

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The City Council will conduct this meeting from Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dion led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Pelletier

5:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following made an announcement: Mayor Dion

SPECIAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

The PDC presented the following:

PDC FYE 2024 Activity and Financial Reports

No formal Council action is required.

The following Councilors commented: Councilor Sykes

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting- October 7, 2024

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 16-24/25 Honoring Liz Collado of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department as Employee of the Month for September 2024 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 16-24/25 Honoring Liz Callado of the Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department as Employee of the Month for September 2024 into the record.

Proclamation 17-24/25 Celebrating 150 Years of the First Lutheran Church - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Bullett read Proclamation 17-24/25 Celebrating 150 Years of the First Lutheran Church into the record

Proclamation 18-24/25 Condemning Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Portland, Maine - Sponsored by Pious Ali, City Councilor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 18-24/25 Condemning Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Portland Maine into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 64-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Freedoms Edge LLC, dba Freedoms Edge. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 31 Diamond Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 64-24/25 through Order 66-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 65-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Sea Winn Inc, dba Kon Asian Bistro. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge at 1140 Brighton Ave - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 64-24/25 through Order 66-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 66-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Better Burger Old Port LLC, dba Elevation Burger. Application for Class IV FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 205 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 64-24/25 through Order 66-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage 8-0 (Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 3-24/25 The 2023 Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Report - Troy Moon, Sustainability Director

Troy Moon (Sustainability Director) provided Communication 3-24/25 The 2023 Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Report

No formal Council action required.

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Sykes

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 4-24/25 Reduce the Syringe Exchange Ratio to 1:1 in Recognition of Community Safety Concerns - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage.

Failed 1-7 (Mayor Dion-Yes, Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Bill Higgins (District 1), Margot (Backcove), Eammon Dundon (Portland Chamber), Ryan Cutter (District 2), Michael Capella (Brackett Street), Kathleen (District 2), Louis Fournier (District 1), Bill Linnell (Congress Street), Anna Newton (Tremont Street), Kim (District 2), Sophie (Portland Resident), Joey Burnell (Bayside), Julie (District 3), Kevin Sullivan (District 3), Stephanie Nichols (District 2), Brendan (District 2), Austin Bond (UNE Student), Sunny Boucisy (District 5), Laura (Maine Medical Center Practitioner), Stan Johnson (District 2), Andrea (Portland Resident), Gregory Gould (District 5), Justin Beth (District 1), Jess Falero (Munjoy Hill), Tess Parks (District 5),
Council Comment: Mayor Dion, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Trevorrow

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone indefinitely. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Item dissolved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 62-24/25 Appropriating \$936,479.26 in Opioid Settlement Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for Three Opioid Remediation Programs - Sponsored by Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Rob Coracken (Gorham Resident), Bill Higgins (District 1), William Linnell (District 3), Eammon Dundon (Portland Chamber), Suddy (District 5), Leo Hilton (District 2), Justin Beth (District 1), Kevin Sullivan (District 3)

Order 63-24/25 Appropriating \$5,630,000 in Funds for the Kiwanis Pool Replacement Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow for passage. Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Bill Higgins (District 1), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes

ORDERS:

Order 67-24/25 Approving the Second Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Maine Cooperative Development Partners LLC for 165 Lambert Street - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Sykes

Order 68-24/25 Approving Host Site Lease Agreement with Gridwealth EV LLC for 2600 Square Feet of Land at 140 Marginal Way for Four Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage. Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 69-24/25 Approving Agreement of Right of First Refusal with Hemlock House Development, LLC Regarding the Sale of Tax-Acquired Property at Diamond Cove -- Former Fort Mckinley Hospital Building - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside)

AMENDMENTS:

Order 70-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: ReCode Phase II - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 71-24/25 Amendment to the City of Portland Zoning Map - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 72-24/25 Amendment to the Conditional Zone Agreement RE: Diamond Cove, Great Diamond Island - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 7-0 (Mayor Dion & Councilor Pelletier absent) at 8:05pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk