

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 Pro Tempore Ali led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Councilors Present: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier, Mayor Dion

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), George Rheault (West Bayside)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore opened the floor for Council announcements. The following made an announcement: Councilor Phillips.

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

ANNUAL MEETING:

Annual Meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland to Accept as a Communication the Annual Report of Creative Portland for FY2025

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the annual meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion Absent).

Herb Ivy (President, Creative Portland) & Dinah Minot (Executive Director, Creative Portland) presented the Creative Portland Annual Report for FY2025.

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland and convene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion Absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting Minutes-November 3, 2025

Special City Council Meeting Minutes-November 10, 2025

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion Absent)

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 15-25/26 Recognizing Kevin J. Battle for a Lifetime of Service - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali read Proclamation 15-25/26 Recognizing Kevin J. Battle for a Lifetime of Service into the record.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 7-25/26 Greater Portland Transit District 2026 Budget and Local Assessments - Danielle P. West, City Manager

Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager) provided Communication 7-25/26 Greater Portland Transit District 2026 Budget and Local Assessments.

As a communication, no formal Council action is needed.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 85-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of C'est La Vie Ventures LLC, dba Marquis Lounge. Application for Class A Lounge at 150 Park Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Sykes to Postpone until December 15, 2025. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Item postponed until December 15, 2025

Order 86-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Blue Barren LLC, dba Barrens. Application for B/W/D at 324 Fore Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 86-25/26 through Order 87-25/26 were read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside), John Funk (Stewards of the Western Cemetery), Councilor Pelletier

Order 87-25/26 Accepting the Donation of a Tool House from the Stewards of Western Cemetery - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Orders 86-25/26 through Order 87-25/26 were read and passed as consent items. Public comment was taken on orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (West Bayside), John Funk (Stewards of the Western Cemetery), Councilor Pelletier

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reconsideration of Order 83-25/26 Amendment to the Portland City Code Chapter 28 RE: Snow Ban Fee - Sponsored by Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Sykes to reconsider Order 83-25/26. Failed 4-3 (Councilor Michniewicz, Bullett, Phillips Opposed) (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent)

Item was not reconsidered.

ORDERS:

Order 88-25/26 Approving the Police Department's Acquisition of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in Accordance with 25 M.R.S.A. §4501 - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Failed: 3-4 (Councilor Grant, Phillips, Ali and Pelletier-Opposed) (Councilor Fournier and Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Leo Burnett (Portland Resident), Stephen Scharff (Brackett Street), Lily (West End), Portland Resident (Wilson Street), Zoe (District 1), Janet (Grant Street), Councilor Michniewicz, Mark Dubois (Police Chief), Councilor Grant, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier, Nicole Albert (Associate Corporation Counsel), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ali

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Phillips to postpone indefinitely. Failed 4-3 (Councilor Grant, Sykes, and Michniewicz-Opposed) (Councilor Fournier and Mayor Dion absent)

Order 89-25/26 Approving a Partial Release and Restatement of Deed Covenants between the City of Portland and MCDP Douglass, LLC re Dougherty Commons Phase 3 - Sponsored by Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier and Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover Street), Mary Davis (Housing and Community Development Division Director)

Order 90-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$167,741.80 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier and Mayor Dion absent)

Mayor Pro Tempore Ali opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Chad Johnston (Fire Chief)

Order 91-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating \$27,450.00 in Mobility, Access, and Transportation Insecurity Grant Funding from Cumberland County - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to adjourn. Passage 7-0 (Councilor Fournier & Mayor Dion absent) at 6:52pm

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Ashley Rand, City Clerk