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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 5:00 PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. The Honorable Mark Dion, Mayor, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

The City Council will conduct this meeting from Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall.

To watch the meeting remotely, please visit <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6485/media>

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting January 3, 2024

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 98-23/24 Confirming the Appointment of Avery Dandreta as Associate Corporation Counsel - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Attorney Avery Dandreta will serve the Office of Corporation Counsel as an Associate Corporation Counsel. This order would confirm her appointment and set her salary at \$114,266.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 15-23/24 Recognizing Black History Month 2024 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

LICENSES:

Order 99-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Danforthandclark LLC, dba Ocotillo. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 211 Danforth Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 12/28/23. Location was previously The Danforth. New City and State applications.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 100-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Ronin Restaurant Group LLC, dba Mr. Tuna. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 83 Middle Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 12/22/23. Relocating existing establishment. New City and State applications.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 26-23/24 Rent Board Annual Report - Elliott Simpson, Chair, Rent Board

Attached is the Rent Board Annual Report as required by City Code of Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-263(h). It was approved by the Rent Board at the November 29, 2023 Rent Board meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 94-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$3,533.70 Grant from the Maine Bureau of Public Safety for Drug Recognition Expert Training - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item accepts and appropriates a \$3,533.70 sub-grant awarded to the Police Department by the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. These funds are to be used to send an officer to Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training and to fund call-outs to conduct DRE evaluations.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on January 3, 2024. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 95-23/24 Approving the One-Year Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Portland Police Benevolent Association – Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item extends the negotiated collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Portland Police Benevolent Association (“PBA”) which is set to expire on December 31, 2023. The proposed agreement would extend the collective bargaining agreement for one (1) year and provide a four (4%) percent increase to superior officers effective July 7, 2024. This proposal is presented after previously receiving guidance from the City Council in executive session and after having been approved by the PBA.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on January 3, 2024. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 101-23/24 Approving the Agreement between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland re: Improvements to Stevens Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This project is part of the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) Heavy Treatment Paving Preservation Program. The state administers the project and typically 100% of projects costs are paid by the state. The City has requested additional work to be added to this project which will be 100% City contribution. By signing the partnership agreement, it enables MaineDOT to proceed with the project and obligates the City to pay for 18.6% of the original estimated project cost; the City share is estimated to be \$114,598.50. This additional funding is already included in the budget, and does not require any allocation by the Council.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 102-23/24 Accepting Morningstar Lane as a City Way - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Morningstar Lane has been constructed in accordance to City standards and the City has been provided a deed conveying the street in fee. Public Works has completed both preliminary and final inspections of the pavement, curbing, sidewalk, lighting, signage, stormdrain, and sewer and has determined that Morningstar Lane meets all technical standard requirements.

To make this item effective immediately, staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

Order 103-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$10,613.31 Donation from the Portland Rotary Charitable Fund for Bayside Tree Plantings - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

If passed, this item would accept and appropriate a donation of \$10,613.31 from the Portland Rotary Charitable Funding in support of tree planting activities in Bayside.

During the spring and summer of 2023, City staff planted 48 trees along the Bayside Trail, and 10 street trees throughout the Bayside neighborhood. This \$10,613.31 donation from Portland Rotary Charitable Fund will help offset costs associated with the purchase of plants and materials, as well as staff time.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 104-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a Donation of \$58,587.23 from Portland Parks Conservancy for the Portland Youth Corps - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

If approved, this order would accept and appropriate a donation of \$58,587.23 from the Portland Parks Conservancy to support the Portland Youth Corps, a City-run program that promotes personal and professional growth through community service, environmental stewardship, and hands-on conservation opportunities within Portland's beautiful parks and green spaces.

Youth Corps participants receive a stipend, and approximately 50 young people take part

each year. This donation covers the cost of supplies and trips, and offsets part of the salary of the Recreation Programmer II Naturalist position, which leads the program.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 105-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a Grant and Donation for the Stroudwater River Bridge and Connector Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

If approved, this item would accept and appropriate a donation of \$31,385 from Stroudwater Development Partners LLC in support of a project to build a bridge over Stroudwater River and appropriate a donation of \$50,000 from Portland Trails in support of a project to build a bridge over Stroudwater River. The total project cost is expected to be in the \$250,000 - \$300,000 range.

To date, the City has received a grant from the State of Maine's Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for \$120,000, to be used as an 80/20 match for the project, which serves as part of the match for the RTP grant. All remaining funds are to be privately raised by community members and partners.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 106-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating \$235,550 in grant funding from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

If approved, this item would accept and appropriate \$235,550.00 from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) as part of the DHS FY23 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Portland for Portland Special Response Team - \$25,550.00 and Hazardous Devices Unit Robot Replacement - \$210,000.00.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: