

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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

To view this meeting remotely, please visit the live-stream at <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/6483/media>.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Snyder lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Trevorow

INVOCATION:

By State Senator Craig Hickman, Senate District 14

State Senator Craig Hickman delivered Invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Andrew Zarro will give departing remarks.

Councilor Zarro gave departing remarks.

Mayor Kate Snyder will give departing remarks.

Mayor Snyder gave departing remarks.

ELECTION RETURNS AND OATHS OF OFFICE:

On November 9, 2023, election returns for the November 7, 2023 elections were certified and the following were declared elected:

City Clerk Ashley Rand read the election returns for November 7, 2023 for City Council At-Large, City Council District 4, City Council District 5, and Mayor.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:

The City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office first to the newly-elected City Councilors, then to the newly-elected Mayor. After the administration of the Oath of Office, inaugurated officials will sign their oath cards so that the City Clerk may witness their signatures.

City Clerk Ashley Rand administered the Oath of Office for the following:

April Fournier (City Council At-Large)

Anna Bullett (City Council District 4)

Kate Sykes (City Council District 5)

Mark Dion (Mayor)

REMARKS BY MARK DION, MAYOR:

Mayor Mark Dion gave opening remarks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn Inaugural City Council meeting with current City Council members. Passage 8-0-1.

Councilor Trevorrow absent

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Ashley Rand read the roll call of the new 2023-2024 City Council.

City Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion.

Councilors Absent: Councilor Trevorrow

BUSINESS MEETING:

Order 73-23/24 Appointing Councilor Pious Ali as Mayor Pro Tempore - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Councilor Trevorrow was absent.

Order 74-23/24 Establishing the City Council Rules Committee - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Councilor Trevorrow was absent.

Order 75-23/24 Appointing City Council Standing Committees and Library Trustee - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Councilor Trevorrow was absent.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 5-23/24 Adopting Council Rules of Procedure for 2023-2024 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 8-0-1 Councilor Trevorrow was absent.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 19-23/24 Appointing Councilor Anna Bullett, Councilor Roberto Rodriguez, and Mayor Mark Dion (as Chair) to the newly established Ad Hoc Rules Committee - Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion provided communication 19-23-24 Appointing Councilor Bullett, Councilor Rodriguez, and Mayor Dion to the newly established Ad Hoc Rules Committee. As a communication, no public comment or no formal action is required.

BENEDICTION:

By Reverend Jeffrey McIlwain / Chaplain, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Reverend Jeffrey McIlwain / Chaplain, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office gave the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn. Passage 8-0-1 at 7:00pm. Councilor Trevorrow was absent.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk