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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 2, 2024 AT 6:30PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. The Honorable Mark Dion, Mayor, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

The City Council will conduct this meeting from Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall.

To watch this meeting virtually please visit: <https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7366/media>

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

Honoring Keith Gautreau for his Leadership and Service to the City of Portland since 1995 and Recognizing his Retirement as Fire Chief

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland to Accept as a Communication the Annual Report of Creative Portland for FY2024

Pursuant to the Bylaws of Creative Portland (CP), the Portland City Council, as Corporator of Creative Portland, shall hold its annual meeting in the month of November or at a special meeting. This year's Annual Meeting Agenda includes:

1. Accepting CP FY2024 Activity and Financial Reports; and,
2. Transaction of other business as may be deemed necessary.

In addition to Creative Portland's signature program, the [First Friday Art Walk](#), notable contributions in FY2024 included:

1. Creative Portland Marketing Wheel: [A Monthly Arts Update](#) is published as a newsletter on the first of each month. Summer 2024 attracted 2800 app users and increased traffic to the [new website](#) and [Creative Portland app](#) that includes a free artist directory, self-guided tours & lists of galleries, museums, creative chefs and restaurants, a mural tour and a GPS map of public restrooms. and cultural events to increase access to

the arts.

2. [Arts Economic Prosperity 6 \(AEP6\)](#): Creative Portland facilitated the economic impact data collection for 60 nonprofit organizations and over 350 audience surveys, revealing 86 million in nonprofit arts & culture economic activity in Portland. Published October 2023, followed by Arts Advocacy Day at the Capitol (Ms Minot served as Maine District Captain, hosted by American for the Arts).
3. [Monday Morning Drop By Program](#), an open house for arts community stakeholders on the first Monday morning of each month.
4. [Creative Portland Art Gallery](#): Time & Temperature,” our 7th juried arts exhibition, featuring 18 local artist work for sale, opened on May 1, 2024.
5. [Summer Stage Series 2023](#): a free LIVE concert for all ages in Monument Square from 5-8pm during [First Friday Art Walk](#).
6. The 4th Annual [Portland Arts & Culture Summit](#) on September 24, 2024 (FY24 Q1) at Mechanics’ Hall.
7. [Fiscal Sponsorship program](#) including Portland Theater Festival, Maine Music Festival & Arts in Greenwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting- November 18, 2024

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 90-24/25 Appointing Matthew Caton as Assistant Assessor - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This order would appoint Matthew Caton as Assistant Assessor. This position has the responsibility for the administration of the Assessor’s Office in the absence or incapacity of the City Assessor. Matthew Caton has a background as an experienced solicitor and attorney admitted to the Bar in Maine, Massachusetts and the Senior Courts of England and Wales, which will be an asset to the City and the Assessor's Office. Mr. Caton's municipal experience includes being a current member of the Cape Elizabeth Planning Board and has also served on the Cape Elizabeth Zoning Board of Appeals.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment. Staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency in order to fill this essential position as soon as possible. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 5-24/25 Special Election by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

ORDERS:

Order 91-24/25 Order Accepting and Appropriating a \$2,500 Anonymous Donation for the Shop With A Cop Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item accepts and appropriates an anonymous donation of \$2,500 to be used as a "Shop with a Cop" holiday giveaway by the Police Department to those in need.

This donation has been given to and accepted by the City for this purpose since 2020.

This item must be read on two separate days. Staff is requesting that the second reading be waived, which requires seven affirmative votes, so that the funds can be distributed during the holiday season. Staff also requests that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven votes are required for passage as an emergency following public comment.

Order 92-24/25 Accepting a Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant and Appropriating \$3,367,960 for Lead Abatement and Healthy Home Improvements in Residential Housing Throughout Cumberland County - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This order would provide the City Council's authorization to appropriate \$3,367,960 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Supplemental funding to abate lead paint in 110 residential units throughout Cumberland County. Grant goals include testing and abatement of 110 units and training 75 Environmental Protection Agency RRP (Renovate, Repair, Paint) certified workers. The grant makes funds available for 48 months and will expire in 2029. Housing and Community Development Staff is in the process of completing and submitting post award documents and anticipate receiving the final grant agreement in January 2025.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 93-24/25 Order Accepting and Appropriating up to \$6,553,000 In Pass-Through Funding from The Maine Department of Transportation for Wharf Repair Under the Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant Program and Approving Cooperative Agreements Between The City Of Portland and The Maine Department of Transportation - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The City Council is asked to approve City/State Agreements with the Maine Department of Transportation to act as the fiscal sponsor for four Maine Working Waterfront Resiliency Grant Program awards granted to Maine Wharf, Custom House Wharf, Portland Pier, and Widgery Wharf. The City will act as the pass through agent for State grant funds provided to private marine infrastructure owners conducting work responding to the historic storms from January 2024. The total amount of funds provided by the State of Maine is \$6,553,000. As the pass through agent, the City of Portland will provide oversight and grant administration for the grants, but will not be contributing funds.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 95-24/25 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Portland and AFSCME Local 481-07, Supervisors - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item approves a negotiated successor collective bargaining agreement between the City of Portland and AFSCME Local 481-07, Supervisors, for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. The prior collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30, 2024. This proposal is presented after previously receiving guidance from the City Council executive sessions held on April 1 and July 29, 2024, and after having been approved by Local 481-07.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 96-24/25 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Portland and The City Employees' Benefit Association AFSCME Local 1373 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item approves a negotiated successor collective bargaining agreement between the City of Portland and The City Employees' Benefit Association AFSCME Local 1373, for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. The prior collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30, 2024. This proposal is presented after previously receiving guidance from the City Council executive sessions held on April 1 and July 29, 2024, and after having been approved by Local 1373.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 97-24/25 Approving the Energy Efficiency Conservation Grant Block Program Technical Assistance Vouchers Agreement Between The City Of Portland and The United States Department Of Energy - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Approving the order authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the United States Department of Energy to provide technical assistance toward the development of a plan to transition the City fleet to zero emission vehicles in line with the Council's goal of operating the City on 100% clean energy by 2040.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

ADJOURNMENT: