

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 Phillips, Mayor Dion

Councilors Absent: Councilor Grant, Councilor Bullett

Councilor Grant joined at 4:15pm

Councilor Bullett joined at 4:20pm

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Fournier to suspend rules of procedure to accept public comment at 4:00pm instead of 5:00pm. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Grant & Bullett absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Lisa Gloss (Washburn Avenue), Bill Webber (District 5), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Gibson Shield (Portland Resident)

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to suspend council rules and allow public comment on an item that is on the agenda: Communication 2-25/26 Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreements. Passage 6-3 (Councilor Grant, Michniewicz and Mayor Dion opposed)

The following individuals spoke: Joey Burnelle (Pine Street), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council Announcements. The following made an announcement: Mayor Dion - Orders 239-24/25 and Order 26-25/26 will be taken out of order and moved to the end of the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Passage: 9-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

**Communication 2-25/26 Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreements -
Mark Dion, Mayor**

Mayor Dion provided Communication 2-25/26 Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreements

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage, as amended. Passage: 5-4 (Councilor Grant, Ali, Michniewicz, Mayor Dion-Opposed)

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

Steve Dimillo (Dimillos on the Water) , Buddy Moore (District 3), Nancy Walker (Quebec Street), Paul Anato (Brunos Restaurant), Steve Lecara (Cera), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Em (Maine DSA), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Charlotte Reedy (Leeland Street), Quincy Hentzel (Portland Regional Chamber), Wade (Leeland Street), Ed Sabone (University of New England), Lyla (University Street), Brian Batson (Maine Health), Gibson Shields (West End), Tamara Gallagher (Child Care Owner), Nate Cloutier (Hospitality Maine), Jennifer Dearborn (Port Resources), Mary Allen Lindemann (Coffee by Design), Todd Chretien (Portland Resident), Tony Irish (Portland Business Owner), Todd Morse (Ken Street), O'Rien (Portland Resident), Richard Pfeffer (Grittys), Nicole (Italian Heritage Center), Mike Cleary (Planet Fitness), Eammond Dundon (Portland Regional Chamber), Grayson Lookner (Portland Resident/State Representative), David Turner (Davids Restaurant), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street)

The following amendments were voted on:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to amend.

Amendment titled: Ali Amendment #1 RE: Business with Fewer than 50 Employees.

Amendment in backup materials. Failed 1-7 (Councilor Fournier, Grant, Sykes, Pelletier, Michniewicz, Bullett, Phillips, Mayor Dion-Opposed)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this amendment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Councilor Ali

**Amendment Failed.*

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to amend.

Amendment titled: Sykes/Phillips Amendment #2 RE: Wage Schedule. Amendment in backup materials.

Motion to amend: Sykes/Phillips Amendment #2 RE: Wage Schedule. Passage 6-3 (Councilor Ali, Pelletier, Mayor Dion-Opposed).

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council comment on this item. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali, Mayor Dion

**Amendment Passed.*

Order 26-25/26 Setting Election Date on a Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Code Chapter 17 RE: An Act to End Fugitive Coal Dust - Sponsored by Ashley Rand, City Clerk

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone indefinitely. Passage: 9-0

**Item postponed indefinitely. See order 38-25/26*

ORDERS:

Order 27-25/26 Approving Amendments to the Complete Streets Policy - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

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

Passage: 9-0

Regina Phillips (Sustainability and Transportation Committee Chair) and Danielle West (City Manager) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Mayor Dion, Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager), Andrew Zarro (Executive Director Bicycle Coalition of Maine), Steve (Portland Resident)

Order 28-25/26 Approving the Vision Zero Quick Action Plan - Sponsored by Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

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

Passage: 9-0

Regina Phillips (Sustainability and Transportation Committee Chair) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Kip DeSerres (West End Neighborhood Association), Andrew Zarro (Executive Director Bicycle Coalition of Maine), Liz Trice (Portland Resident), Councilor Bullett

Order 29-25/26 Approving Third Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Maine Cooperative Development Partners LLC RE: 165 Lambert Street - Sponsored by Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Passage: 9-0

Pious Ali (Housing & Economic Development Committee Chair) and Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director) gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Liz Trice (Portland Resident) George Rheault (Hanover Street), Councilor Fournier, Mary Davis (Housing & Community Development Division Director), Mayor Dion

Order 30-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$179,300 Community Action Grant from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Ali to waive the second read. Passage 9-0

Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability) gave an overview of this item.

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

Councilor Bullett

**Item passed as an emergency, takes effect immediately.*

Order 31-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$80,000 Paramedicine Grant from the Maine Recovery Council - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Sykes to waive the second read. Passage 9-0

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Max (West End), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes

**Item passed as an emergency, takes effect immediately.*

Order 32-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$25,000 Resilient Communities Grant from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and Approving the Subaward Between the University of Maine System and the City of Portland - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 33-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$156,378 Parks Lighting Pilot Grant from the United States Tennis Association - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 34-25/26 Appropriating \$2,448,173 in HOME American Rescue Plan Funding - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 35-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 30 RE: Taxi Fares - Sponsored Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 36-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 6 RE: Vacant Commercial Properties - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 37-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Pedestrian Activities District (PAD) Overlay Zone - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is first reading.

Order 38-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 17 RE: Fugitive Coal Dust - Sponsored by Councilor Regina Phillips and Councilor Pious Ali

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Ali to waive the second read. Passage 9-0

Councilor Phillips & Councilor Ali gave an overview of this item.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Sarah Southard (Portland Resident) John (West End), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Todd Dana (Cassidy Drive), Phelps Turner (Owls Nest Road), Kip DeSerres (West End Neighborhood Association), Collin Phillips (Doctor), Andrew Zarro (Executive Director Bicycle Coalition of Maine), Sarah Woodbury (Defend our Health), Bill Webber (Portland Climate Action Team), Andrew Butcher (West End), Matt Cannon (Munjoy Hill), Sean Mahoney (Conservation Law Foundation), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Bullett, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Grant, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips

The following amendment was voted on:

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Phillips to amend. Passage: 9-0

Amendment titled: Mayor Amendment #1 RE: Effective Date. Amendment in backup material. Mayor

**Amendment passed.*

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to refer Order 38-25/26 to the Sustainability & Transportation Committee to consider potential amendments to the ordinance. Passed 9-0

**Item referred to the Sustainability & Transportation Committee*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 8:29pm

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk