

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 5:04pm.

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

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

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

George Rheault (West Bayside), Adam Suza (West End), Kylie Liberty (West End), Josh Lennard, (West End)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council Announcements. The following Councilors spoke:

Councilor Bullett, Mayor Dion

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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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 22-23/24 Recognizing the Maine Celtics for Their Success in the 2023-2024 Season - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 22-23/34 Recognizing the Maine Celtics for Their Success in the 2023-2024 Season into the record.

Proclamation 23-23/24 Recognizing the 55th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week from May 5, 2024 to May 11, 2024 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion read Proclamation 23-23/24 Recognizing the 55th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week from May 5, 2024 to May 11, 2023 into the record.

Proclamation 24-23/24 Recognizing May 19 to May 25, 2024 as Arbor Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 24-23/34 Recognizing May 19 to May 25 2024 as Arbor Week into the record.

Proclamation 25-23/24 Recognizing the Month of May as Building Safety Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 25-23/34 Recognizing the Month of May as Building Safety Month into the record.

Proclamation 26-23/24 Recognizing the Month of May as National Bike Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) read Proclamation 26-23/34 Recognizing the Month of May as National Bike Month into the record.

Proclamation 27-23/24 Recognizing May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 27-23/34 Recognizing May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 182-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Ronin Restaurant Group LLC, dba Mr. Tuna. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 83 Middle Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

*Orders 182-23/24 through 185-23/24 were all read into the record together and voted on as consent items.

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

Passage 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Rodriguez, Jessica Hanscombe (Director of Permitting and Inspections), Mayor Dion

Order 183-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Shivbaba Corp, dba Tandoor Indian Restaurant. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 88 Exchange Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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Passage 9-0

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Order 184-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Perfect Pie LLC, dba Pizzaiolo. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Indoor Entertainment at 360 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

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Order 185-23/24 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of 3DD LLC, dba Three Dollar Dewey's. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 241 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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BUDGET ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 SCHOOL BUDGET AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 6, 2024) AND WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SECOND READ AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20, 2024 AT 5:00 PM.

Order 186-23/24 Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation for Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorow, Chair

*Orders 186-23/24 through 192-23/24 all received first reading. Public comment was taken on all budget items together. The second read and additional public comment will be held on May 20, 2024. Individuals can only speak at one of the two meetings offering public comment.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Laura Rosen (59 Edwards Street), Mia Lena (Essex Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Audrey Cabral (Band Director Portland Schools), Christina Knight (Munjoy Hill)

Order 187-23/24 Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorow, Chair

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Order 188-23/24 Raising and Appropriating Additional Local Funds for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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Order 189-23/24 Approving Total School Operating Budget For Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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Order 190-23/24 Appropriating and Raising Funds for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2025 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-a M.R.S §8603-a(1) - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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Order 191-23/24 to Raise and Appropriate Local Funds for Food Service in the Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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Order 192-23/24 Authorizing the Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received for Portland Schools in Fiscal Year 2025 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 180-23/24 Regarding Application to Reclassify 142 Free Street as a Noncontributing Structure in the Congress Street Historic District - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to postpone. Passed 7-2 (Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion-No)*Item was postponed until May 20, 2024.

Brandon Mazer, Planning Board Chair, gave an overview of this item.

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

Mark Bessire (Director of Portland Museum of Art),

Elizabeth Boepple (Murray Plumb & Murray/Former Planning Board Member), Tea Chong (Winding Way), Carol Detine (144 Vaughan St), Bruce Roullard (President-Greater Portland Landmarks), Chris Rhodes (Time Temp Building Co-Owner), Barabra Vestal (7 Fore St/Former Planning Board Chair), George Rheault (West Bayside), Richard Gilbain (Non Portland Resident), Andy Galanthol (South Portland), Sean Turley (62 vesper street), Nicky Rogers (Congress Street), Robert Kahn (No address given), Alec Jaegerman (398 Spring Street), Khloe (97 Westminster Ave), Graham Kennedy (Falmouth Resident), Eileen Gillespie (Scarborough Resident), Megan Chusid (Maine Licensed Architect), Douglas Howe (Portland Museum), Scott Simens (45 Lafayette Street), Chris Knoll (Design Team member for PMA Expansion, Deborah Andrews (Casco Resident /Former Historic Preservation Manager for the City), Jay Groober (District 2), Jack Greeland (Deering Ave), Lizzy Jones (PMA Employee), Cyrus Hagge (15 Clifford Street/PMA), Rachel Ambrose (Bramhall Terrace), Bill Hall (Peaks Island), Shalini Le Gall (Chief Curator for PMA), Mary Costigan (Bernstien Shur-PMA Representative) Lane Brenner (21 Salem Street/PMA), West End Resident read comments on behalf of Jack Soley (Peaks Island resident), Scott Hansen (Topsham Resident), Francesca Galluccio-Steele (22 Clifford Street-Reading comments on behalf of Julie Leary), Mike Brown (PMA), Sally (118 Congress Street)

*Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Sykes to amend the Order. Councilor Sykes passed out copies of the amendment.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council discussion on the amendment. The following individuals spoke:

Councilor Trevorrow, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Brandon Mazer (Planning Board

Chair), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Fournier, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Ali

*Councilor Trevorrow withdraw motion to amend. Amendment was taken off the floor.

*Motion was made by Councilor Sykes to amend the Order with the same amendment Councilor Trevorrow previously made.
No second. Motion failed.

*Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to postpone this item until May 20, 2024.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for discussion on this motion. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Phillips, Councilor Trevorrow.
Motion to postponed passed 7-2 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion-No).
Item was postponed until May 20, 2024.

Order 181-23/24 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Floodplain Management - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

*Point of Order. Mayor Dion took Order 181-23/24 out of order and was read before Order 180-23/24

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside), Tom Scara (Alden Circle), Councilor Sykes, Ann Machado (Zoning Administrator), Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Ali to remove Abrogation Clause (Amendment is in Council packet backup). Passed 9-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Bullett to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 9:51pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk

