

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/j/89039692425?pwd=aC9xRXk0cTVnZnQzV0w1SUgwcZlE0Zz09>

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 Fournier, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Trevorrow

*Councilor Trevorrow joined at 5:04pm

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

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

Zack Barowitz (Huntress Street)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting Minutes- January 17, 2024

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 9-0

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 107-23/24 Appointing Kelly Hrenko, PhD to the Public Art Committee - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 9-0

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

Order 121-23/24 Appointing Portland Housing Authority Constables for 2024 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

LICENSES:

Order 108-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Freedom's Edge LLC, dba Freedom's Edge Tasting Room. Application for Class III & IV FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 31 Diamond Street, Unit A - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

Order 109-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Orange Bike Brewing Company, dba Orange Bike Brewing. Application for Combined Entertainment at 31 Diamond Street, Suite D - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 9-0

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

Order 110-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Smoked Portland LLC, dba Smoked BBQ & Neighborhood Pub. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Combined Entertainment and Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 951 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

Order 111-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Night Peanuts LLC, dba Magissa Portland. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 91 Anderson Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

Order 112-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Leisure Time Cocktail Co LLC, dba Leisure Time Cocktail Company. Application for Class A Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 290 Thompson's Point Road - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

Order 113-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Brickyard Hollow Company, dba Brickyard Hollow Brewing. Application for Extension of On-Premise License Privileges at 5 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 28-23/24 Annual Report of the Clean Elections Program - Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) gave a communication regarding the Annual Report of the Clean Elections Program

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Trevorror

Communication 29-23/24 Portland Harbor Common Update - Ethan Hipple, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department

Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department) gave communication regarding the Portland Harbor Common Update

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Trevorror, Councilor Rodriguez

Communication 30-23/24 Memo on Rent Control Editorial - Jessica Blais Hanscombe, Director of Permitting and Inspections

Jessica Hanscombe (Director of Permitting and Inspections) gave a communication on Rent Control Editorial

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 120-23/24 Extending the Declaration of 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 emergency. Passage 9-0 as emergency

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Cheryl Harkins (Advocate for Homeless Voices for Justice), Terrance Miller (Prebble Street), Cullen Ryan (Community Housing of Maine), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Bullett, Shaza Stevnson (Deputy Director of Health and Human Services), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage. Passage 9-0

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Sarah Michniewicz (Bayside), Jim Hall (bayside), Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks and Recreation), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Trevorror

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 9-0

Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks and Recreation) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage.
Passage 9-0

Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks and Recreation) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 106-23/24 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding and Accepting and Appropriating \$235,550 in grant funding from Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorow for passage.
Passage 9-0

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett

ORDERS:

Order 114-23/24 Approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Portland and the Portland Parks Conservancy - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorow for passage.
Passage 9-0

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Jack Phillips (Executive Director of Parks Conservancy), Seven Scharff (Brackett Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Fournier

Order 115-23/24 Reallocating \$229,385 of American Rescue Plan Act Funding from the Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund to the Housing Opportunities for People in Encampments Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorow for passage as emergency. Passage 9-0, as emergency.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to waive second read on Order 115-23-24. Passage 9-0 *Second reading waived.

*Public Comment on Orders 115-23-24 and 116-23-24 were taken together

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Terrance Miller (Prebble Street), Jim Hall (District 1), Cullen Ryan (Community Housing of Maine), Sarah Michniewicz (District 1)

*Item goes into effect immediately.

Order 116-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating \$465,722 Grant from the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for People in Encampments Pilot Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow for passage as an emergency. Passage 9-0, as an emergency.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to waive second read on Order 116-23-24. Passage 9-0 *Second reading waived.

*Public Comment on Orders 115-23-24 and 116-23-24 were taken together

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

Terrance Miller (Prebble Street), Jim Hall (District 1), Cullen Ryan (Community Housing of Maine), Sarah Michniewicz (District 1)

*Item passed as emergency, goes into effect immediately.

Order 117-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$364,000 Grant from the Maine State Housing Authority for the Resettlement Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez for passage as an emergency. Passage 9-0, as an emergency.

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Bullett to waive second read on Order 117-23-24. Passage 9-0 *Second reading waived.

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

Terrance Miller (Prebble Street), Charles Mugabe (Director of Migration-Catholic Charities Maine), Cullen Ryan (Community Housing of Maine), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Ali

*Item passed as emergency, goes into effect immediately.

Order 118-23/24 Appropriating \$1,200,000 from the Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund to 45 Dougherty, LP - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

The is first Reading.

Order 119-23/24 Approving the Planning Study Grant Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland re: Franklin Street Plan - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is First Reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 122-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 18 re: Addition of Thomas Park and North Deering Park - Sponsored by Regina Phillips, City Councilor

This is First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 7:45pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk