

CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Online & 145 Maple St. Essex Junction, VT 05452

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:30 PM

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This meeting will be in-person in the Community Room at the Essex Police Department, located at 145 Maple Street, and available remotely. Options to watch or join the meeting remotely:

- WATCH: the meeting will be live-streamed on Town Meeting TV
- JOIN ONLINE: Join Zoom Meeting
- JOIN CALLING: (toll-free audio only): (888) 788-0099 | Meeting ID: 944 6429 7825; Passcode: 635787
 - 1. CALL TO ORDER [6:30 PM]

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

3. APPROVE AGENDA

4. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

a. Comments from Public

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

a. Proposed Crescent Connector Corrective Action Plan Ordinance

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. Police Community Advisory Board Brief to Council [10 minutes]
- b. Department Head Brief to Council with Essex Police Department's Chief Hoague [10 minutes]
- c. Discussion and Consideration of Traffic Studies and Proposed Traffic Calming Policy [45 minutes]
- d. Discussion and Consideration of Crescent Connector Corrective Action Plan Ordinance [5 minutes]
- e. Discussion Future Committees [15 minutes]
- f. *Executive Session to Discuss Negotiating Lease Options for the Teen Center/CHIPS at 2 Lincoln
- g. **Executive Session to Discuss Town Contracts

7. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. Minutes 7/23/25
- Acting as the Local Cannabis Control Commission Approve VT S-000012863 License Renewal for Sweetspot Vermont LLC
- c. Acting as the Liquor Control Commission Approve Liquor/Tobacco Licenses
- d. Approve Essex High School Burn Permit Request
- e. Approve Use of Pyrotechnics at a Concert at CVE
- f. Approve Main Street Road Closure for Four Saturdays
- g. Approve Easement to Green Mountain Power on Park Street
- h. Approve Temporary Sound Waiver

8. **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & CITY MANAGER REPORT**

9. **READING FILE**

- a. Warrant #24081, 7/25/25 & 24082, 8/8/25
- b. July Financials
- c. Regional Boards and Committees Memo
- d. Reappraisal Update
- e. Police Community Advisory Board Survey 2025
- f. Connect the Junction Online Forum is Open
- g. BOCA & BOA minutes 8/4/25

h. Development Review Board Minutes 7/17/25

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. *An Executive Session may be needed to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options
- b. **An Executive Session may be needed to discuss a contract

11. ADJOURN

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the Public to Be Heard agenda item, during a Public Hearing, or, when recognized by the President, during consideration of a specific agenda item. The public will not be permitted to participate when a motion is being discussed except when specifically requested by the President. Regarding zoom participants, if individuals interrupt, they will be muted; and if they interrupt a second time they will be removed. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. Meetings of the City Council, like all programs and activities of the City of Essex Junction, are accessible to people with disabilities. For information on accessibility or this agenda, call the City Manager's office at 802-878-6944 TTY: 7-1-1 or (800) 253-0191.

City Council Rules for Public Participation City of Essex Junction

Vermont's Open Meeting Law protects the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local public bodies, but the purpose and function of these meetings is for the public body to do the work of the public; they are not meetings of the public (i.e., public forums). Consequently, these rules are necessary to manage the public's participation to ensure an environment in which the public feels safe to express their views on matters considered by the public body while minimizing disruptions so that the public body can get its work done. The full City Council Rules of Procedures for Meetings can be found here: www.essexjunction.org/codes/policies.

- 1. Please raise your hand to speak, whether in person or attending virtually.
- 2. You may only speak after you have been recognized by the president.
- 3. Before speaking, please state your name and address for the record.
- 4. All remarks must be addressed to the president.
- 5. Comments must be germane to the agenda item being addressed.
- 6. Comments under "Public to be Heard" must pertain to the business of the public body.
- 7. Repetitive and irrelevant comments are not allowed.
- 8. Please wait your turn; do not interrupt others.
- 9. Each person will be limited to two minutes of comment. This time may be extended only by permission of the president. The balance of time not used by each person will expire and cannot be reserved or yielded to another.
- 10. Each person may only speak once on the same agenda item, time permitting, with the consent of the president.
- 11. Those yet to be heard will be given priority over those who have already spoken.
- 12. You do not have the right to vote on agenda items.
- 13. Please obey orders and rulings of the president.
- 14. Keep your cool. Disruptive people will be asked to leave and removed if necessary.
- 15. Listen well, pay attention, and participate.