

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Trevorrow & 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:

(Shana, 60 Mcauley Way), No name or address given, Richard Clap (District 5), Mitchell (District 2), Paula Georges (District 5), Sharon (Stevens Square), Helen Silverstein (Portland Resident), Solange Kellerman (Munjoy Hill), Steve Woods (Commercial Street), Gerg Gould (District 5), Michelle Roberts (North Deering), Joey Brunelle (Parris Street), George Rheault (West Bayside),

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. No one spoke.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Order 49-24/25 Amending the Portland Development Corporation's Business Assistance Program for Job Creation Guidelines - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

Order 49-24/25

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

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

Order 50-24/25 Authorizing Participation in the Maine Funding Network Program Hosted by the Finance Authority of Maine - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

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

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

Order 51-24/25 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Development Corporation - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

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

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority (Merged with Fish Exchange)

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to recess the meeting of the Portland Development Corporation and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

Order 52-24/25 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Fish Pier Authority - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Dion

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to recess the meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting- September 4, 2024

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 8-24/25 Celebrating the Portland Symphony Orchestra's 100th Anniversary Season - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion read Proclamation 8-24/25 Celebrating the Portland Symphony Orchestra's 100th Anniversary Season into the record.

Proclamation 9-24/25 Recognizing Together Reaching Unity (TruSports) for the Commitment to the Youth of Our Community - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation 9-24/25 Recognizing Together Reaching Unity (TruSports) for the Commitment to the Youth of Our Community into the record.

Proclamation 10-24/25 Recognizing September 15 - October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Rodriguez read Proclamation 10-24/25 Recognizing September 15-October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month into the Record.

Proclamation 11-24/25 Recognizing September 30 as the National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 11-24/25 Recognizing September 30 as the National Day of Remembrance for U.S Indian Boarding Schools into the record.

Proclamation 12-24/25 Recognizing September 23-29, 2024 as Diaper Need Awareness Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Bullett read Proclamation 12-24/25 Recognizing September 23-29, 2024 as Diaper Need Awareness Week into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 53-24/25 Order Appointing Members to Various Boards & Committees - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0, as an emergency (Councilor Trevorow and Pelletier absent) Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Mayor Dion

*Item goes into effect immediately.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 54-24/25 Declaring October 6, 2024 the 33rd Annual Maine Marathon, Half Marathon and Relay Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 54-24/25 through Order 56-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

Order 55-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Blue Portland Maine Inc, dba Blue Portland Maine. Application for Auditorium with Indoor Entertainment at 650 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 54-24/25 through Order 56-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

Order 56-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Roasty's LLC, dba Roasty's. Application for Class III & IV FSE at 642 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 54-24/25 through Order 56-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 2-24/25 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-funded Programs - Greg Watson, Housing and Economic Development Director

Communication 2-24/25 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-funded programs was provided by Greg Watson (Director of Housing and Economic Development)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 45-24/25 Appropriating \$1,080,000 from the Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund to YFO Resource Hub LP RE: 337 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Orders 45-24/25 through 47-24/25 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken together.

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0, as an emergency (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Mary Davis (Division Director, Housing & Community Development Division), George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett

*Item goes into effect immediately.

Order 46-24/25 Approving an Amendment to the 337 Cumberland Avenue Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District RE: 337 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Orders 45-24/25 through 47-24/25 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Mary Davis (Division Director, Housing & Community Development Division), George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett

*Item goes into effect immediately.

Order 47-24/25 Approving an Amended Credit Enhancement Agreement the 337 Cumberland Avenue Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing District RE: 337 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair.

Orders 45-24/25 through 47-24/25 were read into the record together. Public comment was taken together.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0, as an emergency (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent) Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Mary Davis (Division Director, Housing & Community Development Division), George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Rodriguez, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett

*Item goes into effect immediately.

Order 48-24/24 Accepting and Appropriating a \$372,000 United States Department of Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department Hazardous Devices Unit - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Fournier, Mark Dubois (Police Chief)

ORDERS:

Order 57-24/25 Authorizing the Appropriation of \$250,000 as the Local Match for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Application for the Design Phase of the Franklin Street Project - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes to waive the second reading. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Trevorrow and Pelletier absent)
Second reading waived.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Wendy Price (Federal Street), Marcos Miller (Atlantic Street), Robert Todd Morse (Hammond Street) George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Ali, Councilor Sykes, Kevin Kraft (Planning Director), Mayor Dion

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Trevorrow & Pelletier absent) at 7:08pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk