

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 Dion led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion 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, Mayor Dion

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Bradley Davis (27 May Street), Julie (District 2), Willow (Deering), Ray (273 Cumberland Ave), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Darlene (Portland Resident), Gordon Platt (Portland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), Severino Pedro (Portland Resident), Sean (Portland Resident), Karina Foley (Portland Resident), Sloane (District 5), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to suspend City Council Rules to to discuss an un-agendaed item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this motion. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Dion, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips

Motion Failed: 2-7 (Councilor Fournier, Grant, Ali, Michneivech, Bullett, Phillips, Dion-No)

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 33-24/25 Recognizing May 18 as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation 33-24/25 Recognizing May 18 as National Asian American Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate into the record.

Proclamation 34-24/25 Declaring May 5, 2025 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 34-24/25 Declaring May 5, 2025 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day into the record.

Proclamation 35-24/25 Recognizing May 12 to May 16, 2025 as National Police Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation 35-24/25 Recognizing May 12 to May 16, 2025 as National Police Week into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 179-24/25 Declaring June 21, 2025 the Pride Portland! Parade and Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 179-24/25 through Orders 180-24/25 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 Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tanner (124 Stevens Ave)

Order 180-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of GT Peaks LLC, dba Jones Landing. Application for Class I FSE with Outdoor Entertainment and Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 6 Welch Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 179-24/25 through Orders 180-24/25 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 Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

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BUDGET ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 SCHOOL BUDGET AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 5, 2025) AND WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SECOND READ AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2025 AT 5:00 PM.

Order 181-24/25 Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation for Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

*Second Reading & Final Vote will be taken at the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting

Order 182-24/25 Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

*Second Reading & Final Vote will be taken at the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting

Order 183-24/25 Raising and Appropriating Additional Local Funds for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

*Second Reading & Final Vote will be taken at the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting

Order 184-24/25 Approving Total School Operating Budget For Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

*Second Reading & Final Vote will be taken at the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting

Order 185-24/25 Appropriating and Raising Funds for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2026 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-a M.R.S §8603-a(1) - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

*Second Reading & Final Vote will be taken at the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting

Order 186-24/25 To Raise and Appropriate Local Funds for Food Service in the Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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Order 187-24/25 Authorizing the Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received for Portland Schools in Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Budget Orders 181-24/25 through Orders 187-24/25 were all read into the record together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 9-24/25 Committee Work Plans - by Mark Dion, Mayor

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

Communication 11-24/25 Regarding FY26 Municipal Budget Hearings - By Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 9-24/25 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan Including Appropriations for the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs and Certifications Pertaining Thereto - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage, as amended. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Todd Morse (CDBG Committee), Victoria Morales (Quality Housing Coalition), Tracy More (Catholic Charities of Maine), Rebecca Hobbs (Through These Doors), Barbara Hinley (Maine Health Food Pantry), Emily (Youth and Family Outreach), Angela Stone (Maine Needs), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

The following amendments were voted on:

Amendment titled: Councilor Fournier Amendment RE: Through These Doors and Presente! Funding

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage 8-1 (Mayor Dion-No)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion, Mary Davis (Director of Housing & Community Development), Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz

Amendment passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 174-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$28,000 Gulf of Maine Research Institute Community Resilience Education Project Grant - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 175-24/25 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The City of Portland and Portland Police Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge ME 109 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage.
Passage: 7-2 (Councilor Phillips & Pelletier-No)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier

Order 176-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$5,995.00 Donation from Paul Rollins for the Police Department Dive Team - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage.
Passage: 9-0
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Bullett, Councilor Michniewicz

Order 177-24/25 Extending for 180 Days the Moratorium on New Hotel Projects in the City of Portland Established by Order 77-24/25 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.
Passage: 9-0
Councilor Ali (Chair of the Economic Development Committee) gave an overview of the item
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Sykes

Order 178-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapters 15 and 30 Re: Vehicles for Hire - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.
Passage: 9-0
Councilor Phillips (Chair of the Sustainability and Transportation Committee) gave an overview of the item
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

ORDERS:

Order 188-24/25 Accepting and Adopting the 2025 Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.
Passage: 9-0
Councilor Ali (Chair of the Housing & Economic Development Committee) gave an overview of the item
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Sykes

Order 189-24/25 Approving the 2025 Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing Application - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage.
Passage: 9-0

Councilor Ali (Chair of the Housing & Economic Development Committee) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Order 190-24/25 Accepting an Easement from the Portland Housing Development Corporation at 17 Riverton Drive for Pump Station and Drainage Installation - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Orders 190 & 191 were read together as companion orders.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage, as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

George Rheault (West Bayside), Greg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development), Stephen Scharff (Brckett Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to lay the item on the table. Passage 7-2 (Councilor Grant & Sykes-No)

*Point of Order. The deed was missing from the backup material. Staff printed items for public viewing before the item was voted on.

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips to remove the item from the table. Passage 9-0

**Item was passed as an emergency and takes effect immediately.*

Order 191-24/25 Accepting an Easement from the Portland Housing Development Corporation at 17 Riverton Drive for a Public Sidewalk - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Orders 190 & 191 were read together as companion orders.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage, as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

George Rheault (West Bayside), Greg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development), Stephen Scharff (Brckett Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to lay the item on the table. Passage 7-2 (Councilor Grant & Sykes-No)

*Point of Order. The deed was missing from the backup material. Staff printed items for public viewing before the item was voted on.

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips to remove the item from the table. Passage 9-0

**Item was passed as an emergency and takes effect immediately.*

Order 192-24/25 Approving an Amendment to the Riverton Park Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District RE: 2 Riverton Park - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Mary Davis (Director of Housing & Community Development) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

**Item passed as an emergency. Item takes effect immediately.*

Order 193-24/25 Approving an Amended Credit Enhancement Agreement for the Riverton Park Affordable Housing and Tax Increment Financing District RE: 2 Riverton Park - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Mary Davis (Director of Housing & Community Development) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

**Item passed as an emergency. The item takes effect immediately.*

Order 194-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$10,000 Donation from the Maine Community Foundation for an Asylum-Seeker Soccer Program at the City's Shelters - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to waive the second reading of this item.

Second reading was waived.

Greg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development) gave an overview of the item

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Melissa Hue (Office of Economic Opportunity Director), Councilor Fournier, Mayor Dion

**Item passed as an emergency. The item takes effect immediately.*

AMENDMENTS:

Order 195-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Institutional Overlay Zone for the University of New England Campus - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 196-24/25 Amendments to Zoning Map RE: B-2 Community Business, Open Space Preservation, and Institutional Overlay Zone for the University of New England Campus - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 197-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapters 15 and 35 RE: Requirements for Marijuana Retail Licenses Offering Non-Alcoholic Beverages Prepared on-Site - Sponsored by Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee, Anna Bullett, Chair

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 8:06pm

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk