

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

Councilors Present: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali

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

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

Greg Gould (Milton Street), Zach Barowitz (Huntress Street), No name given (Portland Resident)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESENTATIONS:

State of the Schools - Portland Board of Public Education, Sarah Lentz, Chair

Sarah Lentz (Chair of the Portland Board of Public Education) presented the State of Schools speech

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting-December 2, 2024 (6:00pm)

Special City Council Meeting- December 2, 2024 (6:30pm)

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

Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 98-24/25 Appointing and Setting Salary of Chad Johnston as Fire Chief - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage as an emergency. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager)

**Passed as an emergency, the order takes effect immediately.*

Order 99-24/25 Appointing Curtis Bohlen And Douglas Roncarati to the Long Creek Watershed Management District Board of Directors - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

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

Order 100-24/25 Authorizing Special Council and Outside Board and Commission Appointments for 2025 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage, as amended. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Amendment:

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes to remove Councilor Bullett as the representative to Creative Portland and replace with Councilor Phillips.

Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 101-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of CLBX LLC, dba Tuan Yuan Hotpot. Application for Class III & IV FSE at 29 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 101-24/25 through Orders 103-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.
Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage.

Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Phillips, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion

Order 102-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of North Deering Tavern Inc., dba North Deering Tavern. Application for Class I FSE at 1349 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 101-24/25 through Orders 103-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.
Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage.

Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Phillips, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion

Order 103-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of TPBB Inc., dba Tomaso's Pizza and Burger Bar. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 51 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 101-24/25 through Orders 103-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.
Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage.

Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Phillips, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion

LICENSES:

Order 104-24/25 Declaring August 2 and August 3, 2025 the Portland Music and Arts Festival at Payson Park - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 5-2 (Councilor Sykes & Pelletier-No, Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Andy Downs (Director of Public Assembly Facilities) gave an overview of this Order. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant, Mayor Dion, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Pelletier

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 6-24/25 Regarding the 2025 Council Common Goals - Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion provided Communication 6-24/25 Regarding the 2025 Council Common Goals.

As a communication, no formal action is required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Michniewicz, Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

Anne Torregrossa (Director of Human Resources) provided an overview of this Order. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Anne Torregrossa (Director of Human Resources) provided an overview of this Order. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Grant

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager) & Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability) gave an overview of this item
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

ORDERS:

Order 105-24/25 Accepting Derby Road as a Public Easement and Utility Easement - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 106-24/25 Setting a Special Election Re: Portland Board of Public Education Election on June 10, 2025 - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Ashley Rand (City Clerk) gave an overview of this item. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Grant

Order 107-24/25 Approving The Three-Year Agreement with Cumulus Global for Google Workspace - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Bullett to waive the second reading. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
**Second reading waived*
Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and second by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager), Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Pelletier

**Passed as an emergency. The order goes into effect immediately.*

**Order 108-24/25 Approving Amendments to the Rules of the Rent Board -
Sponsored by Rent Board, Christopher (Buddy) Moore, Chair**

This is first reading.

**Order 109-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$3,600,000 Maine Infrastructure
Adaptation Grant from the Maine Department of Transportation for the
Commercial Street/Portland Fish Pier Storm Drain Outfall Project - Sponsored by
Danielle P. West, City Manager**

This is first reading.

UNAGENDA ITEMS - MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

Order 110

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Bullett to waive the Council rules to take up an unagendized item. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

*Unagendized item was read into the record- Order 110-24-25 Appointing Constables for 2025

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Ali absent)

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

**Passed as an emergency. The order goes into effect immediately.*

AMENDMENTS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes to adjourn. Passage 7-0 at 7:10pm. (Councilor Fournier & Ali absent)

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk