

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 Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier, Mayor Dion

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), Gordon Platt (West End), Jon Kachmar (Portland Trails), John Clark (District 3), Winston Lumpkins (East End), Dillon (Coyle Street), Todd Morse (Hammond Street), Emmett (Deering Oaks), Emma Morse (West End), James Cradock (District 4), Paul Drinan (Director at Bicycle Coalition of Maine), Jamie Parker (Dalton Street), Claire Stretch (Congress Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for City Council announcements. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Grant, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Ali

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

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

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation 24-24/25 Recognizing the Month of March as Women's History Month into the record.

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

Orders 135-24/25 through Orders 136-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: John Clark (District 3), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Bullett

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

Orders 135-24/25 through Orders 136-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: John Clark (District 3), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Bullett

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Ashley Rand (City Clerk) gave Communication 10-24/25 Portland Clean Election Fund Annual Report. The following Councilors commented on this: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Grant

As a communication, no formal action is required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Philips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage, as amended. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Komich (Senior Vice President for Finance for Cheverus High School), Sue Anderson (District 3), Linda Stimpson (District 3), Winston Lumpkins (East End), Jon Hinck (Pine Street), Matt Hogan (Rosemont Neighborhood), Jesse Obrien (LMAC), John Peverda (Kingsmart Lane), Avery Kamila (LMAC), Priscilla Skerry (LMAC), Eugene Coffin (Cheverus)

The following amendments were voted on:

Sykes- Amendment #1 RE: Existing Ordinance Language

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage. Passed 6-1 (Councilor Phillips-No) (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

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

Amendment Passed.

Phillips- Amendment #2 RE: Chlorantraniliprole on Performance Turf

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett,

Councilor Pelletier, Troy Moon (Sustainability Director), Councilor Michniewicz,
Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier
Amendment Failed

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Pelletier to bring four additional amendments from the floor.

Corporation Counsel advised by Council Rules that the items were not germane to the main order. The Chair (Mayor Pro Tem Ali) did not move items from the floor.

The following Councilors commented: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Grant, Councilor Ali

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage, as amended. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to amend the hearing date from April 7 to April 28. Passage: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

UNAGENDA ITEMS - MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

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

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

*Unagendized item was read into the record- Resolve 6- Resolution to Immediately Address Pedestrian Safety Crisis in Portland

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Michniewicz, Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to adjourn. Passage 7-0 at 7:24 pm. (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk