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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 (Via Zoom), 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: Eric Brewer (Homeless Voices for Justice), Raymondo Reizindez (Portland Resident), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Ali, Mayor Dion, Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Phillips

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**City Council Meeting - June 2, 2025**

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 44-24/25 Declaring July 2025 Park and Recreation Month -  
Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Mayor Dion read Proclamation 44-24/25 Declaring July 2025 Park and Recreation Month into the record.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Order 231-24/25 Appointing Members to Various Boards and Committees -  
Sponsored by Legislative and Nominating Committee, Mark Dion, Chair**

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

Passage: 9-0, as amended.

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to remove Jessica Rossingburg from the Portland Housing Authority due to a potential

conflict. Passage: 9-0

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Order 232-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Bodkin Enterprises, LLC, dba Hot Liquor Tank. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 43 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Orders 232-24/25 through Orders 235-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

**Order 233-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Karibu Kwetu LLC, dba New Bujabelle. Application for Extension of Premise at 265 St. John Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Orders 232-24/25 through Orders 235-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

**Order 234-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Another Round LLC, dba Another Round. Application for Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 549 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Orders 232-24/25 through Orders 235-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

**Order 235-24/25 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Flores Restaurant LLC, dba Flores Restaurant. Application for Outdoor Dining in a Parklet at 431 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Orders 232-24/25 through Orders 235-24/25 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

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

**BUDGET ITEMS:**

**ON JUNE 2, 2025, THE COUNCIL VOTED (9-0) TO POSTPONE PUBLIC COMMENT, SECOND READS, AND COUNCIL ACTION ON ALL MUNICIPAL BUDGET ORDERS TO JUNE 23, 2025. THE FIRST READS OF ALL MUNICIPAL BUDGET ORDERS TOOK PLACE ON MAY 19, 2025.**

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

The following Councilors commented on this item: Councilor Phillips

*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0  
*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together. Public comment was taken on all orders together. Each item was voted on separately.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager),

Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

The following amendments were voted on:

Bullett Amendment #1 RE: \$100,000 in Childcare Voucher Program Funding

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

Passage: 8-1 (Mayor Dion Opposed)

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Ali to reduce the amount from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Failed 1-9 (Councilor Fournier, Grant, Skyes, Ali, Pelletier, Michniewicz, Bullett, Phillips Opposed)

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Councilor Bullett, Mayor Dion, Councilor Sykes

Phillips Amendment #2 RE: Increase in City Council Wages

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

Passage: 6-3 (Mayor Dion, Councilor Grant and Michniewicz Opposed)

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz, Mayor Dion

Phillips Amendment #3 RE: \$118,000 in Funding for a Community Engagement Coordinator

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

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Ali to add a friendly amendment to this amendment to use 6 months of the funds appropriated to do an analysis and a survey with a consultant of what the city's needs would be for the Coordinator to focus on once hired. Passage 9-0

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Mayor Dion, Councilor Ali, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz

Bullett Amendment #4 RE: \$102,715 in Funding for an additional Inspector Position

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

Failed: 0-9 (All Opposed)

Pelletier Amendment #5 RE: Consolidation of Fish Exchange into Fish Pier Authority Enterprise Fund

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

Passage: 9-0

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Bullett

Grant Amendment #6 RE: \$101,286 in Funding into Permitting and Inspections for an Additional Rental Registrations Inspector

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

Passage: 9-0

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Councilor Grant, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips

Amendment #7 RE: City HVAC Budget Changes

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage.

Passage: 9-0

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Danielle West (City Manager), Brendan O'Connell (Finance Director)

Grant Amendment #8 RE: \$64,000 Funding for Before & After Care

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

Passage: 9-0

The following Councilors commented on this amendment: Brendan O'Connell (Finance Director), Councilor Grant, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips

**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**

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

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

Municipal Budget Orders 202-24/25 through Orders 216-24/25 were all read together.

Public comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman, (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Fournier (Finance Committee Chair), Sam Arborne (Dow Street), Stephen Scharff (Bracket Street), Donna Yellen (Preble Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Michniewicz

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

*Item takes effect immediately.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Communication 14-24/25 Green Building Code Exemptions Annual Report - Kevin Kraft, Planning Director**

Kevin Kraft (Director of Planning) provided Communication 14-24/25 Green Building Code Exemptions Annual Report

**Communication 15-24/25 Appointing Members to the Portland Social Housing Task Force - Mark Dion, Mayor**

Mayor Dion provided Communication 14-24/25 Appointing Members to the Portland Social Housing Task Force

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to postpone the item until the July 14, 2025, meeting. Passage 9-0  
*Item postponed until July 14, 2025.*

**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**

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to postpone indefinitely. Passage 9-0  
*Item postponed indefinitely.*

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0  
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
George Rheault (Hanover Street)

**ORDERS:**

**Order 236-24/25 Accepting and Appropriating a \$20,000 Homeland Security Grant for the Portland Fire Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

This is First Reading

**Order 237-24/25 Designating Front Street Phase 3/35 and 41 W. Presumpscot Street an Affordable Housing Development District and Tax Increment Financing District and Adopting the Municipal Development Program for the District - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair**

This is First Reading

**Order 238-24/25 Approving the Front Street Phase 3/35 and 41 W. Presumpscot Street Affordable Housing Credit Enhancement Agreement with Front Street**

**Condominium, LLC - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair**

This is First Reading

**Order 239-24/25 Setting Election Date on an Amendment to Chapter 33 of the Portland City Code RE: an Act to Increase Portland's Minimum Wage - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair**

This is First Reading

**Order 240-24/25 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Portland and the Police Benevolent Association - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

This is First Reading

**AMENDMENTS:**

**Order 241-24/25 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 30 RE: Golf Carts - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair**

This is First Reading

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Grant to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 7:31 pm.

A TRUE RECORD

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk