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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 5:02pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier (Zoom), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro (Zoom), Councilor Trevorow, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Snyder.

Councilor Phillips joined at 5:06pm via zoom.

Councilor Fournier left the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

Motion to suspend Council rules to allow public comment on Communication 32-22/23. Passed 9-0

Moved by Councilor Dion, seconded by Councilor Trevorow.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment on non-agenda items, as well as suspending the Council rules to allow public comment on Communication 32-22/23 Regarding Police Response on April 1, 2023. The following individuals spoke:

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

George Fulster (Riverton Neighborhood), Viva (West End), No name given (no address given), Sara Rigero (West End), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Betsey Witman (Oakdale), Becca May (East End), Liam Hilton (West End), Ariel (North Deering), CJ (District 2), Cassie (No address given), Charlie (no address given), Lily

(West End), Sampson (District 1), Richard Ward (Parkside Neighborhood), Alexis (Parkside Neighborhood), T Lane (Portland Proper), Rhett (West End), Cyrus (East End), No name given (no address given) Vivianda (Northgate Apartments), Audrey (Parkside), Malvina (no address given), Clarie Porter (no address given), Theresa (VP Legal Resources of Aging Communities), Don Harrietta (Littleton), Gigi (Rosemont Neighborhood), Matt (no address given), Ron (no address given), Elizabeth McCormick (no address given), Kit (no address given) Alex (Downtown Portland), Brody (no address given), Karen (In-town Portland), Christopher Jacques (no address given), Madison Raymond (no address given), Sanchita Mukherjee (Racial Justice Co-Chair for the Maine Trial Lawyers Association), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Catherine (East End), Alex (Parkside), Michael, (no address given), Olivia (West Bayside), Milana (no address given), Bre (no address given), Wes (West End), Jeremy (West Portland), Sam (West End), Peter McLaughlin (District 1), Jenny Ferrari (Business Owner in Downtown Portland), Jay (St John St), Will T (Works in Portland)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Snyder announced that there is a meet and greet reception on Friday, April 14th at 6:00pm, in City Hall, State of Maine Room (Floor 2) for the City Manager finalists. Final interviews will be done on Saturday April 15th.

RECOGNITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2023

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for approval of the City Council Meeting minutes, March 27, 2023. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 19-22/23 Recognizing April 9-15, 2023 as Community Development Week - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read proclamation 19-22/23 Recognizing April 9-15, 2023 as Community Development Week into the record.

Proclamation 20-22/23 Recognizing April 9-15, 2023 as Telecommunicator Appreciation Week - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Mayor Snyder read proclamation 20-22/23 Recognizing April 9-15, 2023 as Telecommunication Appreciation Week into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 158-22/23 Appointing Patrick Ferraiolo a Constable for 2023 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 159-22/23 Appointing Elisa A. Marr Tax Assessor - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Mayor Snyder for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent).

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Snyder

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 160-22/23 Declaring April 29 to October 31, 2023 the In the Square Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Cj Oppenheimer (Executive Director of Friends of Congress Square Park)

LICENSES:

Order 161-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Quanto Basta, LLC, dba Quanto Basta. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 249 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Elizabeth English (Owner of Quanto Basta), Councilor Rodriguez

Order 162-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Freedom's Edge LLC, dba Freedom's Edge Cider. Application for B/W/D On Premise Consumption with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 31 Diamond Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Andy Kaplan (Owner of Freedom's Edge Cider)

Order 163-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Tangible Alchemy, LLC, dba Urban Farm Fermentory. Application for Class A Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 200 Anderson Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 164-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of LOPBURI, LLC, dba Thai Esaan. Application for Class III & IV FSE at 65 Portland Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Ben Boonseng (Owner of Thai Esaan)

Order 165-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Yam Tamblin, LLC, dba The End. Application for Class A Lounge at 229 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Celeste Park (Yam Tamblin LLC)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 29-22/23 Regarding a Portland Board of Harbor Commissioners Rulemaking Notice - Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an update regarding a Portland Board of Harbor Commissioners Rulemaking Notice

As a communication, this requires no public comment or formal council action.

Communication 30-22/23 Update re: Implementation of the November 2022 Referenda - Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) gave an update regarding the implementation of the November 2022 Referenda.

As a communication, this requires no public comment or formal council action.

The following individuals spoke: Mayor Snyder

Communication 31-22/23 Updated Numbers re: Asylum Seeker Arrivals - by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) and Kristen Dow (Director of DHHS) gave an update regarding Asylum Seeker Arrivals.

As a communication, this requires no public comment or formal council action.

The following individuals commented on this update: Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Dion, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Snyder

Communication 32-22/23 Regarding Police Response on April 1, 2023 - Interim Chief Heath Gorham, Police Department

*Point of Order, this item was taken out of order and read directly after the 5:00pm public comment period.

Danielle West (Interim City Manager) and Heath Gorham (Interim Chief of Police) gave an update regarding Police Response on April 1, 2023

As a communication, this requires no public comment or formal council action.

The following individuals commented on this update: Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Trevorow, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Ali, Mayor Snyder

Additional backup material is posted in the Agenda packet.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 7-22/23 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan including Appropriations for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs and Certifications Pertaining Thereto - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Economic Development and Housing) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Thomas Dorey (Executive Director of Milestone), Elise Kann (Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities of Maine), Peace M (Project Home Trust), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Trevorrow, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Ali

ORDERS:

Order 166-22/23 Approving the Administrative Fee Increase for Parking in the Ocean Gateway Parking Lot - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-1-1 (Councilor Phillips No, Councilor Fournier absent).

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), Councilor Phillips, Danielle West (Interim City Manager)

Item passed as an emergency.

Order 167-22/23 Accepting and Adopting the 2023 Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Economic Development and Housing) gave an overview of this item.

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

Order 168-22/23 Approving the 2023 Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing Application - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Economic Development and Housing) gave an overview of this item.

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

Order 169-22/23 Granting an Easement to Central Maine Power at Portland Ocean Terminal for Casco Bay Lines Expansion - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent).

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

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

Item passed as emergency.

Order 170-22/23 Accepting and Appropriating Federal Aviation Administration Administered Airport Improvement Program and Airport Infrastructure Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Grants - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

The item is a first read item. No Council action taken.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 171-22/23 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 9 Re: Clean Elections - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

The item is a first read item. No Council action taken.

Order 172-22/23 Amendment to Zoning Map Re: R-6 Residential to B-3 Downtown Business at 211 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Maggie Stanley, Chair

The item is a first read item. No Council action taken.

Order 173-22/23 Amendment to Downtown Height Overlay and Bayside Height Overlay Maps Re: 211 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Maggie Stanley, Chair

The item is a first read item. No Council action taken.

Order 174-22/23 Amendment to Zoning Map Re: Repealing the C-5 Conditional Zone Agreement at 22 Park Avenue - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Maggie Stanley, Chair

The item is a first read item. No Council action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow to adjourn. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) at 9:46pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk

