

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 4:00pm.

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

Councilors absent: Councilor Grant

4:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Jim (Hotel Weston), George Rheault (West Bayside)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL MEETING:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

Order 1-25/26 Approving Amendments to the Guidelines for the Portland Business Assistance Program for Job Creation - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to recess the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the City Council meeting. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting - June 23, 2025

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 1-25/26 Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the St. Peter's Catholic Church Italian Bazaar - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation 1-25/26 Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the St. Peter's Catholic Church Italian Bazaar into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 2-25/26 Declaring August 8 to August 10, 2025 the 100th Annual St. Peter's Bazaar and Italian Street Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 2-25/26 through Orders 3-25/26 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

Order 3-25/26 Accepting from Judith Kendrick and Jim DiBiase a Sculpture by Giuliano Cecchinelli and Adding This Work to the City's Public Art Collection - Sponsored by Councilor Sarah Michniewicz

Orders 2-25/26 through Orders 3-25/26 were all read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on all orders together.

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

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 Fournier and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

**Second reading waived.*

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

George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

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

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

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

Orders 237-24/25 through Orders 238-24/25 were read together as companion orders.
Public comment was taken on all orders together.
Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.
Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)
Councilor Ali & Mary Davis (Housing and Community Development Division Director) gave an overview of these items.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

Orders 237-24/25 through Orders 238-24/25 were read together as companion orders.
Public comment was taken on all orders together.
Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.
Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)
Councilor Ali & Mary Davis (Housing and Community Development Division Director) gave an overview of these items.
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (Hanover Street)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Bullett to postpone this item to City Council meeting August 11, 2025, and to send this item to the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday July 17, 2025 . Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage.
Passage: 5-3 (Councilor Sykes, Pelletier, Phillips opposed, Councilor Grant absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
George Rheault (West Bayside), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to postpone until December 15, 2025. Passage: 7-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed, Councilor Grant absent)

ORDERS:

Order 4-25/26 Designating the Portland Tourism Municipal Development District and Adopting the Development Program for the District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 5-25/26 Establishing Implementation Assessments for the Portland Tourism Municipal Development District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 6-25/26 Approving the Development Program Manager Agreement Between the City of Portland and Convention and Visitors' Bureau of Greater Portland, Doing Business as Visit Portland for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 7-25/26 Approving the Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release Between FEDEQ DV004, LLC and FEDEQ DV005, LLC and the City of Portland - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

This is first reading.

UNAGENDA ITEMS - MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Fournier to suspend Council Rules to take up unagendized item. Passage:8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali to refer to the Legislative and Nominating Committee to review any applications that may have been received and not reviewed before the deadline for the Ethics Commission, and bring back any amendments of members of the appointed Ethics Commission if necessary. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Grant absent) at 6:07 pm.

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk