



**Tuesday, February 13, 2024
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Meeting Begins: 6:00 P.M.

Location: South Portland High School Lecture Hall

A. ROLL CALL

B. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Subject	1. Storm Damage/Coastal Resiliency
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At the City Council's January 16, 2024, annual goal-setting workshop, Councilors requested a workshop be held in February on the topic of Storm Damage/Coastal Resiliency. Councilors subsequently provided questions/topics they wished to be addressed at the workshop and staff began contacting relevant local, county, state, and federal officials to request their attendance. Below please find the agenda for this discussion, with estimated times allotted for each topic. Please note: the Mayor is recommending more of a conversational approach to the workshop and is requesting that questions from the public be answered immediately after the speaker has asked a question, rather than waiting until the end of all public comments as required by Council Rules. In order to allow questions to be addressed but ensure as many people as possible get an opportunity to ask questions, each speaker is limited to two questions during their three-minute comment period. These can be two separate questions or a primary question and a follow-up. Councilors will have the opportunity to ask their questions/provide their comments after members of the public. The mayor is also allowing those watching at home to email in questions during the workshop (up to 2). These questions will be received by our Communications Coordinator Shara Dee, and she will then share those after all in-person attendees have had an opportunity to speak.

- 6:00 – 6:05: Welcome – Mayor Pride
- 6:05 – 6:10: Overview of City Department Responsibilities/Roles of Other Local, State, and Federal Agencies – Scott Morelli, South Portland (SP) City Manager
- 6:10 – 6:25: Overview of January 13th Storm Damage, Clean-Up Status, and Future Plans - Phil Selberg, SP Fire Chief/EMA Director; Karl Coughlin, SP Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Director; and Kristina Ertzner, SP Conservation Manager
- 6:25 – 6:40: Overview of Maine Floodplain Management Program/National Flood Insurance Program and Local Regulations, Including a Discussion About the Fishing Shacks - Sue Baker, Maine's Floodplain Program Manager, and Barb Skelton, SP Code Enforcement Director
- 6:40 – 6:55: Overview of Coastline Protection Options, Such as Sea Walls, Breakwaters, Dunes, Etc. - Marybeth Richardson, Director of Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection (MDEP); Nathan Robbins, MDEP Climate Change Specialist; and Amanda Sayles, Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Team

- 6:55 – 7:00: Overview of Available Funding Opportunities for Governments and Private Homeowners - Michael Durkin, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
- 7:00 – 7:05: Overview of Role/Recommendations from Harbor Master – Kevin Battle, Harbor Master
- 7:05 – 7:25: Overview of Vulnerability Assessment, Related One Climate Future Plan Recommendations - Julie Rosenbach, South Portland Sustainability Director
- 7:25 – 7:30: Willard Beach Storm/Sewer Infrastructure - Brad Weeks, South Portland Water Resource Protection Director
- 7:30 – End: Comments/Questions from the Public and Council

Attached please find an email response from the City's Assessor, Brent Martin. In this email, Brent addresses the question about the impact of storm damage/sea level rise on property values. He will not be at Tuesday night's meeting. (NOTE: Marine Geologist Peter Slovinsky from the Maine Geological Survey was invited to attend. However, he is traveling and unavailable to do so. He may provide a memo to provide more information on some of the above topics, however, that memo was not ready as of the time of this packet's publishing. If the memo becomes available before Tuesday night's workshop, we will upload it here). NOTE: This memo was uploaded at 4:06 pm on Friday, Feb. 9.

Council may, but is not being asked to, make any decisions at this workshop. It is more intended to be an informational/learning session, that could spur future workshops and actions.

File Attachments
[Information from Assessor on Impacts on Waterfront Property Values.pdf \(145 KB\)](#)
[Memo from Peter Slovinsky ME Geological Survey.pdf \(6,553 KB\)](#)

C. WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Subject	1. Workshop Proposal (West) - Improving the Greenbelt to Meet Multi-Use Path Standards
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Councilor West is requesting a workshop to further discuss improving the Greenbelt to meet multi-use path standards. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list.

File Attachments
[West - Workshop proposal - Greenbelt multi use.pdf \(161 KB\)](#)
[Workshop Memo - Multiuse path street design.pdf \(124 KB\)](#)

Subject	2. Workshop Proposal (Tipton) - Continued Discussion on Commemorative Plaques
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Councilor Tipton is requesting a workshop to discuss commemorative plaques on public property. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list. However, as the Council adopted a policy addressing this matter at its [February 6, 2024](#) meeting, this item is now moot and will likely be withdrawn.

File Attachments

[Workshop Proposal - Tipton - Continued Discussion on Commemorative Plaques.pdf \(2,242 KB\)](#)

Subject **3. Workshop Proposal (Cohen) - Sprinkler Ordinance**

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Councilor Cohen is requesting a workshop to discuss the sprinkler ordinance. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list. The Affordable Housing Committee has also requested a discussion on this topic, so staff recommends if Councilors wish to proceed with discussing this topic, then you combine these items into one.

File Attachments

[COHEN - WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM SPRINKLERS- FILLABLE.pdf \(136 KB\)](#)

Subject **4. Workshop Proposal (Affordable Housing Committee) - Sprinkler Ordinance**

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The Affordable Housing Committee is requesting a workshop to discuss the sprinkler ordinance. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list. As noted previously, Councilor Cohen has also requested a discussion on this topic, so staff recommends if Councilors wish to proceed with discussing this topic, then you combine these items into one.

File Attachments

[Sprinkler Requirement - WORKSHOP PROPOSAL 12.28.2023.pdf \(180 KB\)](#)

Subject **5. Workshop Proposal (Comprehensive Plan Committee) - Request to add Youth Members**

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The Comprehensive Plan Committee is requesting a workshop to add two age-restricted youth members as non-voting members to their committee. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list. If Councilors wish to proceed with discussing this topic, staff recommends this item skip workshop and be brought forward instead as an action item.

File Attachments
[CPC WORKSHOP PROPOSAL.pdf \(492 KB\)](#)

Subject 6. Workshop Proposal (Pride) - Charter Amendment re: School Board Vacancies

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Mayor Pride is requesting a workshop to discuss a charter amendment related to how School Board vacancies are filled. At least two other Councilors must support this request before it can be added to the workshop list.

File Attachments
[PRIDE -WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM - CHARTER.pdf \(61 KB\)](#)

Subject 7. List of Workshop Items to be Reviewed

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Attached is the listing of workshops slated for 2024, along with a listing of those workshops that are awaiting dates. The one item in the latter is not yet ready to be scheduled for a specific date.

File Attachments
[02-8-2024 Workshop Items List.pdf \(498 KB\)](#)

D. ADJOURNMENT

Items may only be introduced after 11:00 p.m. upon a majority vote of Councilors present and voting. Items on a regular meeting agenda not introduced pursuant to this rule shall be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.