

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 Pro Tem Ali led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tem Ali called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips

Councilors Absent: Mayor Dion

*Mayor Dion joined meeting at 5:55pm

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Andrew Zarro (District 4), Zach Barowitz (Huntress Street), Jon Kachmar (Portland Trails), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage: 8-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage: 8-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Sai Guntaka (Owner of Taj)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

*Point of order. Item was taken out of order and read as the last item on the Agenda. Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel) gave an overview of this item

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage as amended. Passage as amended: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes-No)

Motion to suspend rules to allow for public comment on this order and amendments moved by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passed 9-0

The following amendments were voted on:

Sykes-Phillips Amendment #1 RE: Code of Ethics "Employees"

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Failed: 3-6 (Councilors Fournier, Grant, Ali, Michniewicz, Bullett, Dion-No)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Gary Wood (Vannah Ave), Councilor Sykes, Brandon Mazer (Perkins Thompson), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Grant, Councilor Fournier, Jim Kasaficus (Perkins Thompson), Councilor Ali, Mayor Dion
Amendment Failed.

Grant Amendment #2 RE: School Board and Portland Public School Employees

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 8-1 Councilor Michneivich-No)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Ali, Jim Kasaficus (Perkins Thompson) Councilor Grant, Brandon Mazer (Perkins Thompson)
Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #3 RE: Role of Corporation Counsel

*Friendly amendment to remove all reference to school
Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 8-1: (Councilor Sykes-NO)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant
Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #4 RE: Residency Requirement

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 5-4
(Councilors Sykes, Ali, Pelletier, Phillips-No)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Councilor Ali, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Sykes
*Friendly amendment to reduce years from 5 years to 3 years.
Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #5 RE: Quorum and Necessary Vote

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage 9-0
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant
Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #6 RE: Waiving of Rues

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

Passage 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #7 RE: Personnel Matters

*Friendly amendment to remove all references to school

*Friendly amendment to reference file amendment with Corporation Counsel and not City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.

Passage 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier

Amendment Passed.

Grant Amendment #8 RE: Complaints

Amendment withdrawn by Councilor Grant

Grant Amendment #9 RE: Appeals to Court

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

Passage 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Jim Kasaficus (Perkins Thompson), Mayor Dion, Councilor Fournier, Brandon Mazer (Perkins Thompson), Michael Goldman

(Corporation Counsel)

Amendment Passed.

Phillips Amendment #10 RE: Accountability Office Report

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

Passage 5-4: (Councilors Fournier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Dion-NO)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Jim Kasaficus (Perkins Thompson), Councilor Ali, Brandon Mazer

(Perkins Thompson), Councilor Sykes

Motion passed

Michniewicz Amendment #11 RE: Definitions

*Friendly amendment to remove all references to the School

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Motion Failed: 2-7 (Councilors Fournier, Grant, Sykes, Ali, Bullett, Phillips, Dion-No)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Grant, Brandon Mazer (Perkins Thompson), Mayor Dion, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett

Motion Failed

Michniewicz Amendment #12 RE: Accountability Officer

Amendment withdrawn

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 8-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Sykes, Kevin Kraft (Director of Planning and Urban Development)

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

Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability) gave an overview of this item.

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage: 8-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Ali

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage: 8-0

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street)

ORDERS:

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Jon Kachmar (Landbank), Councilor Sykes, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier

AMENDMENTS:

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

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 8:00pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk