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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: Elizabeth Stoddard (Monument Square), Nancy English (Park Avenue), Judy Manson (West End), Bill Stauffer (Portland Business Owner), Ted Arcand (Bayview Drive), Ari (Longfellow Books), Jon Donnelly (Monument Square), Melissa Donnelly (Monument Square)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements by the Council.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the annual meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority. Passed 9-0

Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager) gave an annual report regarding the Portland Fish Pier Authority 2025 Summary of Activity and Financial Statement.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passed 9-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting - April 14, 2025

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

Passage: 9-0

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 31-24/25 Recognizing the 56th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week from May 4, 2025 to May 10, 2025 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Sykes read Proclamation 31-24/25 Recognizing the 56th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week from May 4, 2025 to May 10, 2025 into the record.

Proclamation 32-24/25 Recognizing May 2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation 32-24/25 Recognizing May 2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 168-24/25 Appointing Warden and Ward Clerks for the 2025-2026 Election Year - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

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

Passage: 9-0

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 169-24/25 Declaring July 4, 2025 the July 4th Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 169-24/25 through Orders 172-24/25 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 Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

Order 170-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Bread and Friends LLC, dba Bread and Friends. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 505 Fore Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 169-24/25 through Orders 172-24/25 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 Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

Order 171-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Board and Batten LLC, dba Jerome's. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 223 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 169-24/25 through Orders 172-24/25 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 Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

Order 172-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Bodkin Enterprises LLC, dba Hot Liquor Tank. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge at 43 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 169-24/25 through Orders 172-24/25 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 Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

BUDGET ITEMS:

Order 173-24/25 Receiving and Referring to the Finance Committee the Portland Board of Public Education's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Estimate and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

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

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

Resolve 9-24/25 will receive two public hearing periods. The second public hearing will take place on May 5, 2025. This is the first public hearing period.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tom Dorherty (Noyes Street), Lucas Schrage (Quality Housing Coalition), Libby Catania (Our Place Inc), Madeline Saucier (Hope Acts), Kayla Sutton (Our Place Inc), Camila Batson (Portland), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Andrew Bode (Prebble Street)

Council action will be taken at the May 5, 2025 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to postpone until May 19, 2025. Passed 9-0

Item postponed until May 19, 2025

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

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Councilor Bullett, Mayor Dion

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

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Eamonn Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce), Councilor Bullett, Greg Watson (Assistant City Manager)

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

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

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

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Bullett, Ethan Hipple (Director of Parks), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant

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

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Phillips to refer this item to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee for further review. Passed 8-1 (Councilor Pelletier-No)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council and staff comments. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Dion, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Michniewicz, Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager), Councilor Sykes, Kevin Kraft (Director of Planning), Councilor Ali

Item referred to the S&T Committee

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

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

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

Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Pelletier

**Item passed as an emergency. Item goes into effect immediately.*

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

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

ORDERS:

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

This is first reading.

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

This is first reading.

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

This is first reading.

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 Councilor Kate Sykes and Councilor Pious Ali

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 178-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapters 15 and 30 Re: Vehicles for Hire - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, 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 7:15 pm.

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk