

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 Trevorow, 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:

Cheryl Harkins (South Portland Resident), Michael Stockmeyer (Danforth Street), Gordon Platt (West End), Bill Higgins (Hemlock Street), John Clark (District 3), Emma Morse (East Bayside), Todd Morse (East Bayside), Katie (District 1), Tanner (Maggie Lane), Suzanne Richter (Portland Property Owner), Winston Lumpkins (District 1), Zack Barowitz (Huntress Street), Donna Alger (Waterboro Resident), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Dave Aceto (District 1), Marcus Miller (Atlantic Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following made an announcement: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Fournier, Mayor Dion

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognition of John Peverada for his Leadership and Service to the City of Portland since 1994 and his Retirement as Parking Director

Mayor Dion and Danielle West (City Manager) Recognized John Pevrada for his Leadership and Service to the City of Portland Since 1994 and his Retirement as Parking Director

Recognition of Outgoing City Councilors (Pelletier, Trevorow, and Rodriguez) and Their Service to the City of Portland

Mayor Dion and City Councilors Recognized Outgoing City Councilors (Pelletier, Trevorow, and Rodriguez) and their service to the City of Portland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 83-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Cuties LLC, dba Cuties. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 46 Market Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 83-24/25 and Order 87-24/25 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 Bullett for passage.

Passage 9-0

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

Order 87-24/25 Granting an Easement to Central Maine Power at Deering Avenue for Additional Power at the James J. Fitzpatrick Stadium - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 83-24/25 and Order 87-24/25 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 Bullett for passage.

Passage 9-0

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 4-24/25 Greater Portland Transit District 2025 Budget and Local Assessments - Danielle P. West, City Manager

Danielle West (City Manager) provided Communication 4-24/25 Greater Portland Transit District 2025 Budget and Local Assessments

No council action required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 78-24/25 Order Accepting and Appropriating a \$300,000 Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Appropriating \$100,000 from the Portland Police Department Federal Equitable Sharing Account for an Emergency Response Vessel - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage 9-0

Mark Dubois (Police Chief) gave an overview of this item

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

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Councilor Rodriguez, Mayor Dion, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali

Order 79-24/25 Appropriating \$75,000 from Jetport Unrestricted Fund to the Jetport Noise Advisory Committee for the Development of a New Approach Procedure at the Portland International Jetport - Sponsored by the Portland International Jetport Noise Advisory Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

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

Passage 9-0

Paul Bradbury (Director of the Jetport) gave an overview of this item

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

Jennifer Laventure (Peaks Island Noise Advisory Committee)

Order 80-24/25 Order Appropriating \$4,750,000 from Jetport Unrestricted Funds for Improvements to the Terminal Building, Outbound Baggage Handling System,

and Parking Garage at the Portland International Jetport - 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 the Jetport) gave an overview of this item

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

Michael Stockmeyer (Portland Resident)

Order 81-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 2 RE: Climate Action Fund - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair and the Finance Committee, Anna Trevorrow, Chair

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Trevorrow, Troy Moon (Sustainability Director), Bill Webber (District 5), Ellen Grant (District 4), Paula Georges (Pleasant Ave)

The following amendment is included in backup materials:

Amendment 1

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

The following Councilors provided comment on this amendment: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Brendan O'Connell (Finance Director), Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Motion made by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez to amend Section F - "Revenue received from the sale of RECs shall only be used for renewable energy projects".

The following individuals commented on the amendment: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Sykes, Troy Moon (Sustainability Director), Councilor Bullett
Councilor Sykes withdrew motion to amend.

Order 82-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 2 RE: Ethics Commission - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Motion was made by Councilor Trevorrow and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone and refer the item to City Council Workshop on February 3, 2025. Passed 7-2 (Councilor Fournier and Rodriguez-No)

Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel) & Jim Kasaficus (Perkins Thompson) gave an overview of the item

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

Sarah Lentz (Chair of Portland School Board), Wendy Cherubini (Federal St), Zack Barowitz (Huntress Street), School Board Counsel

*Item postponed and referred to City Council Workshop on February 3, 2025.

ORDERS:

Order 84-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating an Anonymous \$6,000 Donation for Those in Need - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

Michael Stockmeyer (Portland Resident), Katie (Portland Resident)

*Item passed as an emergency, takes effect immediately

Order 85-24/25 Accepting Pamela Road as a Town Way - 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 86-24/25 Accepting Black Sparrow Drive and Trailhead Way as Town Ways - 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 7:39pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk