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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting - January 22, 2025

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 22-24/25 Recognizing Black History Month 2025 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Proclamation 23-24/25 Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Medical Crisis Unit "MedCU" - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 126-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Diligence LLC, dba Cargo Pizza. Application for Class III & IV with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 1045 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 1/13/25. Location was previously Falafel Time. New City and State applications.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

Order 127-24/25 Declaring June 29, 2025 the Water Lantern Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

An estimated 2000 people are anticipated to attend this years' Water Lantern Festival in Deering Oaks Park. The event consists of music from the stage, food trucks, artisans, and fun games in the festival area where participants take in the environment leading up to the lantern launch. Just after sunset attendees will release their paper lanterns into the pond of Deering Oaks. Lanterns will be collected from the pond at the conclusion of the event.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 128-24/25 Declaring June 7, 2025 The Shipyard Old Port Half Marathon and 5K Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The Shipyard Old Port Half Marathon and 5k is a for-profit event that benefits nonprofit partners, including A Running Passion and various school groups.

This will be the 14th year the race has been held in the City. The 2025 races will have an estimated 4500 runners participating. The race courses will be the same as it was in 2024. Race organizers work with businesses throughout the Old Port and the waterfront to inform them about expected impacts and to develop contingency plans.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 129-24/25 Accepting the Portland Public Art Committee Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Plan - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

On September 18, 2024, the Portland Public Art Committee voted (10-0, Pelletier absent) to recommend the Fiscal Year (FY) 24 Annual Report and FY25 Budget Plan to the Portland City Council.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 130-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$15,500 StrengthenME Grant for the Coastal Cumberland County Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

MaineHealth through its StrengthenME Crisis Counseling Program within its CHI/Community Health Program has partnered with the City of Portland Sustainability Office to provide \$15,500 for community outreach and education activities. The funds will support the Coastal Cumberland County Project and its programs to enhance social and community resilience in Portland neighborhoods.

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

AMENDMENTS:

Order 131-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 10 RE: Regulation of Explosives - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair

The Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee met on January 14, 2025 and voted 4 - 0 to recommend passage to the full Council. This item relocates regulations of explosives from the Land Use Code (Chapter 14) to Fire Prevention and Protection (Chapter 10), which will support enforcement and public safety.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: