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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Snyder led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Chong (Via Zoom), Mayor Snyder.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Ali

Councilor Ali arrived at 6:25pm (via zoom)

6:15 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

George Rheault (Hanover Street), John Clark (225 Valley Street), Ken Capron (Forest Avenue), Ben Shaw (Peak Maine Cannabis), Dereck Shirley (Board member of the Maine Cannabis Coalition), Eli Simmons (no address given), Dillion (District 2), Joanna Russell (South Portland Resident & Caregiver business owner)

ORDERS:

**THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
AUGUST 8, 2022 ON THE FOLLOWING CITIZEN INITIATIVES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ALSO VOTE ON WHETHER TO SET PUBLIC
HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

Notice of Public Comment for Orders 36-22/23 through 40-22/23 was published in the Portland Press Herald on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Chapter 9 of the Portland City Code requires notices regarding Citizen Initiatives to be published in their entirety.

Order 36-22/23 Setting an Election Date on a Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re: An Act to Regulate Short-Term Rentals - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Mayor Snyder opened Public Hearing.

The following individuals spoke: Chris Korzen (28 Hampshire Street), Charles Lerch (73 Payson Street), Rielly Musgrave (Rosemont District), Betty Caton (14 Holly Street), Karen Snyder (72 Waterville Street), Paul Waring (527 Brighton Avenue), Susan Terhune (20 Sheridan Street), Aaron (655 Congress Street), Estelle Glendon (262 Brackett Street), Ian Engelman (165 Congress Street), Jordan Thompson (14 Boynton Street), Matt Walker (655 Congress Street), Ashley Keenan (419 Cumberland Avenue), Katy Palmer (62 Monument Street), Dillon (District 2)

Mayor Snyder closed Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following spoke: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali

Motion to table the original motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez

Motion passed 6-3-0 Yes: (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow) No: (Councilor Dion, Councilor Chong, Mayor Snyder)

Motion to take up a non-agenda item was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier

Council discussion on motion:

Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Chong, Councilor Zarro, Mayor Snyder

Motion failed 1-8-0 Yes: (Councilor Ali) No: (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Chong, Mayor Snyder)

Motion to take the original motion off the table was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier

Motion passed 9-0

Original motion to approve Order 36-22/23 as written passed 9-0

Order 37-22/23 Setting an Election Date on Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re: An Act to Reduce the Number of Short-Term Rentals in Portland - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Mayor Snyder opened Public Hearing.

The following individuals spoke: Alex Breasley (Property Management Company Owner in Portland), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Wendy Harmon (District 5), Estelle Glendon (262 Brackett Street), Katherine (Russell Street), Ken Capron (Forest Avenue), Ian (Oakdale), Dillion (District 2), Sal Morai (Cumberland Avenue), Matt Walker (655 Congress Street)

Mayor Snyder closed Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following spoke: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Chong

Motion passed 9-0

Written Public Comment on Order 37-22/23

Order 38-22/23 Setting an Election Date on Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re: An Act to Protect Tenants - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Mayor Snyder opened Public Hearing.

The following individuals spoke: Carol McCracken (158 North Street), Estelle Glendon (262 Brackett Street), Aaron (655 Congress Street), Rose Griffin (17 Belmont Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Ken Capron (Forest Avenue), Ned Payne (40 Stonewall Way, Westbrook), Bud Moore (Maine DSA, Webb Street, Peaks Island)

Mayor Snyder closed Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following spoke: Mayor Snyder

Motion passed 9-0

Order 39-22/23 Setting an Election Date on Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re: An Act to Eliminate Sub-Minimum Wage - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Mayor Snyder opened Public Hearing.

The following individuals spoke: Mary Allen Lindemann (Coffee by Design Co-Owner), Steve Dimilo (Pleasant Avenue), Josh Chaison (District 2), Geg Dugal (Hospitality Maine), Jillian (Parkside), Grace Sherratt (Bruno's Restaurant), Deah Hilton (3 Salem Street), Bruno Napolitano (Brunos Restaurant), Aaron (655 Congress Street), Kianna Plummer (Parkside, District 2), Christopher Bettera (PoBoys and Pickles Owner), Jason Sedlock (District 3), Louis Ouellette (Uber Driver within Portland), Jill Moses (Unknown address), Kelly Flagg (Executive Director of AGC Maine), Ed Ahlemeyer (Uber Driver

within Portland), Eamonn Dundan (Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce)
Mayor Snyder closed Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following spoke: Mayor
Snyder

Motion to amend original motion to add the term "tipped credit" to the summary as
provided by Mayor Snyder. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Dion.
Summary would now read:

*An Act to Eliminate the Sub-Minimum Tipped Credit Wage, Increase the Minimum Wage
and Strengthen Protections for Workers will increase the minimum wage in Portland to
\$18 an hour over three years and will eliminate the sub-minimum Tipped Credit wage for
tipped workers over the same three years. Tipped workers will then earn \$18 an hour
plus tips. It also provides an \$18 minimum wage for workers currently not receiving the
minimum wage including taxi drivers and other ride-hailing services, personal shoppers,
delivery workers, and those doing work for a unit of government. It also creates a
Department of Fair Labor Practices to ensure wage and worker safety laws are enforced.*
Motion passed 9-0

Original motion passed as amended 9-0

Written Public Comment on Order 39-22/23

Order 40-22/23 Setting an Election Date Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re; An Act to Restrict Cruise Ships - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Mayor Snyder opened Public Hearing.

The following individuals spoke: Bill Webber (District 5, Portland Climate Action Team),
Avery Yale Kamila (Grass Root Citizen Portland Protectors), Jack Humnik (Portland
Long Shore Worker Association), Matt Schlobohm (State of Maine Governors Climate
Council), Wes Pelletier (Maine DSA Campaign Committee), Ken Capron (Forest
Avenue), Eamonn Dundan (Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce), George Rheault
(Hanover Street), Matt Walker (655 Congress Street), Jordan (Congress Street), Jason
Shedlock (35 Arlington Street), Ben Grant (Council to the Long Shorman Union), Carlton
Winslow (Apartment owner in Westbrook)

Mayor Snyder closed Public Hearing.

Point of order:

**Motion to continue City Council meeting past 10:00pm per City Council Rules &
Procedures**

**Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage
9-0.**

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage of Order 40-22/23.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following spoke: Councilor Zarro, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Trevorrow

Motion to table the original motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Fournier

Motion passed 6-3-0 Yes: (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow) No: (Councilor Dion, Councilor Chong, Mayor Snyder)

****Point of Order**, after Order 49-22/23 was taken up, Order 40-22/23 was revisited.

Motion to remove Order 40-22/23 from the table with original motion was moved by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Councilor Zarro

Motion passed 9-0

Original motion to approve Order 40-22/23 as written passed 9-0

Councilor Comment on original motion: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Fournier, Mayor Snyder

Written Public Comment on Order 40-22/23

Order 41-22/23 Order Setting a Public Hearing on Council-Initiated Charter Amendment Re: Gender-Neutral Language - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 9-0

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

Order 48-22/23 Approving Proposed Ballot Question and Summary of Council-Initiated Charter Amendment Re Gender-Neutral Language - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 42-22/23 Setting a Public Hearing on the Charter Commission's Ballot Questions and Summaries - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 9-0

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

Order 43-22/23 Approving Proposed Ballot Questions and Summaries Re: Charter Commission Modifications to Portland City Charter and Placing them on the November 8, 2022 Ballot - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 44-22/23 Appropriating an Additional \$255,800 in HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds to Community Housing of Maine: RE 83 Middle Street - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 45-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Infrastructure Grants for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 as provided under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 46-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating a \$279,000 Grant from Land For Maine's Future Program for North Deering Conservation and Recreation Land Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 47-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating a \$161,000 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Riverton Trolley Park Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

This is first reading. No action needed.

Order 49-22/23 Adopting Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 18 re: An Act to Restrict Cruise Ships - Sponsored by Councilor Andrew Zarro

****Order 49 was taken out of order directly after Order 40-22/23 was tabled.**

Councilor Zarro gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor to public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Amy Powers (No address given)

Motion to wave second read of the Order to pass as emergency (7 Votes needed to pass)

Council debate: Councilor Zarro, Councilor Chong

Motion failed 6-3-0 Yes: (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow) No: (Councilor Dion, Councilor Chong, Mayor Snyder)

This item will come back before the Council for a second reading on September 1, 2022.

Written Public Comment on Order 49-22/23

Order 50-22/23 Amending Portland City Code chapter 18 re: An Act to Restrict Cruise Ships - Sponsored by Councilor Andrew Zarro

**Becuase Order 49-22/23 did not pass as an emergency. This item has no Council action. This Order will appear on the September 1, 2022 City Council agenda for second reading.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Pelletier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 10:55PM.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk