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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 Bullett, Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Pelletier (Zoom), Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Ali

*Council Trevorrow joined at 5:07pm

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

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

Steven Scharf (Brackett Street), Richard Ward (District 2), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Paul Temins (Gorham Resident)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting- March 18, 2024

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 17-23/24 Recognizing April 8-12, 2024 as Telecommunicator Appreciation Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 17-23/24 Recognizing April 8-12, 2024 as Telecommunicator Appreciation Week into the record

Proclamation 18-23/24 Recognizing April 2024 as Arab American Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 18-23/24 Recognizing April 2024 as Arab American Heritage Month into the record.

LICENSES:

Order 157-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Low Key LLC, dba Low Key. Application for Class X Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 89 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager 157

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

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

Order 158-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Lucky Sevens LLC, dba Bar Publica. Application for Class A Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 82 Hanover Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

Order 159-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Novel LLC, dba Novel. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 643 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

Order 160-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Baba's LLC, dba Baba's. Application for Class I FSE at 79 Island 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 161-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Uncle Luckys LLC, dba Lucky Cheetah. Application for Class I FSE at 11 Moulton 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 162-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of 123 CZ LLC, dba Porttown Public House. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 123 Commercial 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 163-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Will & Girl LLC, dba Thistle & Grouse. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 10 Cotton Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

Order 164-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Duckfat LLC, dba Duckfat. Application for Class III & IV FSE with Parklet and Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 43 Middle Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorow and seconded by Councilor Bullett 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

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorow and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 8-1 (Councilor Bullett recused), as amended.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Libby Catania (Our Place Portland), Jen LaChance (Through These Doors), Fayla Sutton (Our Place Portland), Michelle Lamm (Greater Portland Family Promise), Jim Hall (District 1), Martha Stein (Hope Acts)

*Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to amend Resolve 8 to reallocate \$57,002 in CDBG Social Service funds to partially fund Through These Doors Community Based Domestic Violence Program. The amendment is in backup materials.

Councilor Sykes made a motion and seconded by Councilor Philips to add a friendly amendment to Councilor Phillips original amendment to reallocate a total of \$10,000 from the following applicants that were fully funded: Wayside Food Programs, Quality Housing Coalition, Milestone Recovery, Greater Portland Family Promise, Preble Street Food Program, and Preble Street Teen Shelter to give Hope Acts back \$10,000 in funding.

The following Councilors commented on the amendment:

Councilor Sykes, Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Fournier, Mary Davis (Director of Housing & Community Development Division), Mayor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor

Phillips, Danielle West (City Manager)

Motion to amend passed 7-1-1 (Mayor Dion-No, Councilor Bullett Recused)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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

Passage 9-0

Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals commented on this item:

Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Mayor Dion, Councilor Skyes, Councilor Bullett

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

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

Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals commented on this item:

Councilor Fournier, Councilor Skyes

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to postpone this item until April 22, 2024. Passage 9-0

Item postponed.

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

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

Passage 9-0

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

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

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

Passage 9-0

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

George Rheault (West Bayside)

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

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

Passage 9-0

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

George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ali, Councilor Skyes

ORDERS:

Order 166-23/24 Receiving and Referring City Manager's Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget to the Finance Committee and Setting Date of Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget and Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation Resolve - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

*This item was taken out of Order. It was read into the record after Resolve 8 23-24

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

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

Order 165-23/24 Approving the Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, and Portland RE: Improvements to Canco Road - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 7:37pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk