

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The City Council will conduct this meeting in-person from Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall. Public comments may only be submitted in person or in writing.

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<https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6481/media>.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Snyder led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to suspend Council rules in order to take public comment on non-agenda items at 5:30pm
Motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Patty Webber (Ocean Ave)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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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 8-23/24 Recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Action Month - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 8-23/24 Recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Action Month into the record.

Proclamation 9-23/24 Recognizing October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples' Day - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 9-23/24 Recognizing October 9, 2023 as Indigenous People's Day into the record.

Proclamation 10-23/24 Honoring the Life of Heather Brown and her Contributions to the City of Portland - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

This item was postponed until the October 16, 2023 City Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

**Communication 13-23/24 Regarding the Historic Preservation Impact Study Report
- Christine Grimando, Director of Planning & Urban Development**

Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development) provided a communication regarding the Historic Impact Study Report.

The following individuals commented on this communication:

Councilor Zarro

RESOLUTIONS

Resolve 2-23/24 In Support of the Deprioritization of Criminal Prosecution and Penalties for Personal Use of Psychedelic Plants and Fungi - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage 6-3 (Councilor Dion, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Zarro-No).

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

Aaron Barker (Interim Director of Decriminalize Maine), Selma Holden (105 Tempamy Street, Decriminalize Maine), Yeshua Adonai (Co-Founder of Psychedelics for Maine Veterans),

James Davis (9 Carrington St, Bay Staters for Natural Medicine, New England Veterans for Plant Medicine), Wendy Chapkis (112 Sherman Street, Decriminalize Maine Board Member), Tonya Dunn (Co-Founder Dirigo Psychedelics Society), Becca Phillips (Bay Staters for Natural Medicine), Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, AMy, McNally (Assistant Corporation Counsel), Mayor Snyder, Councilor Phillips, Grayson Lookner (State Representative), Councilor Ali, Chief of Police, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Fournier

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 16, 2023. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passed 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

Item postponed until Monday, October 16, 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 16, 2023. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passed 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

Item postponed until Monday, October 16, 2023

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

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro & Trevorrow absent)

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

ORDERS:

Order 37-23/24 Declaring a State of Limited Emergency at 654 Riverside Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

*Point of Order. This item was taken out of order and read after Order 45-23/24.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Jim Devine (Homeless Voices for Justice), Elizabeth Newton (Tucker Ave), Grayson Lookner (State Representative), Greg Gould (168 Milton Street), Bob Avery (Case Worker at Preble Street), Heather Zimmerman (ACLU of Maine), Lisa Franklin (Homeless Voices for Justice), Wes Pelletier (West End), John Rogers (Business Owner on Marginal Way), Brian Batson (Maine Health), Donna (Sunlight Media Collective), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Eamonn Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber)

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali to recess into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6)(E) to discuss with Corporation Counsel the Council's legal rights and responsibilities related to Order 37-23/24 at 8:30pm

Motion passed 9-0. Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke. Recessed into Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the City Council meeting at 9:25pm. Passed 9-0
Adjourned Executive Session, reconvened City Council meeting.

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

*Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for Passage. Motion failed 4-5. (Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor

Pelliter, Councilor Phillips-NO)
Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.

*Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone the item indefinitely. Passage 5-4 (Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Trevorrow, Mayor Snyder-No)
Order 37-23/24 postponed indefinitely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section §405(6)(E) to discuss with Corporation Counsel the Council's legal rights and responsibilities related to Order 37-23/24.

Order 38-23/24 Approving the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Agreement for a CDC Public Health Associate - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Dion for passage as an emergency. Passage 9-0
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Elizabeth Newton (Tucker Ave), Kristen Dow (Director of Health and Human Services)

Order 39-23/24 Approving the Commitment of \$2,800,000 as the Local Match in the Maine Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Application for the Libbytown Neighborhood Accessibility Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro Pelletier absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Mike Murray (Director of Public Works)

Order 40-23/24 Approving the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Agreement between Efficiency Maine Trust and Portland - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Andrew Zarro, Chair

Motion to postpone item until October 16, 2023. Moved by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passed 9-0.
Item postponed until Monday, October 16, 2023

AMENDMENTS:

Order 41-23/24 Amendment of the Portland City Code Chapter 6 Re: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy of C-PACE - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Councilor Andrew Zarro, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 42-23/24 Amendment of the Portland City Code Chapter 28 Re: City Parking Regulations - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Andrew Zarro, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 43-23/24 Amendment of the Traffic Schedule Re: Metered To Non-Metered (Two-Hour) Parking on Forest Avenue, Chestnut Street, and Marginal Way - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Andrew Zarro, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 44-23/24 Amendment of Chapter 35 Re: Delivery of Adult-use Marijuana and Marijuana Products by Authorized Licensees - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor April Fournier, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 45-23/24 Amendment to the Portland City Code Chapter 2 Re: Qualification for Land Bank Commission Members and Addition of North Deering Park - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This item is a first read.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 10:02pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk