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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 5:05pm

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier (Zoom), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevor, 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: Paula Duset (22 Osprey Terrace), Vincent Caliendo (Ice Pond Drive), Sarah Johnson (25 Summer Place), Rachel Simmons (Ice Pond Drive), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Bill Higgins (Middle Street), Richard Ward (Parkside Neighborhood), Eugene Goldstein (88 State Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow to wave council rules to not take additional public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion Failed 5-4 (Councilor Fournier, Rodriguez, Pelletier, Snyder- No).

*Two thirds vote was needed to pass.

Public comment continued. The following individuals commented: Jesse Ventura

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Ali to wave council rules to not take additional public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion Passed 7-2 (Fournier, Pelleiter-No)

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mayor Snyder, Danielle West (City Manager)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the meeting of September 6, 2023

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 4-23/24 Recognizing September 18 to September 24, 2023 as Diaper Need Awareness Week - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 4-23/24 Recognizing September 18 to September 24, 2023 as Diaper Need Awareness Week into the record.

Proclamation 5-23/24 Recognizing September 30, 2023 as a Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 5-23/24 Recognizing September 30, 2023 as a Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools into the record.

Proclamation 6-23/24 Proclamation Recognizing September 2023 as African Heritage Month - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 6-23/24 Recognizing September 2023 as African Heritage Month into the record.

Proclamation 7-23/24 Recognizing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 2023 - Sponsored by Pious Ali, Councilor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 7-23/24 Recognizing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 2023 into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 36-23/24 Declaring October 1, 2023 the 32nd Annual Maine Marathon, Half Marathon & Relay Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 11-23/24 Regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-funded Programs - Mary Davis (Interim Director, Housing & Economic Development)

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Housing and Economic Development) provided an update regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER for HUD-funded programs)

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

Communication 12-23/24 Regarding the ECRT activation at the MaineDOT parking lot on Marginal Way - Kristen Dow (Director, Health & Human Services) and Chief Keith Gautreau (Fire)

Kristen Dow (Health & Human Services Director) and Keith Gautreau (Fire Chief) provided an update regarding the ECRT activation and the MaineDOT parking lot on Marginal Way

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

The following individuals commented on this communication: Councilor Zarro, Mayor Snyder, Danielle West (City Administrator)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 256-22/23 Adopting Development Program for the Portland Tourism Municipal Development District - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

*Public Comment was taken together for Orders 256, 257, 258

Motion was made by Councilor Ali, Seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage of Order 256.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Adam Goldberg (President of Maine Mariners Hockey Team), Paul Drinan (Exec Director of Friends of Fort Gorges), Lisa Jones (Owner/Founder of Black Travel Maine), Allie Gill (Uncommon Hospitality), Ian Bannon (Exec Director of Mayo Street Arts), Paul Mahoney (327 Summit Street), Donato Giovine (Owner Gorgeous Gelato), Cary Tyson (Exec Director Downtown Portland), Cindy Juskiewicz (Director of Events and Conferences at UNE), Rich Brooks (Flight Media), USM Assistant Professor for Tourism Program, Kaitlyn (Area Director of Sales for Pressline Hotels), Steven Demillo (Demillos on the Water), Bill

Higgins (Middle Street), Pamela Laskey (Maine Foodie Tours), Norman (Owner Portland Encyclopedia), Sean MacCarthy (Guided Marketing Services), Will Wenzle (57 Willow Lane), Eamonn Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce), Peter Doyle (Spruce Street), Nancy Marshall (District 1), Gerard Kiladjian (Principle Hospitality), Rachel Sagiroglu (Experience Maine Makers Galley), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Chris O'Neil (Owner of Boones Fish House), Joshua Chaison (22 Sherman Street), Michael McPherson (50 Industrial Way), June Otessa (No address given), Mrs. Steinberg (no address given)

*Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to move into Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) (E) concerning the legal rights and duties

Motion passed 9-0

Public Comment to move into executive session: Richard Ward (Parkside Neighborhood)

Motion to wave council rules suspend public comment moved by Councilor Trevorrow, seconded by Councilor

Motion Passed 8-0 (Fournier Absent)

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:33pm.

*Councilor Fournier joined the Executive Session at 8:10pm

*Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular City Council Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0

The executive session adjourned at 8:32pm

*Motion to suspend council rules to end further public comment on Orders 256, 257, and 258 moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by councilor Rodriguez for passage.

Passed 8-0-1 (Pelletier Absent)

Motion to amend Order 256 (amendment #1 attached in backup material) moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage.

Passed 9-0. Amendment #1 passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion to amended Order 256 to add ten percent (10%) of the Sales, Marketing, Promotions, Destination Development, and Special Events

budget shall be allotted specifically to reach the BIPOC, LGBTQ+ markets, and community DEI efforts.

Passed 9-0. Amendment #2 passed.

Motion to approve Order 256 as amended moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorrow and Pelletier-No)

The Mayor opened the floor for Council discussion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Fournier, Mary Davis (Interim Housing and Economic Development Director) Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Zarro, Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Ali, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Dion, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Pelletier

Order 256 passed as amended.

Order 257-22/23 Establishing Implementation Assessments for Portland's Tourism Municipal Development District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion to approve Order 257 as amended moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage. Passed 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

Motion to amend Order 257 (amendment #1 attached in backup material) moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage.

Passed 5-4. (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

Amendment #1 passed.

Motion to approve Order 257 as amended moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage. Passed 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

The Mayor opened the floor for Council discussion. No one spoke.

Order 257 passed as amended.

Order 258-22/23 Approving the Development Program Manager Agreement between the City of Portland and Convention and Visitors' Bureau of Greater Portland Doing Business as Visit Portland - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion to approve Order 258 as amended moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage. Passed 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

Motion to amend Order 258 (amendment #1 attached in backup material) moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage.

Passed 5-4. (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

Amendment #1 passed.

Motion to approve Order 258 as amended moved by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage. Passed 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Rodriguez, Trevorow and Pelletier-No)

The Mayor opened the floor for Council discussion. No one spoke.

Order 257 passed as amended.

Order 32-23/24 Authorizing Loans in the Amount of \$1,684,816 from the School Revolving Renovation Fund and the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bonds Therefore - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to postpone item until October 2, 2023. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 9-0

Item postponed until Monday, October 2, 2023

Order 33-23/24 Appropriating \$1,684,816 in Loan Proceeds from the School Revolving Renovation Fund for School Renovation Projects - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to postpone item until October 2, 2023. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 9-0
Item postponed until Monday, October 2, 2023

ORDERS:

Order 34-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$10,000 Donation from the Congress Square Redesign Committee for Phase B of Congress Square Park - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

Order 35-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating Three Maine Historic Preservation Commission Grants for the Planning Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. section 405(6)(D), City staff request that an Executive Session be held to discuss and receive guidance on the City's contract with Local 740, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO.

Executive session was postponed to date uncertain.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 9:46pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk