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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. The Honorable Mark Dion, Mayor, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

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:

ROLL CALL:

5:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting Minutes-September 3, 2025

PROCLAMATIONS:

**Proclamation 5-25/26 Recognizing Batimbo United as a Cultural Treasure -
Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

**Proclamation 6-25/26 Recognizing September 15 to September 21, 2025 as Diaper
Need Awareness Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

**Proclamation 7-25/26 Recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2025 as Hispanic
Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

**Proclamation 8-25/26 Recognizing September 30 as the National Day of
Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

CONSENT ITEMS:

**Order 47-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Argenta Brewing
Company, LLC, dba Argenta Brewing Company. Application for Class III & IV
FSE at 82 Hanover Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Application was filed on 8/21/25. This is an upgrade of liquor classification for an existing establishment.

Order 48-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Schnitzer Northeast, LLC. Application for Scrap Metal Recycling License at 568 Riverside Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application filed July 30, 2025, by Schnitzer Northeast, LLC (Radius Recycling) for renewal of its scrap metal recycling license at 568 Riverside Street. This is a renewal for an existing facility that has been in continuous operation since 2010.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 4-25/26 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-funded Programs - Mary Davis

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) outlines accomplishments and expenditures within a given program year for HUD-funded programs including CDBG, ESG, and HOME. This required report is presented to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than 90 days after the program year ends on June 30. Although there is a 15-day public comment period for this report, no council action is required.

The CAPER is a companion to the Annual Action Plan, which is presented for Council action annually in April or May. The Annual Action Plan lists the activities and actions the City plans to take throughout a program year, while the CAPER reports on those actions. Although the CAPER technically represents only a specific program year, the expenditures listed may represent several program years, as some activities (such as construction or development) may not be completed within the program year in which it was awarded.

As a communication this item requires no public comment or formal Council action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Chapter 30 regulates the fares taxi operators are allowed to charge their passengers. The ordinance establishes a base fare and sets a rate for each additional one-tenth of a mile and provides for a charge for time spent waiting at the request of the passenger. The ordinance also establishes a minimum fare for rides that begin at the Portland Jetport. Taxi fares have not been amended for more than ten years and have not kept up with the increased costs of operating a taxi service. After reviewing rates in comparable cities, including Manchester, NH and Burlington, VT, the Sustainability and Transportation Committee unanimously recommended the proposed rates during their meeting on July 9.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on August 25 and was postponed on September 3. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 46-25/26 Approving Agreement Between the State of Maine Department of Transportation and the City of Portland RE: Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on West Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This project is part of MaineDOT's Locally Administered Project (LAP) Program. The City of Portland DPW will administer the project and pays 10 percent of the estimated cost. By signing the partnership agreement, it enables MaineDOT and DPW to proceed with the project and obligates the City to pay for 10% of the original estimated project cost; the City share for this initial phase of design work is estimated to be \$17,078.30. The MaineDOT, using state and federal funding, will be paying \$153,704.70.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on September 3. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 48-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating \$118,184 in Health and Wellness Grant Funding from the Maine Department of Public Safety for the Portland Police and Fire Departments - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item accepts and appropriates \$118,184 from the State of Maine for public safety health and wellness screenings. The State of Maine Supplemental Budget 2024-2025 included funding to establish a pilot program for the purpose of reimbursement for wellness visits or specialized cardiac and metabolic screenings that specifically address the physical or mental health effects experienced by public safety employees.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 49-25/26 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Portland and Labor & Trades, AFSCME Local 481-00 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item approves a negotiated successor collective bargaining agreement between the City of Portland and Labor & Trades, AFSCME Local 481-00 for the period of July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. This proposal is presented after previously receiving guidance from the City Council executive sessions held on January 13, March 31, and July 28, 2025, and after having been approved by Labor & Trades, AFSCME Local 481-00.

This item must be read at two separate meetings. This is its first reading.

Order 50-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$22,500 Donation from the Estate of Louise Adams to the Portland Fire Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

In her last will and testament, Louise Adams left \$22,500 from her estate to the Portland Fire Department as an appreciation gift for the work they do. If accepted, the Fire Department will use these funds for the establishment of a conference room at Central Station.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

Order 51-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$400 Donation from Marianne Tapp to the Portland Fire Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This \$400 donation from Marianne Tapp of will be allocated to Portland Fire Department, East Deering Station Engine 11, to recognize their dedicated service to the Ashton Gardens community. The funds will be used to purchase food, coffee, personal equipment, and station supplies for the crew of Engine 11.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

UNAGENDA ITEMS - MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

Resolve 2-25/26 Condemning Nontransparent Federal Immigration Enforcement Tactics, Reaffirming Commitment to Constitutional and Community Safety Principles, and Directing Further Review of Proactive Local Response Measures - Sponsored by Regina Phillips, City Councilor and Pious Ali, City Councilor

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: