

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 Fournier, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Trevorror, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Rodriguez, 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:

Matthew Marett (Read Street), Ruby (Parent of a child in Portland Schools), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street) Christina (no last name) (O'briion Street), George Rheault (West Bayside), Kate Maclean (Cumberland Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for announcements. The following Councilors made an announcement: Councilor Philllips, Councilor Fournier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 16-23/24 Recognizing James Beard Foundation Award Nominees - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand, City Clerk read Proclamation 16-23/24 Recognizing James Beard Foundation Award Nominees into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 123-23/24 Appointing Troy Moon to the Landcare Management Advisory Committee - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

Order 124-23/24 Appointing Members to Various Boards & Committees - Sponsored by the Legislative/Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Sykes, Christine Grimando (Director of Planning & Urban Development)

*Item passed as an emergency. Will go into effect immediately.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 125-23/24 Declaring June 9, 2024 the Resurgam Music Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

Order 126-23/24 Declaring July 11 to August 3, 2024 the Shakespeare in the Park Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

LICENSES:

Order 127-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Highroller LLC, dba Highroller Lobster Co. Application for Extension of On-Premise License Privileges at 104/106 Exchange Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

Order 128-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Blue Lobster Urban Winery LLC, dba Blue Lobster Urban Winery. Application for Class A Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 200 Anderson Street, Unit 1 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

Order 129-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Argenta Brewing Company LLC, dba Argenta Brewing Company. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 82 Hanover Street, Suite 6- Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Gerg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Wendy (Intersection of Federal & Franklin), Bill Webber (North Deering), Munjoy Hill Resident

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)

Public Comment on Orders 122-23/24 & 130-23/24 were taken together
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Elias Thomas family, Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Herb Adams (State Street), George Rheault (West Bayside), Seth Sprague (Orchard Street), Carol Schiller (Longfellow Street), Emma Scudder (Libbytown Neighborhood Association), Councilor Ali, Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips

ORDERS:

Order 130-23/24 Naming City Land at Lowell, Congress, and Burnham Streets Thomas Park - Sponsored by Dannielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez and Pelletier absent)

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Order 131-23/24 Accepting the Portland Public Art Committee Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Plan - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Order 132-23/24 Accepting the 2023 Annual Land Bank Report - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Jon Kachmar (Land Bank Commission), Councilor Sykes, Danielle West (City Manager),
Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Order 133-23/24 Accepting the 2023 Annual Parks Commission Report - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Parks Commission Chair, George Rheault (Hanover Street)

Order 134-23/24 Approving the City's Resignation as Trustee of the Kotschmar Memorial Trust and the Appointment of Friends of Kotschmar Organ as Successor Trustee - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Trevor for passage.
Passage 7-0 (Councilor Rodriguez & Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Order 135-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$50,000 Bequest from the Franklin Lawrence II Estate for Evergreen Cemetery Maintenance - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 136-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$25,000 Grant from the Maine Community Foundation for Western Cemetery Improvements - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 137-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 9 Re: Peaks Island Council Nomination Petition Deadlines - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 6:50pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk