

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dion led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelletier

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

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

Bob Middle (24 Brackett Street), Lise Marcheski (District 2), Tamara Gallagher (Childcare Owner on Riverside Industrial Parkway), Philip Thibeault (Arundel Resident), Olivia Wilcox (Revere Street), Alec Adams (District 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council Announcements. The following Councilors spoke: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting January 3, 2024

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

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

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

APPOINTMENTS:

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

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

Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel) gave an overview of this item.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 15-23/24 Recognizing Black History Month 2024 into the record.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorror and Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorror and Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Elliott Simpson (Chair of the Rent Board) gave a communication on the Rent Board Annual Report.

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Sykes

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorror and Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorror and Pelletier absent)
Anne Torregrossa (Director of Human Resources) provided an overview of the item.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 6-0 (Councilor Fournier, Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)
Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Barbara Query (Morningstar Lane), Councilor Rodriguez, Michael Goldman
(Corporation Counsel), Mayor Dion, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett
*Item did not have enough votes to be passed as an emergency. Order passed 6-0 and will
go into effect in 10 days.

**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**

This is 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**

This is 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**

This is 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**

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to adjourn. Passage 6-0 at 6:09pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk