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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 5:03pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Snyder.

City Councilors Absent: Councilor Ali.

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Matt Walker (District 2), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Viviando (231 State Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognizing Ryan Gorneau, Social Services Program Manager, for receiving the "Maine Welfare Director of the Year" award - Kate Snyder, Mayor

This item was delayed to May 15, 2023.

Recognizing Kevin Fahrman, Portland's Valentine's Day Bandit - Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder recognized Kevin Fahrman, Portland's Valentine's Day Bandit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Agenda Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2023

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Fournier for approval of the City Council Meeting minutes, April 24, 2023. Passage 8-0 (Ali absent)

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 21-22/23 Recognizing the 54th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 21-22/23 Recognizing the 54th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week into the record.

Proclamation 22-22/23 Declaring May 5, 2023 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day - Sponsored by April Fournier, Councilor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 22-22/23 Declaring May 5, 2023 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day into the record.

LICENSES:

Order 189-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Debra Cantara, dba Maine Ballroom Dancing. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 616 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 190-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Grizzly Bear Inc, dba The Great Lost Bear. Application for Class I FSE at 540 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 191-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Cherished Pub, Inc, dba Cherished Pub. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property and Combined Entertainment at 64 Auburn Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 192-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Hot Liquor Tank LLC, dba Hot Liquor Tank. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 43 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

Order 193-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Taco A Go Go LLC, dba Taco A Go Go. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 0 Canal Plaza - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Kevin Doyle (Owner of Taco a Go Go).

Order 194-22/23 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Novel LLC, dba Novel. Application for Class A Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property and Indoor Entertainment at 643 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, Interim City Manager

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

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

BUDGET ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 SCHOOL BUDGET AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 1, 2023) AND WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SECOND READ AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 15, 2023 AT 5:00 PM.

Order 195-22/23 Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation for Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2024 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

*Point of Order, Orders 195-22/23 through 201-22/23 were read into the record at the same time. Public comment was taken together for these items.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Brad Hanscombe (District 5), Sylvia (no last name/address given), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Sam (no address given), Christian Milneil (no address given)
This is the first reading.

Order 196-22/23 Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2024 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

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This is the first reading.

Order 197-22/23 Order Raising and Appropriating Additional Local Funds for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2024 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Brad Hanscombe (District 5), Sylvia (no last name/address given), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Sam (no address given), Christian Milneil (no address given)
This is the first reading.

Order 198-22/23 Approving Total School Operating Budget for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2024 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Brad Hanscombe (District 5), Sylvia (no last name/address given), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Sam (no address given), Christian Milneil (no address given)
This is the first reading.

Order 199-22/23 Appropriating and Raising Funds for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2024 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-a §8603-a(1) - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Brad Hanscombe (District 5), Sylvia (no last name/address given), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Sam (no address given), Christian Milneil (no address given)

This is the first reading.

Order 200-22/23 to Raise and Appropriate Local Funds for Food Service in the Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2024 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair.

Motion to postpone Order 200-22/23 to May 15, 2023 was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 8-0 (Ali absent).

Item postponed to May 15, 2023

Order 201-22/23 Order Authorizing the Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received for Portland Schools in Fiscal Year 2024 Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Councilor Mark Dion, Chair

Motion to postpone Order 201-22/23 to May 15, 2023 was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 8-0 (Ali absent).

Item postponed to May 15, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow for passage as amended. Passage 5-3. (Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorrow, Pelletier, Phillips-Yes. Dion, Zarro, Snyder- No)

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Fournier on the original order.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council Discussion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier.

Motion to Move floor amendment, to send all finance decisions to the Finance committee. Moved by Councilor Dion, seconded by Mayor Snyder. Motion Failed 2-6. (Dion & Snyder-Yes, Fournier, Rodriguez, Zarro, Trevorrow, Pelletier, and Phillips-No)

Motion to move amendment titled “Amendment #2 Councilor Trevorrow/Rodriguez” that is in the back up materials. Moved by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 5-3. (Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorrow, Pelletier, Phillips-Yes. Dion, Zarro, Snyder- No)

Additionally, adding a friendly amendment, changing the 23 days to 22 days (Section F), and change the word resolution to “order”, (Section F).

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council Discussion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Zarro, Brandon Mazer (Perkins Thopson), Mayor Snyder

5-3 (Dion, Zarro, Snyder -no)

**Order 176-22/23 Appointing Members to Various Boards & Commissions -
Sponsored by the Legislative/Nominating Committee, Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair**

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Matt Walker (District 2), Councilor Fournier

ORDERS:

**Order 202-22/23 Approving Modification 1 to the Agreement between the Maine
Department of Transportation and Portland re: the Union Branch Trail Connector
- Sponsored by Danielle West, Interim City Manager**

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

Bruce Hyman (Transportation Program Director) gave an overview of this item.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn. Passage 8-0 at
7:21pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk