

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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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Snyder led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorror, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Snyder
Councilor Fournier (Absent)

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

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

Steven Scharff (Bracket Street), Lauren Whittemore (50 Ridge Road), Julianne Walsh (Rivers Edge), Gayle Keeshen (Ledgewood Drive), Courtney Foley (Congress Street), Patty Webber (23 Osprey Terrace), Laura Sosnowski, (91 Summer Place), Sarah Johnson (25 Summer Place), Chuck Grossman (175 Ridge Road), Vinny Caliendo (Ice Pond Drive), Ron Morris (178 Ridge Road), Juliana Beecher (903 Ocean Ave)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recognizing Joshua Chard as 2024 Maine Teacher of the Year - Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder recognized Joshua Chard as 2024 Maine Teacher of the Year

Congratulating Troy Moon, City of Portland Director of Sustainability, on being recognized as a 2023 Infrastructure Trailblazer - Andrew Zarro, Councilor

Andrew Zarro congratulated Troy Moon, City of Portland Director of Sustainability, on being recognized as a 2023 Infrastructure Trailblazer

ANNUAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro to recess the City Council meeting and convene the Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange. Passed 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

Annual Portland Fish Pier Exchange meeting included:

1. Receiving a communication regarding the Portland Fish Exchange 2023 Summary of activity and year to date financial statement
2. Re-appointment of two sitting directors (Order 46-23/24)

*After the vote of Order 46-23/24

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro to adjourn the

Annual meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange and convene the annual meeting of the Portland Fish Pier. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent).

Order 46-23/24 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Fish Exchange - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

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

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

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Fish Pier Authority

Annual Portland Fish Pier Exchange meeting included:

1. Receiving a communication regarding the Portland Fish Pier Authority 2023 Summary of activity and year to date financial statement
2. Transacting other business as may be deemed necessary

Motion to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Corporator of the Fish Pier Authority and convene the annual meeting of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent).

SPECIAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Annual Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation meeting included:

1. Receiving a communication regarding the Portland Fish Pier Authority 2023 Summary of activity and year to date financial statement
2. Transacting other business as may be deemed necessary

*After Order 47-23/24

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent).

Order 47-23/24 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Development Corporation - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali, seconded by Mayor Snyder for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting- October 2, 2023

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

Danielle West (City Manager) read Proclamation 10-23/24 Honoring the Life of Heather Brown and her Contributions to the City of Portland into the record.

Proclamation 11-23/24 Recognizing October 2023 as Hate Crime Awareness Month - Sponsored by Pious Ali, Councilor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 11-23/24 Recognizing October 2023 as Hate Crime Awareness Month into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 48-23/24 Appointing Members to the Clean Elections Review Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals - Sponsored by the Legislative/Nominating Committee, Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion, seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

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

*Item passed as an emergency and will take effect immediately.

Order 49-23/24 Appointing Directors of the Widows' Wood Society for the 2023-2024 Term - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali, seconded by Councilor Dion for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

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

LICENSES:

Order 50-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Karl Silander, dba The Bayou Kitchen. Application for Class 1 FSE at 543 Deering Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro, seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Councilor Phillips Absent)

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

Order 51-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Oxbow Brewing Company LLC, dba Oxbow Brewing Company. Application for extension of Class A Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 49 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali, seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Councilor Phillips Absent)

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

Order 52-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Will & Girl LLC, dba Thistle and Grouse. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge at 10 Cotton Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

Order 53-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of MGT Portland LLC, dba Mesa Grande Taqueria. Application for Class I FSE at 140 Fore Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Com 14-23/24 Regarding temporary, overnight emergency shelter during hazardous winter weather - Kristen Dow, Director of Health & Human Services

Kristen Dow (Director of Health and Human Services) provided Communication 14-23/24 Regarding temporary, overnight emergency shelter during hazardous winter weather.

The following City Councilors commented on communication:

Mayor Snyder

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

*Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to reconsider the motion to postpone Order 37-23/24 indefinitely. Passage 6-2. (Councilor Dion & Councilor Trevorrow-No)

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council discussion. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Trevorrow, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Pelletier

*Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to reconsider Order 37-23-24. Passage 5-3. (Councilor Dion, Councilor Trevorrow and Councilor Zarro-No)

*Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for Passage. Motion failed 4-4. (Councilor Dion, Councilor Zarro, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelliter-NO)

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

*Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Dion to postpone the item indefinitely. Passage 34-4 (Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Snyder-No)

Motion to postpone indefinitely failed. Order 37-23/24 will come back at next Council meeting.

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

*Order 32-23/24 and Order 32-23/34 were read into the record together and public comment was taken at the same time.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 7-0. (Councilor Fournier & Councilor Dion absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

*Order 32-23/24 and Order 32-23/34 were read into the record together and public comment was taken at the same time.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Mayor Snyder for passage. Passage 7-0. (Councilor Fournier & Councilor Dion absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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 was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Councilor Zarro (Sustainability & Transportation Committee Chair) and Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Marie Caspard (64 Clark Street)

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

*Point of Order. Order 41-23/24 was read before Order 40-23/24
Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Zarro for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Councilor Zarro (Sustainability & Transportation Committee Chair) and Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Marie Caspard (64 Clark Street)

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

*Point of Order. Order 42-23/24, 43-23/24 and Order 54-23/24 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken at the same time.

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier and Councilor Pelletier absent)

Councilor Zarro (Sustainability & Transportation Committee Chair) gave an overview of this item.

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

Steven Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

*Point of Order. Order 42-23/24, 43-23/24 and Order 54-23/24 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken at the same time.

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier and Councilor Pelletier absent)

Councilor Zarro (Sustainability & Transportation Committee Chair) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Steven Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Councilor Trevorrow and Nicole Albert (Assistant Corporation Counsel) gave an overview of this item. Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tom Morris (Fore Street), Jill Cohen (667 Congress Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Zarro to amend Order 44-23/24. Amendment is in backup materials.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council comment on the amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Dion, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Phillips

Amendment passed 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

*Item passed as emergency, as amended. Item will go into effect immediately.

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

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Dion to postpone item until November 20, 2023 Council meeting. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier and Councilor Zarro absent)

*Item postponed until November 20, 2023

ORDERS:

Order 54-23/24 Approving Parking Violation Waiver Fees - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councillor Andrew Zarro, Chair

*Point of Order. Order 42-23/24, 43-23/24 and Order 54-23/24 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken at the same time.

Motion was made by Councillor Zarro and seconded by Councillor Ali for passage.

Passage 7-0 (Councillor Fournier and Councillor Pelletier absent)

Councillor Zarro (Sustainability & Transportation Committee Chair) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Steven Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

Order 55-23/24 Designating and Adopting the Municipal Development Program for the Riverton Park Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pious Ali, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 56-23/24 Approving the Credit Enhancement Agreement with Riverton Park LP - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pious Ali, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 57-23/24 Appropriating \$589,897 in HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds to Portland Housing Development Corporation RE: Riverton Park - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pious Ali, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 58-23/24 Appropriating \$910,103 in Housing Trust Fund to Portland Housing Development Corporation RE: Riverton Park- Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pious Ali, Chair

This item is a first read.

Order 59-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$100,000 Grant from The Glickman Foundation - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

Order 60-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$45,200 grant from the Governor's Office for Policy, Innovation, and the Future - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 61-23/24 Zoning Map Amendment to B-2b Community Business for the area of land around the intersection of Washington Avenue, Bates Street and Veranda Street - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This item is a first read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Mayor Snyder to adjourn. Passage 8-0 at 8:15pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk