

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: Joey Burnelle (Paris Street), Kenneth Lewis (Portland Resident), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Rachel Morales (Portland Resident), Ellen Mackenzie (Portland Resident), Morris Harder (Chestnut St)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL MEETING:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the Special Meeting of the Coporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 9-0.

Order 223-24/25 Order Amending the Portland Development Corporation Bylaws - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 9-0

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

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

Order 224-24/25 Approving the Portland Development Corporation Storefront Improvement Revolving Loan Program and Guidelines - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Coporator of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 9-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Passage: 9-0

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 42-24/25 Recognizing June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation 42-24/25 Recognizing June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth into the record.

Proclamation 43-24/25 Recognizing June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 43-24/25 Recognizing June 2025 as Immigrant Heritage Month into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 225-24/25 Appointing Phil Doughty as the Information Technology Director - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage, as an emergency. Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes-No)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion

**Item takes effect immediately*

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 226-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Milne Spirit Works LLC, dba Hardshore Distilling Company. Application for Combined Entertainment at 53 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 226-24/25 through Orders 228-24/25 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 Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

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

Order 227-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Uncle Lucky's LLC, dba Lucky Cheetah. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 11 Moulton Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 226-24/25 through Orders 228-24/25 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 Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

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

Order 228-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Big Tree Catering LLC, dba Big Tree Catering at Local 188. Application for Qualified Catering with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 685 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 226-24/25 through Orders 228-24/25 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 Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

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

BUDGET ITEMS:

THE FIRST READ AND PUBLIC COMMENT OF ALL MUNICIPAL BUDGET ORDERS TOOK PLACE ON MAY 19, 2025. STAFF RECOMMENDS POSTPONING THE SECOND READ, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND COUNCIL ACTION OF ALL MUNICIPAL BUDGET ORDERS TO JUNE 23, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0.
Items Postponed.

Order 202-24/25 Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Administrative Fees for City Clerk, Sustainability Office, Fire, Parking, Parks, Recreation & Facilities, Planning, and Public Works - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0.
Items Postponed.

Order 203-24/25 Authorizing the City Manager To Enter into Certain Agreements To Implement the Fiscal Year 2026 Human Resources and Certain Fringe Benefits Budgets - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0.
Items Postponed.

Order 204-24/25 Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Self-insured Liability Program - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0.
Items Postponed.

Order 205-24/25 Authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities to Set Fees and Enter Rental Agreements for City Facilities - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 206-24/25 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Certain Agreements to Implement Fiscal Year 2026 Health & Human Services Budget - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 207-24/25 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Scholarship and Trust Donations and Bequests and Enter into Trust Agreements - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 208-24/25 Authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities to Accept Donations up to \$10,000 for Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department Programs and City Funds - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 209-24/25 Authorizing Corporation Counsel to Undertake Civil Actions to Collect Delinquent Personal Property Taxes - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 210-24/25 Authorizing Non-Union Wage Adjustment - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 211-24/25 Designating Fiscal Year 2026 Funds for Specific Island Services - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 212-24/25 Appropriating \$15,900,000 in Fund Balance - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 213-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 25 Re: Various Fee Increases for Fiscal Year 2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 214-24/25 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Appropriation Resolve - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 215-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 9 re: Funding Amount for Clean Election Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

Order 216-24/25 Appropriating \$275,000 from Excess Fund for Casco Bay Island Transit District - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone all budget items to June 23, 2025 Orders 202-24/25 through Order 216-24/25. Passage 9-0. Items Postponed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 12-24/25 Update on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 25-26 Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Allocations - Mary Davis, Housing & Economic Development Division Director

Mary Davis (Housing & Economic Development Division Director) provided Communication 12-24/25 Update on U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 25-26 Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant Program Allocations.

As a communication, no formal action is required.

Communication 13-25/26 Rent Board Annual Report - Matthew Lax, Rent Board Chair

Matthew Lax (Chair of Rent Board) and Matthew Walker (Rent Board Member) provided Communication 13-24/25 Rent Board Annual Report.

The following Councilors commented on the communication: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

As a communication, no formal action is required.

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 Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to postpone until September 3, 2025. Passage 9-0.

Item Postponed.

Order 220-24/25 Traffic Schedule Amendment RE: Parking Reassignments on Pearl Street and Cotton Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to postpone was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone until June 23, 2025. Passed 9-0.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Will Noyes (Earle W Noyes & Sons)

Item postponed.

Order 221-24/25 Appropriating \$11.5 Million from Jetport Unrestricted Funds - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street)

ORDERS:

Order 229-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$3,000 Donation from Zoll Medical Corporation to the Portland Fire Department for the National EMS Week Fund - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 230-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$7,000 Donation from the Masonic Grant Lodge of Maine Portland Chapter for a Lucynt Machine at the Barron Center - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 6:30pm

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk