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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 3, 2025

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. Councilor Pious Ali, Mayor Tempore, 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:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Minutes- February 24, 2025

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 24-24/25 Recognizing the Month of March as Women's History Month - Sponsored by Pious Ali, City Councilor

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 135-24/25 Declaring July 10 to August 2, 2025 the Shakespeare in the Park Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The Fenix Theatre Company has requested use of Deering Oaks Park for their annual summer performances to Portland for the 17th season. This summer's production will be Shakespeare's "As You Like It". The City's Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department is a co-sponsor of the performances.

These family friendly performances will be staged in the grass area adjacent to the ravine. There is no admission fee charged, but donations will be accepted. Approximately 150 people are expected at each performance. There will be a simple set up and a public

address system will be used.

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

Order 136-24/25 Declaring Sundays on the Boulevard Festival Days in 2025 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Since 2014, Portland City Council has approved the closing of Baxter Boulevard from Vannah Avenue to Catafalque Drive (the east entrance to Payson Park) to vehicular traffic on Sundays (9:00am-4:00pm) in order to facilitate “Sundays on the Boulevard.”

The “Sundays on the Boulevard” committee would like to continue the tradition of offering this recreational opportunity to the public and requests permission to close the boulevard on Sundays, starting on May 4, 2025 through September 28, 2025, with a time frame of 9:00am – 4:00pm.

To facilitate the closure, city staff will erect barricades across Baxter Boulevard.

For “Sundays on the Boulevard,” streets listed below will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sundays, from 9am – 4pm:

- Baxter Blvd. - from Vannah Ave. to Catafalque Dr. (Payson Park east entrance)
- Payson Park, west entrance road - from the tip of the Grass Triangle (by the softball field) to Baxter Boulevard

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 10-24/25 Portland Clean Election Fund Annual Report - by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This is a annual report required by Chapter 9 Section 9-66 (i).

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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) against recommending 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. It received its first reading on February 24. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 137-24/25 Setting Public Hearings on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and Appropriations for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The United States Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) requires that the City create an annual plan outlining the proposed activities and the use of funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME funding. In addition, as required under our HUD approved citizen participation process, public hearings are held each spring to consider the City's Housing and Community Development Program proposal for the ensuing year. The CDBG Annual Allocation Committee, appointed by the City Council, reviewed each CDBG application and made funding recommendations. They are given an opportunity to make a presentation to the Council at the first public hearing and citizens may comment on the City's annual plan for the use of the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds at both public hearings. This order sets the dates for the public hearings required for the Annual Action Plan allocation process. The public hearings will be held on April 7, 2025 and May 5, 2025 at a City Council Meeting to be held at 5:00 pm.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

UNAGENDA ITEMS - MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

Resolve 6-24/25-Resolution to Immediately Address Pedestrian Safety Crisis in Portland

This is the only text that will be visible in the agenda, and should be no more than 1-2 paragraphs in length. If there has been committee action, list that as a first sentence. Please do not include read/vote requirements – this language will be added by Legal/City Manager's offices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: