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## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 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](mailto: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:**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**City Council Meeting- February 3, 2025**

### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Order 132-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Saji LLC, dba Silver Street by Taj. Application for Class A Lounge at 35 Silver Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Application was filed on 1/27/25. Location was previously North Point Bar. New City and State applications.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

In the general election in November 2022, voters approved Ballot Question 8, which modified the Charter to require that the Council enact an ordinance that establishes an ethics commission. Once the commission has been established, Question 8 also requires

the Council, with input from the commission, to also enact a code of ethics ordinance. The language in Question 8 was added to the Charter on July 1, 2023, and the Council is now charged with enacting the ethics commission ordinance. The Council held workshops to review the ethics commission ordinance on October 23, 2023, January 8, 2024, and March 11, 2024. Once established, the Ethics Commission will provide impartial oversight and render decisions and advisory opinions to ensure that standards of ethical conduct are observed by City and School Department elected and appointed officials and employees.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on November 4 and its second reading on November 18. Public comment was taken on November 18. This item was postponed and referred back to City Council Workshop, which was held on January 13. Five affirmative votes are required for passage.

**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.

This item was postponed from February 3. New backup materials have since been added to address questions. 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. It received its first reading on February 3. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

**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.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on February 3. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

**ORDERS:**

**Order 133-24/25 Accepting the 2024 Land Bank Commission Annual Report -  
Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

On January 12, the Land Bank Commission held a public hearing regarding their Annual Report and registry of open spaces. After public comment, the Commission voted and passed the 2024 Annual Report, vote (7-0). The Land Bank Commission recommends passage by the City Council.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**Order 134-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 34 RE: Landcare -  
Sponsored by Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair**

The Sustainability and Transportation Committee met on February 12, 2024 and voted 2-1 (Councilors Bullett and Ali opposed, Councilor Phillips in favor) to not recommend adoption of amendments to Chapter 34 recommended by the Landcare Management Advisory Committee.

On February 3 the Landcare Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) voted 5-2 to recommend amendments to Chapter 34 to exempt the use of chlorantraniliprole to control grub infestations. The LMAC made this recommendation because there is no reliably effective organic treatment for grubs and the EPA classifies chlorantraniliprole as a "reduced risk" pesticide that presents minimal risk to the environment when applied as directed by the manufacturer. The LMAC also sought to amend provisions of the waiver process that prohibits the use of a broadcast spreader to apply a synthetic pesticide, which is the recommended method of applying chlorantraniliprole.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**