall work to include members with a wide variety of perspectives and interests on the Committee, such as, but not limited to:
  - (1) Local service provider(s) with experience managing shelters or other housing types for the unhoused population in Bangor.
  - (2) Local service provider(s) that provide direct service outreach to the unhoused population in Bangor.
  - (3) Local service provider(s) with experience providing mental health treatment or support to the unhoused population in Bangor.
  - (4) Local service provider(s) with experience providing treatment, including medication assisted treatment, recovery, or harm reduction services or support to individuals that are unhoused and with substance use disorders.
  - (5) Representatives of Northern Light EMMC, St. Joseph Healthcare, and/or Penobscot Community Health Center.
  - (6) An individual that is a landlord with experience working with individuals utilizing housing vouchers.
  - (7) A Bangor business-owner impacted by the City's homelessness crisis.
  - (8) Representatives of Penobscot County and/or surrounding municipalities.
  - (9) Other experts in homelessness response or associated areas that Council believes contributes to the work of the Committee.
- C. The City shall solicit interest in Committee membership through a public application and nomination process. Applicants will be interviewed and recommended for appointment by the Personnel Committee and appointed by the City Council.

- D. The City Council recognizes that solutions to homelessness must be informed by those who have lived it. Therefore, in making appointments, the Council and the Personnel Committee shall consider applicants with current or past lived experiences of homelessness or housing instability as disclosed through self-identification with a non-binding goal of at least three Committee members with lived experience.
- E. To ensure Committee recommendations are operationally viable, staff from the following City departments shall be assigned to serve as permanent Ex-Officio (non-voting) technical advisors: (1) Public Health, (2) Community & Economic Development, (3) Public Safety, and (4) School Department.
- F. The Council Chair shall annually appoint a member of the City Council, as a non-voting member and a liaison between the Council and the Committee. This term shall expire on the first Monday in November following the regular City election, at which time the Chair for the ensuing year shall make a new appointment. Any liaison appointed mid-term shall only serve until the next such Monday in November.

#### **§ 23-48. Residency; salaries and compensation.**

Regular members of the Committee shall be selected primarily on the basis of the guidelines outlined above, but preference may be given to appointing members who are residents of the City of Bangor and/or have lived experience with homelessness or housing instability. Committee members shall receive no compensation for their service.

#### **§ 23-49. Terms of office.**

- A. For initial appointment, Council shall appoint three representatives for a term of one year, three representatives for a term of two years, and three representatives for a term of three years. Thereafter, the term of each regular member shall be for three years or until their successor has been appointed.
- B. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term.

#### **§ 23-50. Officers.**

The Committee shall annually elect a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary from among its voting members.

#### **§ 23-51. Meetings; quarterly report; quorum; cause for removal.**

- A. The Committee shall meet at least monthly, but more frequent meetings may occur.
- B. Beginning three months following the date of the first Committee meeting, and quarterly thereafter, the Committee shall prepare and submit to the City Council a report outlining its activities during the preceding calendar quarter.
- C. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Committee's voting members and recommendations shall require at least five affirmative votes to pass.

#### **§ 23-52. Mission.**

- A. The Committee's initial charge is to create a strategic plan for the City's response to homelessness that is data driven, evidence informed, and that considers regional and structural coordination. Critical components will include specific strategies for homelessness prevention, encampment response, and other necessary City policies needed to effectively address homelessness within the City. The Committee shall submit a strategic plan for Council review and adoption not later than twelve months from the Committee's first meeting.
- B. Following the completion of the Committee's initial charge, the Committee's mission is to:
  - (1) Consider and recommend ways to ensure better regional and structural coordination on homelessness, which may include evaluating the policies and ordinances in surrounding municipalities and at the county-level, advocating for a fairer regional sharing of investments, and evaluating how the City can

better align with state-level efforts.

- (2) Recommend a sustainable municipal funding strategy for the City's response to homelessness, including, but not limited to, planning for changes to state and federal funding to the existing voucher system, researching and presenting creative and non-traditional funding mechanisms, and reviewing opportunities to leverage existing and future City investments.
- (3) Review state legislative proposals that impact homelessness and make recommendations to Council regarding legislative proposals that the City should consider supporting or opposing. The Committee may also make recommendations to Council regarding legislative proposals that the City should consider seeking sponsorship.
- (4) Review, consider, and provide feedback on all items that Council refers to the Committee for this purpose.
- (5) Proactively engage the City's diverse community stakeholders to incorporate broad community input into the recommendations made to Council

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## CITY OF BANGOR ORDER

03/09/2026 26-108

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-108

Assigned to Councilor: Faloon

Authorizing Issuance of \$75,000,000 of the City's General Obligation Bonds for a Consolidated Parks and Recreation Facility and a Tax Levy Therefor, Subject to Approval of the Voters of the City of Bangor

By the City Council of the City of Bangor, BE IT ORDERED:

THAT, pursuant to 30-A, §5772 of the Maine Revised Statutes, Article VIII, Sections 13 and 15 of the City Charter, and all other authority thereto enabling, but subject to an approving vote of the voters of the City of Bangor, there is hereby authorized and approved the issue and sale of the City's general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof (referred to herein as the "bonds" and the "notes"), in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000), the proceeds of which, including premium and any investment earnings thereon, if any, shall be used and are hereby appropriated to pay a portion of the costs (as herein defined) of the following improvements (the "Project"):

Description: Consolidated Parks and Recreation Facility, including but not limited to multi-purpose spaces, a gymnasium, two sheets of ice, childcare areas, athletic fields, and space for City Parks and Recreation Maintenance in a separate building.

Amount: \$75,000,000

Estimated Life: 30 years

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:

THAT the estimated weighted period of utility for the property constituting the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds and notes is hereby determined to be the period of time indicated above for said Project.

THAT the bonds and notes shall be executed in the name of and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of Finance Director, countersigned by the Chair of the City Council (provided that at least one of such signatures shall be a manual signature), sealed with the seal of the City, attested by its Clerk.

THAT the Finance Director, with the approval of the Finance Committee, is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to establish, determine and approve the time of the sale, award and settlement of the bonds and notes, which may be issued at one time or from time-to-time, through a public offering or a private sale (on a competitive or negotiated basis or a combination thereof), through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (the "Bond Bank") general resolution borrowing programs or with and to another qualified purchaser, or a combination thereof, and such bonds and notes may be issued in serial form or as term debt, or some combination thereof, such establishment, determination and approval to be made in his/her sole discretion, all in such manner as the Finance Director deems appropriate and in the best interest of the City, and to be conclusively evidenced by his/her execution thereof.

THAT the Finance Director, with the approval of the Finance Committee, is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to establish, determine and approve the form, date, maturities (not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law), denominations, interest rates, payment dates, provisions for redemption prior to the stated maturity date, with or without a premium, as provided in Title 30-A, §5772(6) of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, and all other details of the bonds and notes, such establishment, determination and approval to be conclusively evidenced by his/her execution thereof.

THAT in each year during which any of the bonds remain outstanding, there shall be levied a tax in an amount that, with other revenues, if any, available for such purpose, shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds that is due and payable in such year.

THAT the Finance Director is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to do or cause to be done all such acts and things as may be necessary or advisable in order to accomplish the issuance of the bonds and notes and the investment of the proceeds thereof, including to approve, execute and deliver all contracts, agreements, loan agreements (including but not limited to one or more loan agreements between the City and the Bond Bank), investment agreements, bond purchase agreements, continuing disclosure agreements, tax compliance agreements, official statements or other offering documents, instruments, a Letter of Representation or other agreement required to allow the bonds or notes to be issued through the Depository Trust Company Book-Entry Only System, and such other documents and closing certificates, as may be necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the issuance of the bonds and notes and the investment of the proceeds thereof (the "Bond Documents"), which Bond Documents may be in such form and contain such terms and provisions including, without limitation, the waiving of the City's sovereign or governmental immunity with respect to the enforceability of any of the forgoing, which waiver of sovereign or governmental immunity is hereby authorized, confirmed and approved, and such other details as he shall establish, determine and approve, such establishment, determination and approval to be conclusively evidenced by his/her execution thereof.

THAT the Finance Director is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City:

- To covenant and agree (i) that no part of the proceeds of the bonds or notes, or the Project, shall be used directly or indirectly in any manner that would cause the bonds or notes to be "private activity bonds" or "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Sections 141 or 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) that the City will take all such action as may be necessary to ensure that interest on the bonds or notes will remain exempt from federal income taxation and that the City will refrain from any action that would cause interest on the bonds or notes to be subject to federal income taxation;
- To designate such bonds or notes as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, to the extent such designation is available and permissible under said Section 265(b)(3); and
- To covenant, certify, and agree for the benefit of the holders of such bonds or notes, that the City will file any required reports, make any annual financial or material event disclosure, and take any

other action that may be necessary to ensure that the disclosure requirements imposed by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, if applicable, are met.

THAT the term "cost" or "costs" as used herein and applied to the Project, or any portion thereof, includes, but is not limited to: (1) the purchase price or acquisition cost of all or any portion of the Project; (2) the cost to design, construct or reconstruct, renovate, improve, repair, furnish and equip the Project; (3) the cost of demolition, disposal, site preparation, permitting and environmental remediation in connection with the Project; (4) the cost of land, easements and other real property interests, landscaping and site preparation, all appurtenances and other fixtures, facilities, buildings and structures either on, above, or under the ground which are used or usable in connection with the Project; (5) the cost of feasibility studies, surveys, environmental studies and assessments, engineering, plans and specifications, legal and other professional services associated with the Project; (6) issuance costs, including premiums for insurance, capitalized interest and other fees and expenses relating to the financing transaction and issuance of the bonds and notes, and (7) other costs of the Project ancillary or related to the foregoing costs.

THAT the proceeds of the bonds and notes (including premium and investment earnings thereon, if any), are appropriated for the following purposes, to be selected by the Finance Director, in his/her sole discretion:

1. To the cost of the Project;
2. In accordance with applicable terms and provisions of the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate delivered in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes including, to the extent permitted thereunder, to the City's General Fund;
3. To pay debt service on the bonds or notes.

THAT if the actual cost of the Project differs from the estimated cost, whether due to completion, delay or abandonment of such Project, or for any other reason, the Finance Director is authorized, in his/her sole discretion, to reallocate proceeds of the bonds or notes to any other project or improvement that the City Council has approved or may in the future approve as part of the City's annual capital improvement plan.

THAT if the Finance Director, Chair of the City Council, or Clerk are for any reason unavailable to approve and execute the bonds or notes or any related Bond Document, the person or persons then acting in any such capacity, whether on an interim or acting or temporary basis, as an assistant, a deputy, or otherwise, is authorized to act for such official, in the name of and on behalf of the City, with the same force and effect as if such official had himself or herself performed such act.

THAT if the Finance Director, Chair of the City Council, or Clerk who have signed or sealed the bonds or notes shall cease to be such officers or officials before the bonds or notes so signed and sealed shall have been actually authenticated or delivered by the City, such bonds or notes nevertheless may be authenticated, issued, and delivered with the same force and effect as though the person or persons who signed or sealed such bonds notes had not ceased to be such officer or official; and also any such bonds or notes may be signed and sealed in the name of and on behalf of the City by those persons who, at the actual date of the execution of such bonds or notes, shall be the proper officers and officials of the City, although at the nominal date of such bonds or notes any such person shall not have been such officer or official.

THAT while any of the bonds remain outstanding, the Finance Director is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to issue and deliver refunding bonds on either a current or advance refunding basis, to refund some or all of the bonds then outstanding, and to determine the date, form, interest rate, maturities (not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law), and all other details of such refunding bonds, which may be made callable, with or without premium, prior to their stated date(s) of maturity, and to determine the form and manner of their sale and award, which refunding bonds shall be signed in like manner as the bonds.

THAT if, following issuance of some but less than all of the bonds authorized hereby, the Finance Director determines, in his/her sole discretion, that the remaining authorized but unissued bonds will not be issued in furtherance of the Project, then the Finance Director is authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the City, to note on the financial books and records of the City, in the form and manner as he/she shall determine to be appropriate, that such authorized but unissued bonds will not be issued, following which notation the remaining unissued bonds shall not thereafter be issued and the authority established pursuant to this Order to issue such remaining unissued bonds shall be extinguished and of no further force and effect.

THAT the City may pay certain costs of the Project prior to the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized hereby (referred to as "original expenditures"); to that end, the City hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself for such original expenditures from the proceeds of such bonds and notes, and this Order shall constitute the City's declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

THAT the question of issuing the bonds and notes authorized by the foregoing votes be submitted to the voters of the City of Bangor at a referendum election at a time to be designated by the City Council, and that the foregoing votes authorizing the issuance of such bonds and notes shall not be effective unless and until approved by the voters in such referendum election, and if not so approved, the bonds and notes shall not be issued.



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BUSINESS



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

02/09/2026 26-090

Council Meeting Date: 02/09/2026

Item No: 26-090

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Resolve

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Resolve**

Making an Appropriation from Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of Up to \$50,000 to Fund a Director of Human Resources

**Summary**

Currently, the City of Bangor's Assistant City Manager concurrently holds the title of Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Labor Relations Officer with the human resources and labor relations functions occupying at least half of the Assistant City Manager's working hours. Given the size of the City's workforce and the critical importance of the City's employees, it is beneficial for there to be a stand-alone Department Head-level position that leads the City's human resources and labor relations functions. By creating a new Director of Human Resources position, the City acknowledges the critical importance of its employees. A survey of the five largest cities in Maine shows that Bangor is the only City without a stand-alone Director-level human resources role. The City's greatest asset is our employees and focused leadership on hiring, training, and labor relations will ensure that the City is utilizing this asset to the greatest public benefit.

Additionally, removing human resources and labor relations from the Assistant City Manager role will allow the Assistant City Manager to refocus on important technology projects, public outreach and communications, and process improvement - which will result in increased efficiency, cost savings, and better customer service.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Government Operations Committee  
Action:

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026  
For: Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading & Referral

Government Operations Committee

02/16/2026



## **CITY OF BANGOR RESOLVE**

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02/09/2026 26-090

Date: 02/09/2026

Item No: 26-090

Assigned to Councilor: Leonard

Making an Appropriation from Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of Up to \$50,000 to Fund a Director of Human Resources

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bangor City Council, authorizes the appropriation of \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance to fund a Director of Human resources.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

Council Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Item No: 26-095

Responsible Dept: City Councilor

Action Requested: Ordinance

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Ordinance**

Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Establish Chapter 46, "Employee Authority in Immigration Matters"

**Summary**

This Ordinance establishes clear limits on the City of Bangor’s involvement in federal immigration enforcement, consistent with federal and state law, in order to prioritize public safety, community trust, and the responsible use of municipal resources.

The ordinance makes explicit that Bangor does not operate its departments, programs, or public safety services for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws. It affirms that City employees will continue to comply with all valid federal and state laws, judicial warrants, subpoenas, and court orders, and will continue to cooperate fully in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity. What this ordinance does is draw a firm line between local public safety responsibilities and federal civil immigration enforcement.

The ordinance is grounded in a public safety rationale. When residents are afraid that routine interactions with local government could expose them or their family members to immigration enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek emergency assistance, cooperate with investigations, or access basic City services. This ordinance is intended to preserve trust between the City and the people it serves, which is essential to effective policing, emergency response, and community well-being. Furthermore, this policy ensures that Bangor’s limited tax dollars are reserved for local safety priorities rather than being diverted to unfunded federal enforcement mandates.

This ordinance affirms that Bangor’s role is to keep its residents safe, uphold the law, and ensure transparency and accountability in the use of public resources—not to serve as an extension of federal civil immigration enforcement.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Government Operations

Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Action:

For:

Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading & Referral



## CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE

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Date: February 23, 2026

Assigned to Councilor: Beck

**ORDINANCE**, Amending the Code of the City of Bangor to Establish Chapter 46, "Employee Authority in Immigration Matters."

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bangor is committed to fostering a welcoming environment grounded in equal protection, equal treatment, and mutual trust for all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, Bangor is home to residents of diverse backgrounds, including immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and mixed-status families, all of whom are integral to the City's social, cultural, and economic life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has a responsibility to ensure that all residents feel safe reporting crimes, seeking emergency assistance, cooperating with law enforcement, and accessing City services without fear of retaliation or collateral consequences unrelated to local public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, local public safety is strengthened—not weakened—when municipal governments maintain clear boundaries between local law enforcement and federal civil immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, when municipal employees are perceived as agents of federal immigration enforcement, community trust erodes, crimes go unreported, victims and witnesses disengage, and public safety outcomes deteriorate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it necessary and prudent to prioritize the use of Bangor's limited municipal resources for the advancement of local public safety, public health, emergency response, and community well-being, rather than the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the City further finds that involvement of City personnel in federal immigration enforcement would divert resources from these core municipal functions, undermine community trust, and discourage residents from seeking local assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, formal agreements to deputize local employees for federal immigration enforcement, such as 287(g) agreements, often impose significant and disproportionate financial burdens on municipal budgets by diverting local taxpayer dollars toward personnel, training, and administrative costs that are not fully reimbursed by the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, federal immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, and nothing in federal or Maine law requires municipalities to use local personnel, funds, facilities, data, or technology to enforce federal civil immigration laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bangor possesses broad home-rule authority under the Maine Constitution and state law to determine how its personnel and resources are deployed in furtherance of legitimate municipal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, clarity regarding the authority and limitations of City employees reduces legal risk, prevents inconsistent practices, and ensures lawful, professional, and accountable conduct across all City departments; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety and accountability are strengthened when government officials are clearly identifiable and transparent in their actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds it necessary to ensure that City-owned property, including buildings, parks, and parking facilities, is reserved for municipal functions in order to ensure these spaces remain open, safe, and accessible to all residents for their intended civic and recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, transparency and public accountability are essential to democratic governance, particularly when City public safety personnel interact or cooperate with federal law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bangor remains fully committed to complying with all applicable federal and state laws, including the execution of judicial warrants, court orders, subpoenas, and the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing a clear, comprehensive, and enforceable municipal policy governing employee authority in immigration matters serves the best interests of the City, its residents, and its public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is intended to strengthen public safety, preserve civil liberties, promote transparency, and ensure the responsible stewardship of public resources while respecting the rule of law.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT**

The Code of the City of Bangor is hereby amended by the enactment of Chapter 46, "Employee Authority in Immigration Matters," as follows:

**Chapter 46: EMPLOYEE AUTHORITY IN IMMIGRATION MATTERS**

**§ 46-1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT** — A non-judicial warrant or arrest document issued by a federal immigration authority, which has not been reviewed or signed by a judge or magistrate of a court of law.

**CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS** — An individual's citizenship or immigration status, as such status is defined in federal law.

**CITY EMPLOYEE** — Any individual working for the City of Bangor on a permanent or temporary basis, including volunteers, appointed members of boards, commissions, and committees, and those drawing an hourly wage or salary.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** — Includes home address, work address, telephone number, electronic mail address, social media contact information, or any other means of contacting an individual.

**FEDERAL AGENCY** — Means the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency, and any other federal agency or successor agency engaged in immigrant enforcement operations.

**IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION** — Any operation that has as its main objective the identification or apprehension of a person or persons: (1) in order to subject them to civil immigration detention, removal, or deportation proceedings; or (2) to criminally prosecute a person for offenses related to immigration status, including but not limited to violations of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1325, 1326, or 18 U.S.C. § 1546.

**JUDICIAL WARRANT** — An order issued by a state or federal judge or magistrate that authorizes a specific law enforcement action.

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT** — Every City department, agency, division, commission, council, committee, board, other body, agent, or person established by charter, authority of an ordinance, executive order, or City Council order.

**NON-PUBLIC AREA** — Area that the general public is not free to enter or access. This includes restricted access areas within buildings and spaces that are otherwise predominantly public, and periods of time during which otherwise public areas are closed for operation.

**PUBLIC AREA** — Area that the general public is free to enter to access. This includes vestibules, lobbies or waiting rooms of buildings and spaces that are otherwise predominantly nonpublic.

**REQUIRED BY LAW** — A mandate contained in a state/federal statute or a Judicial Warrant. This term specifically excludes Administrative Warrants, detainer requests, or informal requests.

## **§ 46-2. Purpose and policy statement.**

**A. Purpose.** This chapter clarifies the relationship between the City of Bangor and the federal government, including the United States Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies, with respect to the investigation, enforcement, or assistance in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

**B. Policy.** The City of Bangor cooperates with federal and state agencies as required by law, but the City does not operate its departments, programs, or services for the purpose of enforcing federal civil immigration laws or federal criminal immigration laws that penalize a person's presence in, entry into, reentry into, or employment in the United States, absent other criminal conduct.

**C. Exclusive regulation.** This chapter constitutes the sole municipal regulation governing City involvement in federal immigration enforcement and supersedes any inconsistent policy, rule, or practice.

## **§ 46-3. General City services.**

### **A. Administration of services.**

(1) City employees shall perform their duties solely for the purpose of administering general City services and programs. Employees may complete employment eligibility verification forms (Form I-9) and comply with

lawful federal audits or inspections of such forms as required by law.

(2) City employees shall comply with properly issued judicial subpoenas or other compulsory legal process when required by law, including those related to immigration matters.

(3) Employees may request proof of identity only when authorized and necessary for the performance of their duties. No person shall be subjected to greater scrutiny or different treatment based on immigration status or on the presentation of non-U.S. identity documents.

#### **B. Prohibition on use of City resources.**

Except as required by law, City employees, contractors, and representatives shall not use City funds, facilities, equipment, technology, data, or personnel for the purpose of detecting, detaining, apprehending, facilitating, or investigating individuals whose sole alleged violation of law is a civil immigration violation. This includes, but is not limited to, investigating or interrogating persons, providing logistical support, or sharing non-public information for federal immigration enforcement purposes.

**(1) Information Security.** No City employee or department shall enter into any contractual agreement or arrangement with a federal agency to provide access to any database operated by a City department where the purpose of such access includes assisting or supporting immigration enforcement operations.

**(2) Contact Information.** Unless presented with a valid and properly issued judicial warrant, no City employee or department shall provide contact information, custody status, or work address to a federal agency for the purpose of an immigration enforcement operation.

**C. Requesting information prohibited.** No City employee or department shall request information from a person about their citizenship or immigration status, unless such inquiry or investigation is required by ordinance, court order, or state or federal law.

#### **D. Training.**

The City shall provide initial and ongoing training for employees regarding this chapter and related policies. Training shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) The requirements of this chapter;
- (2) The distinction between judicial warrants and administrative warrants;
- (3) The distinction between public and non-public City areas;
- (4) Procedures for responding to requests from federal immigration authorities;
- (5) Escalation protocols for urgent or complex situations; and
- (6) Supervisory responsibilities and available City resources.

#### **§ 46-4. Access to City property.**

**A. Restricted use of City property.** No City employee or department shall grant any federal agency access to any City-owned facility or property for an immigration enforcement operation, unless required by law.

**B. Non-public areas.** Non-public City spaces are not open for federal immigration enforcement activities absent a valid judicial warrant or other legal obligation. City employees are not authorized to consent to access to such spaces in lieu of a judicial warrant.

**C. Limitation of Scope.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with compliance with existing contracts, court orders, judicial warrants, or the enforcement of criminal law, or to restrict rights guaranteed under state or federal law.

## § 46-5. Public safety services.

### A. Limitations.

- (1) **Stops and Detentions.** No City employee shall stop, arrest, detain, interrogate, or continue to detain a person for immigration enforcement operation purposes, including pursuant to an immigration detainer, an administrative immigration warrant, or suspicion that the person is not present legally in the United States.
- (2) **Traffic Perimeters.** No City public safety personnel shall establish traffic perimeters for the purpose of assisting or supporting a federal immigration enforcement operation.

**B. Prohibited agreements.** The City shall not enter into any agreement, including under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), to deputize City employees to enforce federal immigration laws, nor any agreement to authorize the custodial transfer or detention of a person for immigration enforcement purposes, including Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSAs) or riders to such agreements.

**C. Permitted cooperation.** Nothing in this chapter prohibits City public safety personnel from cooperating with federal authorities in the investigation of a serious crime such as human trafficking, sex trafficking, drug trafficking, or firearms trafficking.

### D. Access to Persons in Custody.

Unless presented with a valid judicial warrant, public safety personnel shall not:

- (1) Permit ICE or CBP agents to access a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the City;
- (2) Transfer any person into ICE or CBP custody;
- (3) Permit ICE or CBP agents to use City facilities, information, or equipment (including electronic databases) for investigative interviews, other investigative purposes, or for purposes of executing an immigration enforcement operation; or
- (4) Expend time to respond to immigration-related ICE or CBP inquiries or communicate with ICE or CBP regarding a person's custody status, home address, work address, or other information.

## § 46-6. Complaints and enforcement.

**A. Complaints.** Alleged violations of this chapter shall be subject to investigation and discipline in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements, civil service rules, and City policies.

**B. Immigration status.** No complainant or witness shall be required to disclose immigration status as a condition of filing or participating in a complaint.

**C. Public reporting.** The City Manager shall maintain a publicly accessible mechanism for reporting alleged violations and shall provide a summary report of all such complaints and their dispositions to the City Council annually.

## § 46-7. Compliance with federal and state law.

**A. General Compliance.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any action prohibited by federal or state law or to prohibit compliance with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644, properly issued judicial subpoenas, or other legally binding obligations.

**B. Information Sharing.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict any City employee from sending to or receiving from federal immigration authorities information regarding citizenship or immigration status as provided under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644, provided such provisions are applied consistent with the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. However, this section constitutes a strict limitation on such information sharing: it allows for the exchange of citizenship or immigration status only, and does not authorize the disclosure of any other information, including but not limited to release dates, custody status, home addresses, work addresses, or contact information, unless otherwise required by law.

**C. Enforcement of State and Local Laws.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit any City employee from enforcing state and local criminal laws, even if such enforcement takes place at the scene of federal immigration enforcement operations.

**§ 46-8. No impact on private rights.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit any individual's rights or remedies under existing law.

**§ 46-9. Severability.** In the event that any provision of this chapter is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the chapter shall not be invalidated.



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

02/23/2026 26-096

Council Meeting Date: 02/23/2026

Item No: 26-096

Responsible Dept: Community Connector

Requested Action: Resolve

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Resolve**

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$320,603 from the State of Maine Department of Transportation for the Purpose of Funding New Mobile Fare Technology, an Electric ADA Van, and Bike Racks

**Summary**

This Resolve will accept and appropriate \$320,603 in State of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds for the purposes of acquiring new mobile fare technology, an electric ADA van, and 24 three-position bike racks.

MDOT allocated \$2 million in state funding from the last legislative session to support transit projects. Community Connector applied and received \$320,603 in funding with no local match requirement.

This funding will help us in our efforts to continue enhancing accessibility, modernizing fare technology, and expanding multi-modal connectivity, all of which aligns with the priorities of the Maine State Transit Plan.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of this grant by a vote of 5-0 at its February 18th meeting.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Finance Committee  
Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 02/18/2026  
For: 5                      Against: 0

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** First Reading



## **CITY OF BANGOR RESOLVE**

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02/23/2026 26-096

Date: 02/23/2026

Item No: 26-096

Assigned to Councilor: Mallar

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$320,603 from the State of Maine Department of Transportation for the Purpose of Funding New Mobile Fare Technology, an Electric ADA Van, and Bike Racks

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate \$320,603 from the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to fund New Mobile Fare Technology, an electric ADA Van, and bike racks.



NEW BUSINESS



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-109

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-109

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Award of \$641,297 of Opioid Settlement Funds Based on the Recommendation of the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee with Modifications

**Summary**

The Bangor City Council established the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on the best use of the City of Bangor's opioid settlement funds in a manner that was transparent, fair and equitable. The Committee met a total of fifteen times to complete its work, which included extensive information gathering and ultimately a grant application process to inform the allocation of up to \$650,000. The Committee received a total of 32 grant applications and voted a final recommended slate of 16 awards to City Council. This final recommendation passed the Advisory Committee by a vote of (3-2).

At a Special Council Workshop on March 2, 2026, Council voted to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendation with modifications. One grant applicant, the City's Department of Public Health & Community Services (DPH&CS), scored well enough in the grant scoring process to receive a grant award of \$50,000 for their proposal. However, when the final recommendation was ultimately moved by the Advisory Committee, the motion was made to not fund the DPH&CS proposal and to instead fund a lower scoring proposal because DPH&CS had already been allocated opioid settlement funds for a different program. The two members voting against the Committee's final recommendation due to the removal of the DPH&CS proposal felt that it was inequitable and not in alignment with the Committee's established procedure to specifically remove an applicant based on a criterion that was not set forth in the grant application documentation and because no other applicant was reviewed to determine whether they had already received opioid settlement funds.

At the Special Council Workshop, Council desired to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendation with the addition of the request from DPH&CS, which necessitated the removal of the lowest scoring applicant from the Advisory Committee's recommended slate. This removed applicant will be considered for future funding with opioid settlement funds if they choose to apply.

The full list of awards is contained in the Attachment and was recommended for approval at the Special Council Workshop by a vote of 7-1.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Council Workshop  
Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026  
For: 7                      Against: 1

**Previous Council Actions**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business



**CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-109

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-109

Assigned to Councilor: Walker

Authorizing the Award of \$641,297 of Opioid Settlement Funds Based on the Recommendation of the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee with Modifications

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the award of \$641,297 of Opioid Settlement Funds based on the recommendation of the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee is hereby authorized with two modifications, as reflected in the attachment.

Organization	Project Description	Recommended Award
Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine	This proposal directly addresses the intergenerational harms of the OUD/SUD crisis by focusing on placement stabilization and primary prevention. When children are removed due to parental substance use, they are placed with kinship caregivers who face immediate and overwhelming financial and emotional strain. The primary harm mitigated is caregiver burnout, which is a leading predictor of placement disruption. By providing funds for structured activities, KSRI offers caregivers essential respite time (reducing stress) and engages youth in protective, resilience-building environments (reducing their own risk factors for future SUD). This multi-layered approach protects the most vulnerable element—the child's stable home—which is necessary for long-term recovery and well-being.	\$12,500 <sup>1</sup>
Wellspring	Short-term stabilization funding for services at risk due to changes in federal funding and Mainecare reimbursement while organization modifies their service delivery model to response to those changes. Organization provides counseling and coordinated care for individuals with OUD and co-occurring mental health conditions.	\$48,609
Boys & Girls Club of Bangor	BGCB will implement a comprehensive primary prevention initiative targeted at reducing early risk factors for youth substance use while strengthening protective conditions that help young people thrive. Our approach revolves around the creation of emotionally safe and relationship-rich environments wherein youth will find themselves supported by caring adults, engaging in skill-building experiences, and connecting with their families and community. Three-tiered approach: (1) build staff capacity regarding trauma-informed and promising prevention practices, (2) Implement SMART Moves: Emotional Wellness, an evidence-based substance use prevention curriculum, and (3) Family engagement and caregiver support.	\$10,000
Needlepoint Sanctuary	Create a Recovery Coach position embedded directly within the harm reduction and recovery center on Ohio Street.	\$34,000

<sup>1</sup> The applicant's proposal would have served individuals located both within and outside of Bangor. The Committee elected to only partially fund the project to reflect services provided only to Bangor residents.

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Bangor Public Health and Community Services	Fund a per-diem nurse practitioner to provide 12-15 hours of weekly healthcare services at the One-Stop-Shop located at Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness on Hancock Street. The project aims to expand access to primary and preventive care for individuals in Bangor who experience significant social and physical barriers to healthcare and who are affected by SUD and co-occurring mental health conditions.	\$49,358
Community Health and Counseling Services	Establish a Supported Housing Model at Theresa's Place, a permanent housing initiative for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Currently, CHCS has temporary funding to support one full-time staff member; however, this staffing model must be strengthened to provide the comprehensive support necessary for a sustainable and effective program.	\$50,000
Bangor Y	Project would expand access to affordable childcare for Bangor families impacted by OUD/SUD, provide free mental health and prevention programs for adolescents impacted by OUD/SUD, and support health programs to support recovery.	\$50,000
Penobscot Community Health Center	Short-term stabilization/bridge funding for organizations transitional housing program due to transfer of facility ownership and associated changes to funding stream. Bridge funding will maintain the services offered while organization works with state and federal partners to identify a sustainable funding model, including billing to Mainecare.	\$50,000
Bangor Comprehensive Treatment Center	Expand access to OUD treatment and strengthen clinical capacity through two related efforts: providing MAT to underinsured and uninsured individuals and offering transportation assistance to those who are in need.	\$48,829.29
Crosspoint	Formal discipleship and recovery program for recently incarcerated men with OUD/SUD and co-occurring MH disorders. Men will live at facility for 6-12 months where organization will provide safe and supportive housing, mentorship, accountability, employment training, educational services, connections to care and community-based services; and transportation services. Will serve 8 individuals.	\$48,000

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<p>Saint Andre Home</p>	<p>\$10,000 to strengthen recovery support services for individuals living within the City of Bangor, including those who are unhoused or unstably housed. CourageLIVES provides trauma-informed, community-based behavioral health and recovery services for survivors of human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, many of whom also struggle with OUD/SUD and co-occurring mental health conditions. Funding will expand our existing Peer Support Specialist (PSS) initiative by providing flexible, client-directed assistance that removes barriers to treatment, stabilizes basic needs, and improves access to essential supports.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p>Blue Sky Counseling</p>	<p>The Bangor Integrated Opioid Treatment Program will expand access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment for uninsured Bangor residents by eliminating financial barriers to care. This project provides immediate access to intake assessments, medication for opioid use disorder, counseling, care coordination, and stabilization support, creating a rapid-entry pathway for individuals at highest risk of overdose.</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>GBA Counseling Services</p>	<p>Seeks to provide expansion of immediate and critical treatment access for uninsured individuals with Substance Use Disorder, specifically Opioid Use Disorders, and/or Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder. Given the critical shortage of providers and lengthy or stalled waitlists expansion of our services are crucial. The requested \$30,000.00 will allow GBACS to immediately lease a three office units space and hire an additional licensed clinician. The location of the office and the additional licensed clinician have been located and are pending this funding. This request is to build on GBACS application for Opioid Settlement funding from Penobscot County, allowing 12 more individuals to access immediate and critical treatment, available via both Telehealth and in-person formats.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>Metro Treatment of Maine</p>	<p>Expanding access to evidence-based Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for individuals who might otherwise be unable to obtain care. By providing financial support through treatment scholarships, the project reduces barriers to initiating and sustaining MAT—an intervention proven to lower overdose deaths, reduce illicit opioid use, and improve long-term recovery outcomes. The project also supports earlier engagement in treatment following overdose or crisis, helping stabilize individuals and prevent repeat emergencies. As clients enter MAT, they also gain access to counseling, recovery supports, and wraparound services that address the social and behavioral factors contributing to opioid-related harm.</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>

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Preble Street	Preble Street requests funding to support Hope House, the only facility in Bangor that provides low-barrier, emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness, SUD/ODD, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Funds will support people in their transition from homelessness and active substance use to stable housing and recovery.	\$50,000
Timberwolves NAC	The Bangor Community Wellness and Prevention Program Phase 2 expands upon the successful foundation established during the initial pilot. Phase 1 demonstrated a clear community need for trauma-informed prevention services, culturally grounded healing opportunities, family wellness education, youth-focused supports, and accessible harm-reduction training. Phase 2 strengthens and enlarges this work by broadening program capacity, deepening prevention supports, expanding targeted workshops, enhancing culturally rooted wellness offerings, and introducing a peer wellness leadership component that builds long-term sustainability.	\$50,000
		<b>TOTAL: \$641,297</b>



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

03/09/2026 26-110

Council Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-110

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Order



Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Directing Compliance with New State Law 5 M.R.S. Chap. 337-E "Immigration" Effective Immediately and to Formalize Written Procedure Regarding Providing Access to Confidential Information and Non-public Spaces at the Request of Law Enforcement

**Summary**

This Order directs the City Manager to instruct City staff to comply immediately with new state statute 5 M.R.S. Chapter 337-E entitled "Immigration" (LD 1971), which clarifies the relationship of state and local law enforcement agencies with federal immigration authorities, notwithstanding that this new state law does not take effect until 90 days after the Maine Legislature adjourns the current legislative session. It is anticipated that this state law will take effect statewide in July 2026, but this order would direct that the City begin complying with the requirements outlined in the state law immediately.

Additionally, this order directs the City Manager to formalize a written procedure to assist staff in understanding the proper course of action when law enforcement requests that the City provide confidential information or access to non-public spaces on City property.

The Government Operations Committee also discussed draft ordinance 26-095 at its March 2, 2026 meeting, which would have established an ordinance addressing employee engagement with immigration enforcement officials. After Committee discussion regarding the legal concerns and administrative challenges with the City implementing what would result in two distinct regulatory frameworks, the Committee voted to not recommend passage of Council Order 26-095 and to instead recommend this order.

This order was recommended for approval at the March 2, 2026 Government Operations Committee meeting by a vote of 3-2.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Government Operations Committee

Action: Recommend for passage

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

For: 3

Against: 2

**Previous Council Actions**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business





## **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**

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03/09/2026 26-110

Date: 03/09/2026

Item No: 26-110

Assigned to Councilor: Beck

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Bangor City Council directs the City Manager to instruct City staff to comply with the requirements of new state statute 5 M.R.S. Chapter 337-E "Immigration" effective immediately, and to formalize a written procedure regarding providing access to confidential information and non-public spaces at the request of law enforcement.