

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 6:30pm.

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

Councilors Absent: Councilor Fournier

6:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

*Point of Order, Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Pelletier to suspend the City Council Rules to take public comment on non-agenda items at a time other than 5pm. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Joey Burnelle (Pine Street), Eic Hager (Maine Track Club), Ed Susluvic (Kenwood Street), Dave Gulick (Spring Street), Linda Stimpson (Portland Resident), Sarah Sutherland (Portland Resident), Jaime Willey (Caleb Street), George Rheault (Hanover Street), Richard Clapp (Pleasant Ave), Paula Georges (Pleasant Ave), Mark Stalbeck (Fore Street)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. No one spoke.

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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Motion was made by Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to postpone until March 2, 2026. Passage 5-3 (Councilor Sykes, Michniewicz, Bullett opposed) (Councilor Fournier absent)

The following individuals commented on the motion to postpone: Councilor Ali, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Grant, Councilor Michniewicz

**Item postponed until March 2, 2026*

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

ORDERS:

Order 94-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating an Anonymous \$6,000 Donation for Those in Need - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Pelletier for passage, as an emergency. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

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

Order 95-25/26 Order Accepting and Appropriating a \$15,250.50 Maine Bureau of Highway Safety Grant - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 96-25/26 Amending Order 62-24/25 - Sponsored by Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee, Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair

This is first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 97-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 6 RE: Short Term Rental Unit Registration Requirements - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

This is first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Grant to adjourn. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent) at 7:13pm

A TRUE RECORD

Ashley Rand, City Clerk