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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dioin, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow (Via Zoom), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips

Mayor Snyder Absent.

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment.

The following individuals spoke: Jim Devine (Homeless Justice Services Advocate), Bill Webber (Portland Climate Action Team), George Rheault (Westbayside)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements were made.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 27-23/24 Declaring Sundays on the Boulevard Festival Days in 2023 - Sponsored by Andrew Zarro, Councilor

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 6-23/24 Designating the 25 Casco Street Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District and Adopting the Municipal Development Program for the District - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Orders 19-23/24, Order 6-23/24 and Order 7-22/24 were all read into the record together. Mary Davis (Interim Director of Housing and Economic Development) gave an overview of the orders.

Mayor Pro Tempore opened the floor for public comment on orders 19, 6 & 7. The following individuals spoke:

George Rheault (Hanover Street), Matthew Dubios (554 Forest Ave), Ed Carpenter (Owner of 25 Casco Street), Ken Capron (Forest Ave), Elizabeth Pope (Woodfords Street), Betsy Smith (Stroudwater Road), Frank Brooks (Neil Street), Mark Shaw (Free Street), Marvin Ellison (No address), Melanie (Equality Community Center), Chloe (West Minister Ave), Chris O'connor (Executive Director of Equality Community Center)

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to approve amendment: Return 75% of Tax Revenues to Developer. Passage 7-0-2, Mayor Snyder absent, Councilor Fournier recused.

Copy of amendment is included in the Council packet.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage as an emergency, as amended. Passage 7-0-2, Mayor Snyder absent, Councilor Fournier recused.

*Order was passed as an emergency as amended and will take effect immediately.

Order 7-23/24 Approving the Credit Enhancement Agreement with Equality Community LP - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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The following councilors commented: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Phillips

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage as an emergency, as amended. Passage 7-0-2, Mayor Snyder absent, Councilor Fournier recused.

*Order was passed as an emergency as amended and will take effect immediately.

Order 8-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$20,000 Donation and \$30,000 Grant for the Lincoln Park Fence Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. The following individuals spoke: Frank Riley (Friends of Lincoln Park),

Order 9-23/24 Amendment to the Traffic Schedule Re: 2-Hour Parking on Fore Street between Atlantic and St. Lawrence Streets - Sponsored by Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Andrew Zarro, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. The following individuals spoke: Barbara Vestal (7 Fore Street)

Order 10-23/24 Amendment to Zoning Map Amendment Re: R-5a Residential for 900 Ocean Avenue and Adjacent Parcels - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone until the City Council Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.

Order 10-23/24 postponed.

Order 11-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Charter Re: Filing Nomination Petitions, and Acceptance of Nomination - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 7-0-2 Mayor Snyder and Councilor Zarro absent.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.

ORDERS:

Order 19-23/24 Amending the Downtown Transit Oriented Development and Omnibus Tax Increment Financing District to Make 25 Casco Street an Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

*Point of order. Order 19-23/24 was taken out of order and read before Order 6-23/24.

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Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow for passage as an emergency, as amended. Passage 7-0-2, Mayor Snyder absent, Councilor Fournier recused.

*Order was passed as an emergency as amended and will take effect immediately.

Order 20-23/24 Approving the Finance Authority of Maine's State Small Business Credit Initiative Participant Allocation Agreement - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 7-0-2 Mayor Snyder and Councilor Zarro absent.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.

Order 21-23/24 Setting an Election Date on a Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Re: An Act to Exempt Small Landlords from Portland's Rent-Control Ordinance - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as amended. Passage 6-2-1 (Councilor Dion & Councilor Rodriguez NO, Mayor Snyder absent).

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. The following individuals spoke: Jim Devine (Homeless Advocacy for Maine), Buddy Moore, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Dion, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Fournier

Motion to amend the Title of Citizens Initiative to: "An Act to Amend Portland's Rent Control Ordinance"

Moved by Councilor Pelletier, seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 5-3-1 (Councilor Dion, Rodriguez, Phillips NO, Mayor Snyder absent)
Amendment passed

Order 22-23/24 Accepting a Bus Shelter Easement Agreement from the Portland Housing Authority - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.
*Order passed as emergency and will take effect immediately.

Order 23-23/24 Approving a Bus Shelter Installation and Maintenance Agreement between Portland Housing Authority, the Greater Portland Transit District (METRO), and Portland - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.
*Order passed as emergency and will take effect immediately.

Order 24-23/24 Approving Modification 1 to the York Street Sidewalk Project between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.

Order 25-23/24 Approving the York Street Pavement Improvement Agreement between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland - Sponsored by Anne McGuire, Assistant City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for Council comment. No one spoke.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 26-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 9 Re: Ranked Choice Voting - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 8-0-1 Mayor Snyder absent at 8:25pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk