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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 5:05pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorro, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Chong, Mayor Snyder.

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

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

Mayor Snyder, Corporation Counsel, Denise Taddeo (34 Morningstar Lane), Ken Capron (Forest Avenue), Jessica Casese (7 Morningstar Lane), Matt Waters (15 Morningstar Lane), Betsey Sawyer-Manter (44 Morningstar Lane), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Eli Simmons, Councilor Dion, Garrett Chamberlain (Eighty Eight Donuts), Derick Shirley (Board Member of Maine Cannabis Coalition), Logan Abbie (Georges North Shore Food Truck), Michael Christman (Gelato Fiasco Food Truck), Samantha Brown (Maine Children for Cannabis Therapy), Karen Snyder (72 Waterville Street), Joe Radano (La Mega Food Truck), Jordan Ruben (Mr Tuna Food Truck), Bill Webber

Motion to suspend City Council rules and continue receiving public comment after 5:45pm. City Council rules state that public comment is received for 45 minutes.

Moved by Councilor Fournier, seconded by Councilor Ali

Motion passed 8-1 (Councilor Dion -No)

The following individuals spoke after additional time was granted:

Robert Hains (Holm Avenue)
Dylan Gardner (Falafel Mafia Food Truck)
Kevin Nichol (East Bayside)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following individuals made an announcement:

Councilor Dion-Reminder of the Finance Committee Meeting that will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The finance committee will meet to review the audit report of the school finances.

Interim City Manager, Danielle West- Added to Councilor Dion's announcement that the audit report will also include the entire City's financial structure as well.

Mayor Snyder-H&R Block and Nextdoor are highlighting eleven community-nominated projects to uplift neighborhoods. One of the projects selected from around the country is centered around Portland Longfellow Park for the Longfellow lighting project. There will be an event at Longfellow Park this Saturday September 24, 2022, from 5:00pm-8:30pm. This is a free community event and the lighting project will be recognized.

Councilor Ali-Thanked and congratulated the Longfellow lighting project.

Interim City Manager, Danielle West-Followed up on some of the public comment questions: Tax bills will be going out in October. City staff are working with the Morningstar Street developer to make sure the work continues to be done. Please reach out to the City Managers Office if you have any questions. Food trucks- a survey regarding the pilot program will go out October 3rd, to the general public, residents, food truck owners, and boat owners. The deadline to submit the survey is October 14th. In November, staff will be reviewing the survey responses and formulate a plan in the next few months for next year.

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognizing Officer Matt Pavlis and K-9 Messi for their receipt of the United States Police Canine Association's National Detector Case of the Quarter Award - By Kate Snyder, Mayor

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SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority

Motion to recess the Special City Council meeting and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority.

Moved by Councilor Chong, Second by Councilor Fournier

Motion passed 8-0-1 (Councilor Ali absent)

Order 61-22/23 Amending the Portland Fish Pier Authority Articles of Incorporation - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Bill Needleman (Waterfront Coordinator) gave an overview of the Order

Motion was made by Councilor Chong and seconded by Councilor Rodriquez for passage

Passage 8-0-1 (Councilor Ali absent)

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

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange

Motion to recess the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange Authority.

Moved by Councilor Chong, Second by Councilor Ali

Motion passed 9-0

Order 62-22/23 Amending the Portland Fish Exchange Bylaws - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Bill Needleman (Waterfront Coordinator) gave an overview of the Order

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

Passage 9-0

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

Motion to recess the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange and to reconvene the Special City Council Meeting.

Moved by Councilor Chong and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 9-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting, September 1, 2022

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for approval of the September 1, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes. Passage 9-0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 3-22/23 Recognizing September 24 - October 2, 2022 as Diaper Need Awareness Week - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 3-22/23 Recognizing September 24-October 2, 2022 as Diaper Need Awareness Week into the record.

Proclamation 4-22/23 Recognizing September 26-30, 2022 as Clean Energy Week - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Councilor Zarro read Proclamation 4-22/23 Recognizing September 26-30, 2022 as Clean Energy Week into the record.

Proclamation 5-22/23 Recognizing September 30, 2022 as a Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools - Sponsored by Councilor April Fournier

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 5-22/23 Recognizing September 30, 2022 as a Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 64-22/23 Declaring October 2, 2022 the 31st Annual Maine Marathon, Half Marathon & Relay Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

Order 65-22/23 Approving Transfer of Funds under 15 M.R.S. §§5824(3) and 5826(6) Re: Amanda Benwell - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

LICENSES:

Order 66-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Yam Tamblin LLC, dba Blue. Application for Class A Lounge with Indoor Entertainment at 638 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

Order 67-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Four Ball LLC, dba Rathskeller on Wharf. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 51 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

Order 68-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Fat Dragon LLC, dba Empire Venue. Application for Class A Lounge with Indoor Entertainment at 575 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 6-22/23 ReCode Update - By Christine Grimando, Director of Planning & Urban Development

Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development) gave an update on ReCode

As a communication, this item requires no formal Council action.

Communication 7-22/23 Historic Preservation Impact Study Update - By Christine Grimando, Director of Planning & Economic Development

Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development) gave an update on the Historic Preservation Impact Study Update.

As a communication, this item requires no formal Council action.

Communication 8-22/23 Green New Deal Exemptions/Exceptions Granted - By Christine Grimando, Director of Planning and Urban Development

Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development) gave an update on the Green New Deal Exemptions/Exceptions.

As a communication, this item requires no formal Council action.

Communication 9-22/23 Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Report - By Troy Moon, Sustainability Director

Troy Moon (Sustainability Director) gave an update on the Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Report.

As a communication, this item requires no formal Council action.

Communication 10-22/23 Estimated Fiscal Impact of Proposed Citizen Initiatives and Charter Commission Recommendations - by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an update on the Estimated Fiscal Impact of Proposed Citizen Initiatives and Charter Commission Recommendations.

As a communication, this item requires no formal Council action

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 58-22/23 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 481-00 Labor and Trades - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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

Order 69-22/23 Laying Out a Town Way/City Street Pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 3022 Re: Thames Street Extension - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

*Point of Order Mayor Snyder took item out of order, item was read immediately following Order 58-22/23

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 9-0.

Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item.

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

Order 59-22/23 Traffic Schedule Amendment Re: Thames Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Tood Morse (East Bayside)

Order 70-22/23 Approving Residential Parking Permit Re: Islander Parking - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 9-0.

John Peverada (Director of Parking) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (Hanover Street)

Order 60-22/23 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 34 re: Landcare Ordinance - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Andrew Zarro, Chair

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

Councilor Zarro gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Ken Capron (Forest Avenue), Curits Picard (Maine Retail Association), Newell Auger (Pierce Atwood), Karen Snyder (Waterville Street), Mayor Snyder, Troy Moon (Sustainability Director), Councilor Chong, Councilor Dion, Councilor Rodriguez

Motion to amend Council in order to extend implementation of the amended ordinance to six months from adoption.

Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Chong for passage. Amendment passed 9-0.

Motion to approve Order 60-22/23 as amended

Moved by Councilor Zarro, seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passed 9-0.

ORDERS:

Order 71-22/23 Accepting a Riverside Street Sidewalk Easement from Waste Management of Maine, Inc. - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Chong and seconded by Councilor Ali to pass item as an emergency. Passage 9-0

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

George Rheault (Hanover Street) submitted written public comment on the item. Written public comment is available in full Council packet.

Item passed as an emergency and takes effect immediately.

Written Public Comment on Order 71-22/23

Order 72-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating a \$200,409.09 Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Appropriating \$21,040.91 as the Local Match - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to waive the second reading of the item. Passage 9-0

Fire Chief Gautreau gave an overview of the item.

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow to pass item as an emergency. Passage 9-0

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

Item passed as an emergency and takes effect immediately.

Order 73-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating a \$3,000,000 Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the City's Brownfield Revolving Loan Program - Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

This is first reading. No action needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Portland City Council will hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A) to discuss the duties of the City Council, City Manager, and Corporation Counsel.

Motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(A)

Moved by Councilor Ali, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:13pm.

Motion to exit executive session and reconvene Special City Council meeting to adjourn.

Moved by Councilor Zarro, seconded by Councilor Dion

Special City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:40pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 8:40pm

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk