

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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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 5:03pm.

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Trevorrow

*Council Trevorrow joined at 5:20pm

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

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

Greg (Milton Street), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Bill Webber (District 5), Zach Barrawitz (Hunter Street), Brittney Peet (Edwards Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognizing Maine Flag Company for 10 Years in Business - Regina Phillips, City Councilor

Councilor Phillips recognized Maine Flag Company for 10 years in business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Passage 9-0

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

LICENSES:

Order 146-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Rocket Skates LLC, dba The End. Application for Class A Lounge at 229B Congress Street - 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 147-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Another Round LLC, dba Another Round. Application for Auditorium at 549 Congress Street - 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 148-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of 15 Exchange LLC, dba Off Track Pizza. Application for Class A Restaurant/Lounge at 15 Exchange Street - 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 8-23/24 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Including Appropriations for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program and Certifications Pertaining Thereto - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item is first reading and requires a public hearing.

*Councilor Bullett Recused from this item.

Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director) and Janice Hastings (Vice Chair of the CDBG Committee) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Sadie Stewart (Temple Bethel Operations Manager), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Jenny Stasio (Through these doors), Quang Nguyen (Board of Directors for Immigrant Welcome Center), Stella Hernandez (Immigrant Welcome Center), Andrew Bove (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Eliana Trenam (Catholic Charities of Maine), Sue Roche Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project), Lilly Shop (Maine Immigration Right Coalition), Rod Mauer (Quality Housing Coalition/Hope House), Cullen Ryan (Community Housing of Maine)

Second reading/second public hearing will be held on April 8, 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 143-23/24 Approving and Appropriating Federal Aviation Administration Grants, State of Maine Matching Grants, and Portland International Jetport Unrestricted Matching Funds - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

Paul Bradbury (Director of Jetport) gave overview of this item.

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

Order 144-23/24 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Portion of the City's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Program in an Amount not to Exceed \$19,040,000 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorow, Chair

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

*Public Comment was taken on items 144-23/24 & 145-23/24 together

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Eammon Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), David Lacase (High Street)

The following Councilors provided comment: Councilor Sykes

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to postpone item until Monday, April 8, 2024.

The following Councilors commented on the motion to postpone: Councilor Ali, Councilor Trevorrow, Brendan O'Connell (Finance Director), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips

Councilor Sykes withdrew motion to postpone.

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Trevorrow to amend Order 144-23/24 to change the CIP amount not to exceed \$19,040,000 to \$20,040,000.

Passage 9-0

The additional funds would support the following additions/changes to the CIP lines: Riverton Gym Floor Replacement, ADA Compliance Program, Islands Improvement Program, Bucket Truck, Electric Ice Resurfacer

Copy of amendment is in the backup

*Amendment passed.

Order 145-23/24 Appropriating Bond Proceeds and other Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$28,510,000 for the City's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as amended. Passage 9-0

*Public Comment was taken on items 144-23/24 & 145-23/24 together

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Eammon Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber), Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), David Lacase (High Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to amend Order 144-23/24 to change the CIP amount not to exceed \$28,510,000 to \$29,510,000.

Passage 9-0

The additional funds would support the following additions/changes to the CIP lines: Riverton Gym Floor Replacement, ADA Compliance Program, Islands Improvement Program, Bucket Truck, Electric Ice Resurfacer

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*Amendment passed

ORDERS:

Order 149-23/24 Accepting and Adopting the 2024 Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Passage 9-0

Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No

Order 150-23/24 Approving the 2024 Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing Application - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Fournier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett

Order 151-23/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$64,000 Grant from the Maine Department of Transportation for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program on Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 152-23/24 Approving Agreements Between the Maine Department of Transportation, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, and Portland re: Improvements to Riverside Street, Ocean Avenue, and Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 153-23/24 Approving the Service Contract between the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating a Pass-through Grant in the Amount of \$9,153 to the Lions Club of Peaks Island - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 154-23/24 Approving the Service Contract Between the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating a Pass-Through Grant in the Amount of \$15,000 to the First Parish Church - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 155-23/24 Traffic Schedule Amendment Re: Removing Limited Parking on Kenwood Street - Sponsored by Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 156-23/24 Amendment to the Portland City Code Chapter 6 Re: Repeal Rental Housing Advisory Committee - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 7:50pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk