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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 Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Snyder

Absent: Councilor Zarro and Councilor Trevorrow

*Point of order. Councilor Trevorrow joined meeting at 5:55pm

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for Council Announcements. The following Councilors made an announcement:

Council Phillips, Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Snyder

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognizing sixth and seventh grade students for their efforts in keeping the Oakdale/Back Cove neighborhoods clean by collecting trash - Kate Snyder, Mayor

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ANNUAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland to Accept as a Communication the Annual Report of Creative Portland for FY2023

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to recess the City Council meeting and convene the Annual Meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland. Passed 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Trevorrow absent)

Annual meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland included:

1. Receiving a communication regarding the CP FY 2023 Activity and Financial Reports
2. Transaction of other business as may be deemed necessary.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland and reconvene the City Council Meeting. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Trevorrow Absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the October 16, 2023 Council Meeting

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Trevorrow Absent)

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 12-23/24 Recognizing November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 12-23/24 Recognizing November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month into the record.

Proclamation 13-23/24 Honoring the City of Portland First Responders who Assisted with the Lewiston Mass Shooting Response Effort - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder read Proclamation 13-23/24 Honoring the City of Portland First Responders who Assisted with the Lewiston Mass Shooting Response Effort into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 62-23/24 Confirming the Appointment of Gregory Watson as Housing & Economic Development Director - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Trevorrow Absent)

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Bill Webber (District 5), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Steven Scharff (Brackett Street), Mayor Snyder

LICENSES:

Order 63-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Argenta Brewing Company LLC, dba Argenta Brewing Company. Application for B/W/D on-premise consumption at 82 Hanover Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Trevorrow Absent)

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 15-23/24 Fiscal Year End 2023 Annual Tax Increment Financing Report - Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Housing & Economic Development) gave an update on Fiscal Year End 2023 Annual Tax Increment Financing Report.

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

Communication 16-23/24 Update re: Emergency Shelter at 166 Riverside Parkway - Danielle P. West, City Manager

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an update on Emergency Shelter at 166 Riverside Parkway

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

Communication 18-23/24 Greater Portland Transit District 2024 Budget and Local Assessments - Danielle P. West, City Manager

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an update on Greater Portland Transit District 2024 Budget and Local Assessments

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

Communication 19-23/24 Letter requesting support for the City of Portland Resettlement Program - Kate Snyder, Mayor

Mayor Snyder gave an update on Letter requesting support for the City of Portland resettlement Program
As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal council action.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3-23/24 Supporting the Establishment of a Sister City Relationship with Garissa Township, Kenya - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Councilor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.
Passed 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Abdulla Ahmed (Portland Resident), Abdulla Ali (Portland Resident), Mohamed Kahlid (Lewiston Resident), Tarlin-no last name given (Falmouth Resident), Moses (no address given), Lewiston Resident, President of African Community, Councilor Ali, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Snyder

Resolution 4-23/24 Supporting an Assault Rifle Ban and Other Gun Regulations in the State of Maine - Sponsored by Pious Ali, Councilor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ali

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 Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage as amended. Passage 6-2-1 (Councilor Trevorow and Councilor Pelletier-No, Councilor Zarro absent)
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Kristen Dow (Director of HHS), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Dion, Mayor Snyder

*Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to amend Council order to change the review date from in the second to last paragraph of the order from November 20, 2023 to February 5, 2023
"that this Order shall remain in effect until ~~November 20, 2023~~, February 5, 2024, where it shall be placed on the City Council's agenda for review"
Mayor Snyder opened the floor for comments on the amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Snyder, Danielle West (City Manager)
Amendment passed 7-1-1 (Trevorow- No, Councilor Zarro absent)

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, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

*Orders -55-23/24 through Order 58-23/34 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 Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

Mary Davis (Interim Director of Housing and Economic Development gave an overview of items 55-23/24 through 58-23/24

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Tyler Plant (Portland Housing Authority), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Rodriguez, Mary Davis

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

*Orders -55-23/24 through Order 58-23/34 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 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Tyler Plant (Portland Housing Authority), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Rodriguez, Mary Davis

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, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

*Orders -55-23/24 through Order 58-23/34 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 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Tyler Plant (Portland Housing Authority), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Rodriguez, Mary Davis

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, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

*Orders -55-23/24 through Order 58-23/34 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 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

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Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tyler Plant (Portland Housing Authority), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Rodriguez, Mary Davis

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Mayor Snyder for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Glenn Cummings (CEO of Glickman Foundation), Mayor Snyder

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

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

Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Bill Webber (Portland Climate Action)

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

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone item until December 18, 2023. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent).

*Item postponed.

ORDERS:

Order 64-23/24 Authorizing Stadium Use Agreement with Portland United, LLC (USL Soccer) for the Use and Occupancy of Fitzpatrick Stadium - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks and Recreation) gave an overview of this item.

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

Bill Webber (District 5), Herb Ivy (West End), Molly Brown (Portland Resident), Taylor Mannix (Portland High School Soccer Coach), Steven Scharff (Brackett Street), Emma (Bramhall Street), Sean Dundon (Past Portland Planning Board Member), Mario Moretto (Cushman Street), Nancy Walker (Sheridan Street), Tim Wells (Montreal Street), John Ochira (Portland Resident), Peter Bissell (Portland Business Owner), Barrett Takesian (Portland Out of School Time), Ronan Moss (Soccer Player), Ken Capron (Forest Ave), Rio Santos (Soccer Player), Elmer (Soccer Player), Emma (North Street), Marin Barnes (Portland Resident), Sefano (Soccer Player), George Rheault (Hanover Street), John Cross (Kennedy Park Football Club), Gabe Johnson (USL), Anthony (District 2), Crhis Theodores (Assistant Coach at St. Josephs), Karen Snyder (Waterville Street), Ian (USL

Supporter), Louie (Soccer Player), Bernard (Soccer Player), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Ali, Mayor Snyder, Councilor Fournier

Order 65-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$79,630 U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Pelletier absent). Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow to wave second read. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Zarro and Pelletier absent). Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.
*Item passed as an emergency and goes into effect immediately.

Order 66-23/24 Approving the Second Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Douglass Commons LLC for 43 and 91 Douglass Street - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Zarro absent). Mayor Snyder opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Karen Snyder (Waterville Street), Councilor Dion, Mary Davis (Housing & Economic Development), Matt Peters (Development Team)

Order 67-23/24 Order Accepting and Appropriating Asset Forfeiture Funds to the Portland Police Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

Order 69-23/24 Approving the One-Year Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Portland Police Superior Officers Association - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is a first read.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 68-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapters 17, 18, and 25 re: Camping and Loitering on Public Property - Sponsored by Roberto Rodriguez, Councilor, and Anna Trevorrow, Councilor

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 8:50pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk