

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 Ali, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips

Councilors Absent: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Dion

*Point of Order, Councilor Pelletier joined at 5:03pm

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:

Zach Barowitz (Huntress Street), Amber Carr (Portland House of Music and Events), Tim Sweeden (Portland Resident), Eric Hader (Portland Ovations), Allison (Portland Symphony Orchestra), Carolyn Vachon (Portland Symphony Orchestra), Martin (Portland Resident), Liz (Portland Ovations), Katelyn Manfre (Portland Resident), Emily Isaacson (West End), Nicole Burn (District 2), Andrew Peters (Cumberland Ave), George Rheault (Hanover Street),

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke:

Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Pelletier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting-March 3, 2025

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

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 25-24/25 Arab American Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 25-24/25 Arab American Heritage Month into the record

Proclamation 26-24/25 Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Grant read Proclamation 26-24/25 Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 138-24/25 Appointing Members to Various Boards & Committees - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Chair of Legislative and Nominating Committee

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage, as an emergency. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

**Item goes into effect immediately.*

Order 139-23/24 Appointing Troy Moon to the Landcare Management Advisory Committee - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 140-24/25 Order Appointing Michael Murray to the Board of Directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 141-24/25 Declaring June 8, 2025 the Resurgam Music Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 141-24/25 through Orders 145-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.
Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bulett, Councilor Michniewicz

Order 142-24/25 Declaring May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 the Friends of Congress Square Park In the Square Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 141-24/25 through Orders 145-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.
Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bulett, Councilor Michniewicz

Order 143-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Mandy and Matt's Cafe LLC, dba Mandy and Matt's Cafe. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 1160 Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 141-24/25 through Orders 145-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.
Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)
Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bulett, Councilor Michniewicz

Order 144-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Leaven Pizzeria LLC, dba Za. Application for Class I FSE with Combined Entertainment and Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 25 Preble Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 141-24/25 through Orders 145-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

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

Order 145-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of August Parker LLC, dba Benny's. Application for Class I FSE at 545 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 141-24/25 through Orders 145-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

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

BUDGET ITEMS:

Order 146-24/25 Appropriating Bond Proceeds and Other Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$41,070,000 for the City's FY2026 Capital Improvement Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Point of Order, Orders 146-24/25 and 147-24/25 were taken out of Order and read with other first reading items.

This is first reading.

Order 147-24/25 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Portion of the City's Fiscal Year FY26 Capital Improvement Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,370,000 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Point of Order, Orders 146-24/25 and 147-24/25 were taken out of Order and read with other first reading items.

This is first reading.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 7-24/25 Calling for the Establishment of a Task Force on Social Housing - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Wendy Cherubini (Federal Street), Scott Vonnegut (Edward Street), Charlotte Rutty (Leland Street), Todd Morse (Hammond Street), Wade (Leland Street), Zach Barowitz (Huntress Street), John Kaminski (Federal Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone until April 14, 2025 for passage. Failed 1-6 (Councilor Fournier, Grant, Pelletier, Michniewicz, Bullett, Ali-No)

The following individuals commented on the postponement: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Greg Watson (Director of Housing and Economic Development), Councilor Fournier

Motion to postpone failed.

Pelletier Amendment #1-Included in back-up materials

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 7-0

The following individuals commented on the amendment: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips

Amendment passed.

Fournier Amendment #2-Moved from the floor

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage. Passage: 7-0

Amendment: Adding to the first Be it further resolved section, which has the makeup of the task force to amend: *"At least 2 members of the community with lived experience navigating the challenging housing environment from underserved populations"*

Amendment passed.

ORDERS:

Order 148-24/25 Approving the Third Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lambert Woods North LLC - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage, as an emergency. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent) Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Andrew Peters (Cumberland Ave), Councilor Fournier, Greg Watson (Director of Housing and Economic Development)

**Item goes into effect immediately.*

Order 149-24/25 Order Approving the First Amendment to the Service Provider Subcontract Between DC Management LLC, DC Blueberry LLC, Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition, and the City of Portland - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Portland Resident (Congress Street), Councilor Fournier

Order 150-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$50,000 Grant from the State of Maine's Housing Opportunity Program for Housing Policy Evaluation Study - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 151-24/25 Order Approving Agreements Between The Maine Department Of Transportation and The City Of Portland Re: Improvements to Woodford Street, Route 9, Deering Avenue, and Route 25 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 152-24/25 Order Approving Agreements Between The Maine Department Of Transportation and The City Of Portland Re: Improvements to Route 22 (Congress Street), West Commercial Street, and Fore River Parkway - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 153-24/25 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The City of Portland and the Communications Employees Association – Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn. Passage 7-0 at 6:59 pm. (Councilor Sykes & Mayor Dion absent)

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk