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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 5:00pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, 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:

Sampson Spadafore (304 Eastern Promenade), Nathaniel Ferguson (Exeter Street), John Clarke (Vallee Street), George Rheault (West Bayside)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following individuals gave an announcement:

Councilor Zarro: The next Sustainability & Transportation Committee will be held on January 11th at 5:30pm.

All are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Snyder: Introduced Public Health Director Alfredo Vergara to discuss the release of the Community Health Improvement Plan

RECOGNITIONS:

No Recognitions.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to recess the City Council meeting and start the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 9-0.

Portland Development Corporation Board President Blaine Grims presented the annual report.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Mary Davis (Interim Housing and Economic Development Director)

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Alit to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Corporation of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 9-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting-December 19, 2022

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for approval of the City Council Meeting minutes, December 19, 2022. Passage 9-0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 11-22/23 Recognizing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation 11-22/23 Recognizing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 118-22/23 Appointing Duane Cote Constable for 2023 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an overview of the item.

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

Order 119-22/23 Appointing Gynt Grube Interim Assessor - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an overview of the item.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 21-22/23 Regarding In-Person Meetings with Remote Participation - By Jessica Grondin, Director of Communications and Digital Services

Jessica Grondin, Director of Communications gave an overview of this item.

This item is a communication. No formal Council action is needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 117-22/23 Approving and Appropriating \$3,257,004 in Housing Trust Funds and \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Avesta Housing Winchester Woods Affordable Housing Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone the item until the February 6, 2023 City Council meeting. Passage 9-0
Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an overview of the item.
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for council comment. The following individuals commented: Councilor Zarro, Councilor Phillips

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 5:43pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk