

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 those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Lee Howard (Portland Resident), Fredrick (Westbrook Street), Deborah (Cobb Ave), George Rheault (Hanover Street),

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting-March 17, 2025

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 27-24/25 Recognizing April 7-13, 2025 as National Public Health Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Bullet read Proclamation 27-24/25 Recognizing April 7-13, 2025 as National Public Health Week into the record.

Proclamation 28-24/25 Recognizing April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation 28-24/25 Recognizing April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week into the record.

Proclamation 29-24/25 Declaring May 1, 2025 as the National Day of Prayer - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion read Proclamation 29-24/25 Declaring May 1, 2025 as the National Day of Prayer into the record.

Proclamation 30-24/25 Recognizing April 21-25, 2025 as National Community Development Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 30-24/25 Recognizing April 21-25, 2025 as the National Day of Prayer into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 154-24/25 Appointing Tony Wirkus, Mathew Pendexter and Elisabeth Salisbury as Constables for the Parking Division - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 155-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Uncle Lucky's LLC, dba Lucky Cheetah. Application for two Parklet spaces at 11 Moulton Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 155-24/25 through Orders 158-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

Order 156-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Lord Hobo Brewing Company, LLC, dba Lone Pine Brewing. Application for B/W/D with Outdoor Dining on Private Property and Combined Entertainment at 219 Anderson Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 155-24/25 through Orders 158-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

Order 157-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Zero LLC, dba Zero Bar & Grill. Application for Class 1A (41+ rooms Innholder) with Outdoor Dining on Private Property and Combined Entertainment at 155 Riverside Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 155-24/25 through Orders 158-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

Order 158-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Pudge LLC, dba Luncheonette. Application for Class III & IV with Outdoor Dining on Private

Property at 147 Cumberland Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 155-24/25 through Orders 158-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

BUDGET ITEMS:

Order 159-24/25 Receiving and Referring City Manager's Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget to the Finance Committee and Setting Date of Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget and Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation Resolve - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) Danielle West (City Manager) & Mayor Dion gave an overview of the item. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 8-24/25 Calling for the City of Portland to Adopt the Greater Portland Council of Government's Regional Vision Zero Action Plan - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) Councilor Phillips (Chair, Sustainability and Transportation Committee) gave an overview of the item. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Winston Lumpkins (Munjoy Hill), Jaime Parker (Portland Trails), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), John Clarke (Massachusetts Ave), Andrew Zarro (District 4), Todd Morse (Urbanist Coalition of Portland), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Pelletier, Mike Murray (Public Works Director), Councilor Philips, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Orders 146-24/25 through Orders 147-24/25 were all read together as companion items. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Each item was voted on separately. Mayor Dion gave an overview of this item. Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

as amended. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

The following Councilors voted on the main motion: Councilor Sykes, Brendan O'Connell (Finance Director)

The following amendment was voted on:

Bullett Amendment #1 RE: Back Cove Staircase Repairs

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

The following Councilors voted on this amendment: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali

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

Orders 146-24/25 through Orders 147-24/25 were all read together as companion items.

Public comment was taken on all orders together. Each item was voted on separately.

Mayor Dion gave an overview of this item.

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

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street)

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage, as amended. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

The following amendment was voted on:

Bullett Amendment #1 RE: Back Cove Staircase Repairs

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

The following Councilors voted on this amendment: Councilor Bullett

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

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Todd Morse (Urbanist Coalition of Portland), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Pelletier

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

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item

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

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

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mike Murray (Director of Public Works) gave an overview of this item

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

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage, as amended. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Bullett to correct the contract dates to July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier Absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on the amendment. No one spoke.

ORDERS:

Order 160-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$200,000 State of Maine EMS Grant for the Portland Fire Department EMS Operations - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to waive second reading. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Second reading waived.

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to approve item as an emergency. Passage 8-0, as an emergency. (Councilor Fournier absent)

Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.

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

Councilor Bullett

Item takes effect immediately.

Order 161-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$96,400 State of Maine Community Paramedicine Grant for the Portland Fire Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 162-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$53,332.79 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Portland Youth Corps - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 163-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$60,000 John T. Gorman Foundation Grant for the Portland Professional Connectors Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 164-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$205,000 Greater Portland Council of Governments United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Sub-Grant for Clean-up of a Stockpile of Contaminated Soil at Fitzpatrick Stadium - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 165-24/25 Establishing a 180-Day Moratorium on Theater and Performance Hall Projects with a Capacity Exceeding 2000 People in the City of Portland - Sponsored by Councilors Anna Bullett and Wesley Pelletier

This is first reading.

Order 166-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating at \$10,000 Maine Bureau of Highway Safety Grant - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 167-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 9 RE: Proportional Ranked Choice Voting - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Grant to adjourn. Passage 8-0 at 7:05 pm. (Councilor Fournier absent)

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk