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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 17, 2023 AT 4:00 PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. The Honorable Kate Snyder, Mayor, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

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ROLL CALL:

4:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognizing Kathy Alves for her service to the City of Portland - Kate Snyder, Mayor

After 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Portland, Kathy Alves (Director of Public Buildings) is planning to retire in August 2023. We thank her for her decades of hard work, creative problem solving, and collaboration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting Minutes- June 26, 2023

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 1-23/24 Appointing Michael Murray as Director of Public Works - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Michael Murray, who has been working for the City as Acting Director of the Public Works Department for almost two years, would be appointed by this order as Director with a salary of \$137,509. He has been with the City for almost 20 years in total. He has vast knowledge, skills, educational background, and experience regarding project and staff management, and he has done a wonderful job at the Public Works Department to date.

To make this item effective immediately, staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

Order 2-23/24 Appointing Members to Various Boards & Commissions - Sponsored by Legislative/Nominating Committee, Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair

This order will appoint members to various Boards and Commissions.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment. To make this item effective immediately and ensure a quorum of members are available to conduct business at the Rent Board's July 26, 2023 meeting, staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

**Order 3-23/24 Approving Transfer of Funds under 15 M.R.S. §§5824(3) and 5826(6)
Re: Raymond Whittington - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

This order authorizes the City Council to approve the transfer of \$16,696.00 and one .45 cal Springfield XD handgun in forfeited assets from the State of Maine to the City of Portland from the case of the State of Maine v. Raymond Whittington.

The money was seized during a drug investigation conducted by the M.D.E.A. in conjunction with the Portland Police Department. The money from this forfeiture order will be deposited into the Portland Police Department's drug investigation account. The money is used to offset the costs of drug investigations, such as drug analysis, drug purchases, covert surveillance, surveillance equipment, drug training and protective gear, such as body armor. The money may also be used to support the department's Law Enforcement Addiction Advocacy Program.

Order 4-23/24 Declaring July 29, 2023 the 21st Annual Greater Portland Festival of Nations - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The Festival, organized by Women In Need Industries and Mugadi Foundation, and co-sponsored by the City of Portland, showcases Maine's ethnic diversity. The festival features music, food, cultural exhibits, children's activities, and folk art from many nations around the world. Admission is free. Refreshments, crafts, artwork and other items will be for sale. The festival is held rain or shine.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Com 1-23/24 Update on the Status of City of Portland Property Assessments - Elisa Marr, Tax Assessor

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

Com 2-23/24 Update regarding the 4/1/23 Rally and Portland Police Department Response - Danielle P. West, City Manager

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

Com 3-23/24 Update on Encampment Crisis Response Team - Director Kristen Dow (Health & Human Services) and Chief Keith Gautreau (Fire Department)

This communication provides an update on the structure, goals, and progress of the ECRT. Also included in the backup are staff-developed FAQs in response to the Info & Listening Session on Homelessness, held by the Council and City Manager on June 13, 2023.

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

Com 4-23/24 Regarding the Closure of City Hall on August 11 - Danielle P. West, City Manager

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

ADJOURNMENT:

