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MAY 6, 2019 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

The Portland City Council will hold a Regular City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The Honorable Ethan K. Strimling, Mayor, will preside.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Arts in the Chamber - Marcia Minter, President, Indigo Arts Alliance

ANNUAL MEETING:

SPECIAL MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the Draft April 22, 2019 City Council Minutes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proc 31-18/19 Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week May 5-11, 2019 - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 224-18/19 Appointing Constables for the Police Department - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

The Police Department is requesting that Police Cadets Emily Savage, Kathryn Bertin, Ethan Parks, Orlando Simmonds, and Kitiara Rosmus be appointed constables.

These appointments are effective until 12:00 midnight, December 31, 2019, and are made pursuant to Portland City Code, Sections 20-19 and 20-19.5. Constables are not allowed to carry a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, in the performance of their duties, or to make arrests or issue parking tickets.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 225-18/19 Appointing Wardens and Ward Clerks for the 2019 Election Year - Sponsored by Katherine Jones, City Clerk.

This order appoints Wardens and Ward Clerks for the 2019 Election Year. The list of appointees is included as an attachment in the agenda backup.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 226-18/19 Setting the Time for Opening of Polls on June 11, 2019 Re: School Budget Referendum - Sponsored by Katherine Jones, City Clerk.

Pursuant to 21-A M.R.S. §626, the hour of poll opening must be set by the municipal officers. This is done for every election; the polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 12-18/19 Re: Consent Decree with Global Partners, LP - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling.

On March 25, 2019, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) through the Environmental Protection Agency filed a complaint against and proposed consent decree with Global Partners, LP for violations at their South Portland facility with respect to the release of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). The Consent Decree did not include funding for a long term air quality monitoring program to prevent future releases of VOCs ("Monitoring Program"). Since the complaint and consent decree were made public, the City of South Portland has been working to, among other things, include a Monitoring Program. Public comment was being taken on the proposed consent decree through May 1, 2019. Councilor Thibodeau submitted a letter (see background materials) as well as a proposed resolution to be taken up by the City Council on May 6, 2019. Councilor Thibodeau's letter expressly stated that the comment submitted on May 1, 2019 was not the official position of the City Council unless and until the approval of this resolution by the Portland City Council. This resolution affirms public comment submitted by Councilor Thibodeau to the DOJ on May 1, 2019 and gives the City Manager latitude to make such additional comment as is necessary to encourage a Monitoring Program.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

BUDGET ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 SCHOOL BUDGET AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING. THE SECOND READ AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20 AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE PUBLIC HEARING REFERENDUM ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019.

Order 227-18/19 Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation for Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Chair.

Order 227-18/19 to Order 232-18/19 are orders required by 20-A M.R.S.A. §15690 in order to comply with what is known as LD1, a set of state laws passed to control increases in property taxes.

This order provides \$84,658,230 as the amount determined by state law to be the minimum amount the city must appropriate in order to receive the full amount of state funding under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

This order requires the city to raise \$70,510,824 as the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K-12 as described in the EPS law. The City's Tax levy based on the budget submitted by the Portland Board of Public Education for the total for school budget programs of \$117,833,270 will be \$93,795,139.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 228-18/19 Order Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair.

Non-state funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and portions of school construction projects that are not approved for state funding. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or the City Council.

This order appropriates \$577,882 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the voters or the City Council for non-state (local-only) funded school construction projects. The state no longer includes minor capital projects in this calculation.

The \$577,882 is in addition to the funds appropriated as the EPS required local share (amount of the city's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12).

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 229-18/19 Order Raising and Appropriating Additional Local Funds for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr.

This order appropriates \$20,863,552 in additional city funds over and above regional Essential Programs and Services amount and the non-state funded debt service amount.

This exceeds the EPS funding model by \$20,863,552 and funds the cost of city schools, Kindergarten-12, which are not covered by the state funding model established by the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 230-18/19 Approving Total School Operating Budget For Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair.

This order is required by 20-A M.R.S.A. §15690(4)(A). It sets the School Budget required by state law. The total amount recommended for that budget is \$111,628,495.

That is the amount based on the budget submitted by the Portland Board of Public Education and would be sent to the voters for approval at a citywide Referendum Election on June 11, 2019. \$91,952,258 of the \$111,628,495 would come from property taxes, \$16,645,909 would come from state subsidy, and \$2,530,328 from other revenues.

This order does not provide money unless the other General Fund budget orders are passed.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 231-18/19 Appropriating and Raising Funds for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2020 as Required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A M.R.S. §8603-A(1) - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair.

This order appropriates \$2,432,506 for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and raises the sum of \$1,718,435 as the local share with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well being of the adult education program.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 232-18/19 to Raise and Appropriate Local Funds for Food Service in the Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair.

This order raises and appropriates \$124,445 for the Food Service Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The Portland School Department is authorized to expend any unexpended balances and additional, incidental or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well being of the food service program.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 232A-18/19 Order Authorizing the Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received for Portland Schools in Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received: In the event that Portland Public Schools receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, that the City authorizes the Portland Board of Education to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the Portland Board of Education, subject only to approval by the City Council.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ OF THE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET AT THIS MEETING. THEY WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET ON MAY 13 AT 5:30 P.M. THE SECOND READ AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Order 233-18/19 Approving Fiscal Year 2020 Administrative Fees - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This order authorizes certain administrative charges.

The increases and new fees are located in the following departments and/or divisions: Parking (Parking Violations), Fire (MEDCU), Public Works (Trash Bags) and Parks Recreation and Facilities (Athletic Fields, Camps, Aquatics & PAF Event Permit Fees).

Five affirmative votes are required for passage. Staff is recommending that this item be postponed to the May 20, 2019 City Council meeting to coincide with consideration of the Appropriation Resolve.

Order 234-18/19 Authorizing City Manager to Enter into Certain Agreements to Implement the Fiscal Year 2020 Human Resources and Certain Fringe Benefits Budgets – Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This order authorizes the City Manager to enter into standard agreements and amendments to standard agreements with providers of services for the fiscal year 2020 in order to implement portions of human resources, medical, workers' compensation, and liability budgets.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 235-18/19 Re: Fiscal Year 2020 Self-Insured Liability Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This order establishes the limit of the city's liability as \$400,000 as required by the Maine Tort Claims Act and states the city's commitment to "self-insure" for such liability by approving funds for this purpose.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage. Staff is recommending that this item be postponed to the City Council meeting of May 20, 2019 to coincide with consideration of the Appropriation Resolve.

Order 236-18/19 Authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities to Set Fees and Enter Rental Agreements for City Facilities - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair.

Staff has historically set fees and signed rental agreements for City facilities such as Merrill Auditorium, the Portland Exposition Building and Ocean Gateway. These facilities host 100s of events on an annual basis and while many events are similar in nature, all are also somewhat unique and require different staffing levels and services and are therefore priced accordingly. The City's legal department has created a standard rental agreement. Any changes to the terms of standard agreement, other than pricing, are reviewed by legal prior to being changed. This order would authorize the Director or her or his designee to continue to sign such agreements and reaffirm this long-standing practice.

Venues/programs such as the Public Assembly, Recreation Division before and afterschool, Riverside Golf Course, Riverside Grill, Cemeteries and Troubh Ice Arena are run in a business-like manner and need the flexibility to be able to offer specials and adjust pricing based on market conditions. This order will further reaffirm the practice of these fees being set administratively.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment. Staff is recommending that this item be postponed to the City Council meeting of May 20 to coincide with consideration of the Appropriation Resolve.

Order 237-18/19 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Certain Agreements to Implement Fiscal Year 2020 Health and Human Services Budget –Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This order authorizes the City Manager to enter into standard agreements and amendments to those standard agreements to receive reimbursement for services by the Health and Human Services Department.

In addition, the City enters into agreements with service providers and landlords to provide services for department programs.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 238-18/19 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Scholarship and Trust Donations and Bequests and Enter into Trust Agreements - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This order authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate donations up to \$50,000 for existing and new scholarship trusts and enter into standard form trust agreements as approved by Corporation Counsel.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage. Staff is recommending that this item be postponed to the City Council meeting of May 20 to coincide with consideration of the Appropriation Resolve.

Order 239-18/19 Authorizing Corporation Counsel to Undertake Civil Actions to Collect Delinquent Personal Property Taxes - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Chair.

This item will give Corporation Counsel a standing authorization to undertake civil actions to collect any delinquent personal property taxes that arise during the course of the fiscal year.

Otherwise it would be necessary for the City Council to specifically authorize each individual legal action. This general authorization will take the place of the case by case approach.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage. Staff is recommending that this item be postponed to the City Council meeting of May 20 to coincide with consideration of the Appropriation Resolve.

Order 240-18/19 Authorizing Non-Union Wage Adjustment - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

This Order authorizes the City Manager to utilize a 2.5% COLA for pay adjustments for non-union employees and approves the new pay plan.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 241-18/19 Designating Fiscal Year 2020 Funds for Specific Island Services - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr.-Chair.

The municipal budget includes \$40,000 for use on Peaks Island in addition to the funds used to pay for direct and indirect city services. Pursuant to a request from the Peaks Island Council these funds will be used as follows in FY20:

Item A:	Peaks Island Summer Bike Ticket Program	\$500
Item B:	PI Needs-Based Boat Tickets	\$3,800
Item C:	PI Portland Public Middle & High School Student Boat Passes	\$5,000
Item D:	PI Full-time College Students (Portland Area) 3 Monthly Stickers	\$247
Item E:	PI Children Attending Private Schools Vouchers	\$330
Item F:	PI Police Cadet Funding	\$2,067
Item G:	PI ITS (Island "Taxi"): Island Transportation System	\$20,000
Item H:	PI PITEA (Heating): Peaks Island Tax & Energy Assistance	\$4,750
Item I:	PI PEAT Brochure: Peaks Island Environmental Team	\$750
Item J:	PI Administrative Expenses	\$2,056
Item K:	Peaks Island Website (Friends of the Peaks Island Library)	\$500
TOTAL:		\$40,000

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 242-18/19 Appropriating \$1,000,000 from the Sale of 0 Hancock Street with \$200,000 to the Housing Trust Fund and \$800,000 to the Portland Land Project - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicolas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

The final \$1,000,000 of sale proceeds from the 0 Hancock Street sales proceeds are allocated as follows: \$200,000 to the Housing Trust Fund and \$800,000 to the Portland Landing capital improvement plan project.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 243-18/19 Appropriating \$750,000 from Assigned Fund Balance for Workers' Compensation and Self Insurance – Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

The sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) of Assigned Fund Balance is hereby appropriated for use within the City's Workers Compensation and Self Insurance program. This funding is in lieu of an FY20 operating budget request and will be used to pay one-time expenses related to workers compensation claims.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

RELATED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Order 244-18/19 Amendment to Portland City Code RE: Various Fee Increases for Fiscal Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr. Chair.

Part 1 adds definitions and a new license in **Chapter 3** §§31-33

Chapter 3	Description	Current Fee	Current Fee
Sec.(New)			
§§31-33	Small and Large Brewery, Winery, and Distilling Manufacturing License	NA	NA

Part 2 adds the following new fees in **Chapter 6** (§6-152):

Chapter 6	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Sec.(New)			
	Rental Registration more than 30 days expired	NA	\$10 / Unit
Total revenue increase for FY20: \$32,360			

Part 3 adds the following new fees in in **Chapter 15** in §15-12:

Chapter 15	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Sec. 15-12			
	Small Breweries (50,000 Gal & Less)	NA	\$250
	Large Breweries (More than 50,000 Gal)	NA	\$2,000
	Small Wineries (50,000 Gal & Less)	NA	\$250
	Large Wineries (More than 50,000 Gal)	NA	\$2,000
	Small Distilleries (50,000 Gal & Less)	NA	\$250
	Large Distilleries (More than 50,000 Gal)	NA	\$2,000
Total revenue increase for FY20: \$26,250			

CONTINUATION OF RELATED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Part 4 amends the following fees in **Chapter 24** in §24-72 and §24-84.

The proposed sewer rate for July 1, 2019 is \$10.40 per hundred cubic feet (hcf), up from the July 1, 2018 rate of \$9.95 hcf.

Chapter 24	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Sec. 24-72	Sanitary sewer user charges		
24-72 (c)	Sewer user fees	\$9.95/ hcf	\$10.40/ hcf
Total revenue increase for FY20: \$1,132,574			

Part 5 adds the following new fees in **Chapter 25** in §25-27:

Chapter 25	Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places			
Sec. 25-27	Fees and fines		
25-27 (a) (3)	Parking Space Permit	\$20/day	\$25/day
Total revenue increase for FY20: \$85,000			

All fee increases are effective July 1, 2019. This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

APPROPRIATION RESOLVE

Order 245-18/19 Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Appropriation Resolve - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Nicholas M. Mavodones, Chair.

This item brings forward the Appropriation Resolve for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 for action by the City Council.

The Resolve contains the City Manager's recommended budget for FY2020 for general municipal purposes in the amount of \$263,392,070. In addition it contains the Portland Board of Education's recommended budget for FY2020 for school purposes in the amount of \$117,833,270

The tax levy based upon the City Manager's recommended budget is \$93,184,789 and \$93,795,139 for the Portland Board of Education's recommended School Budget. The Portland Board of Education's recommended School Budget and the City Manager's budget recommendations for municipal purposes results in a combined tax levy of \$186,979,928 for Fiscal Year 2020. The tax rate based on the combined levies would be \$23.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 4.2% increase.

The Appropriation Resolve also directs the Assessor of Taxes to assess a tax upon all real and personal property liable to be taxed as of April 1, 2019 and sets September 13, 2019, as the tax due date, which may be paid in two installments due on September 13, 2019, and March 8, 2020.

The delinquency rate of interest is set at 9.0% per year, and the abatement rate of interest is set at 5.0% per year.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 191-18/19 Amendment to the Portland City Code Chapter 35 Re: Earned Paid Sick Leave - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor Belinda Ray, Chair.

The Health and Human Services Committee met on February 26, 2019, and voted unanimously to forward this item to the City Council with a recommendation for passage.

Over the past 12 years, 47 municipalities, counties, and states have enacted Earned Paid Sick Leave Ordinances (including 13 New Jersey municipalities which were later pre-empted when the state law passed in 2018).

On September 18, 2017, the City Council referred a proposed Earned Paid Sick Time Ordinance, which was brought forward by Mayor Strimling in collaboration with the Southern Maine Workers' Center and the Maine Women's Lobby, to the Council's Health & Human Services and Public Safety committee. On November 27, 2017, the committee had an initial discussion of the ordinance and began working to craft a version of the ordinance designed specifically for Portland.

The committee spent nearly 15 months examining ordinances from other municipalities and states, talking with constituents and area businesses, receiving public comment via email, phone, and in person, and holding two public hearings. On February 26th, the HHS & PS Committee voted 3-0 to forward the ordinance on to the Council with a recommendation for passage.

The ordinance, if enacted, would require all employers with a physical location in the City of Portland to allow all their employees working in Portland (with some limited exceptions) to accrue a minimum of 1 hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employees would begin earning paid sick time on their first day of employment and would be able to begin using their accrued time after their 70th day of employment or the date this ordinance becomes applicable, whichever is later.

Employees would be eligible to use up to 40 hours of their accrued time annually for the purposes and under the conditions described in the ordinance.

Businesses of all sizes are covered by the ordinance, as are all employees who work at least 120 hours annually for an employer, whether they are full-time, part-time, or seasonal. There are, however, exemptions for some per diem employees, Federal Work Study students, and new businesses, which are exempt from the ordinance for one year from the date of hire of their first employee.

As written, the ordinance would become applicable 180 days after the date of passage.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on March 18, 2019. On April 8, 2019, this item received a second reading and its public hearing and was postponed to May 6, 2019 for approval. Five affirmative votes are required for passage. No additional public comment is required.

Order 192-18/19 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 18 Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings and Ground Re: Formalizing the Boundaries of Boyd Street Gardens - Sponsored by Councilor Belinda Ray.

Boyd Street Gardens (a.k.a., Franklin Reserve, a.k.a., Boyd Street Urban Farm) was included in a list of over 50 City properties dedicated as Parks and Public Grounds in 2014 (Order 203-13/14). By dedicating these properties in Chapter 18 of the City Code, the Council ensured that the properties would be subject to the provisions of Article 1B in Chapter 18. These provisions include the following:

- the City will maintain these properties “predominantly in their natural, scenic, open and/or intended condition;” and
- the City will not use, sell, or dispose of any of these properties for non-recreational purposes unless the decision to do so is first reviewed by the Parks Commission, “who shall provide an advisory opinion on any such request prior to review by the council committee and the city council, and shall only become effective upon review and approval by seven (7) members of the city council.”

There is no question that Boyd Street Gardens has been dedicated and is subject to these provisions. There has, however, been confusion regarding the boundaries of Boyd Street Gardens. This confusion has led various individuals and groups to wonder if the parcel, or any portion of the parcel, is eligible for housing or other development.

A review of historical documents, the back-up materials for Order 203 13/14, and the City’s Open Space Vision and Implementation Plan provides a solid case for including the entire parcel (022 F023) in the 2014 dedication.

This amendment to Chapter 18, Section 11, formalizes the boundaries of Boyd Street Gardens by including the entire parcel in the dedication language so that there will be no confusion going forward.

In addition to establishing clear boundaries for Boyd Street Gardens, this amendment also adds the name “John Menario Plaza” next to Lobsterman Park, which is what the park was called when it was dedicated. This addition will ensure the parcel is easily identified and recognizable in the list by both its historic and current name.

This item must be read on two separate days. This item received its first reading on March 18, 2019. It was postponed on April 7, 2019 to this meeting. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage, as per City Ordinance, after public comment.

Order 213-18/19 Approving Modification of the Three-Party Agreement between Portland, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System and Maine Department of Transportation Re: Congress Street Intersection Improvements - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This agreement, between the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT), the City of Portland, and Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, WIN 022132.00, obligates MaineDOT to update traffic signal controls, technology and communications, as well as a number of new signal structures and related ADA ramp updates. Lastly, the work will allow for this section of Congress Street to be transit priority ready. The agreement obligates the City to pay \$158,562.50, or 25% of the total cost of the estimated \$634,250.00.

This item must be read on two separate days. It was given a first reading on April 8 2019. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 215-18/19 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 6 Re: Rental Housing Advisory Committee - Sponsored by the Housing Committee, Council Jill C. Duson, Chair

The Housing Committee met on March 27 and voted 2-0 (Cook absent) to forward this item to the City Council with a recommendation for passage.

Several attempts have been made to recruit members for the Rental Housing Advisory Committee. To facilitate appointments to the committee, amendments to the ordinance have been proposed to clarify legislative intent and to expand the applicant pool for the Rental Housing Advisory Committee. The following amendments to Chapter 6, Section 6-225 are recommended:

1. Pine Tree Legal Assistance and Southern Maine Landlord Association can propose a name for the tenant and landlord legal representatives;
2. The Nominating Committee can move forward without a recommendation from either group if they do not present a name or endorse a candidate that has applied; and
3. The legal representative can live or work in the City of Portland.

This item must be read on two separate days. It was given a first reading on April 8, 2019. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

BUDGET MESSAGE:

MAYOR STRIMLING WILL MAKE HIS REMARKS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.