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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2026 (HYBRID)

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

State of the Schools - Portland Board of Public Education, Sarah Lentz, Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**State of City Address Meeting Minutes 12.15.2025
Special City Council Meeting Minutes-12.15.2025**

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 15-25/26 Recognizing January 19, 2026 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Proclamation 16-25/26 Recognizing the Portland Fire Department for Their Heroic Efforts During the December 2025 Custom House Wharf Fire - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Creative Portland Corporation

Order 108-25/26 Appointing David Page as a Director of the Creative Portland Corporation - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

If passed, this order would appoint the following individuals to the Creative Portland

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
David Page	Creative Portland	11/30/2026

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Order 109-25/26 Appointing Tuck O'Brien to the Board of the Portland Development Corporation - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

If passed, this order would appoint the following individuals to the Portland Development Corporation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Tuck O'Brien	Portland Development Corporation	9/30/2027

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority

Order 110-25/26 Appointing Joe Massaua as a Class B Director of the Fish Pier Authority - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

If passed, this order would appoint the following individuals to the Portland Fish Pier Authority

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Joe Massaua	Portland Fish Pier Authority	10/31/2028

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 111-25/26 Appointing Members to Various Boards & Committees - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

If passed, this order would appoint the following individuals to Various Boards & Committees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
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Jonas Burke	Rent Board (District 4)	3/31/2029
Anne-Laure Razat	Rent Board (At-Large)	3/31/2029
Joey Brunelle	Police Citizen Review Subcommittee	3/31/2029
Sam Tracy	Police Citizen Review Subcommittee	3/31/2027
Jodi Granger	Fair Hearing Officer	11/30/2027
Blake Shephard	Fair Hearing Officer	11/30/2028
Adarth Dixon	Land Bank Commission (District 1)	6/30/2028
Eric Din	Planning Board	2/28/2029
Beverly Uhlenhake	Planning Board	2/28/2029
Graham Louis	Zoning Board of Appeals	12/31/2028
Nathaniel Ferguson	Zoning Board of Appeals	12/31/2028

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 112-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Playmakers Pizza LLC, dba Playmakers Pizza and Pub. Application for Class 1 FSE at 512 Warren Ave - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 12/3/25. Location was previously Turf's Pub.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

On May 14, 2025, the Sustainability & Transportation Committee unanimously recommended to the City Council approval of this amendment, which would change how the City regulates golf carts by removing the cap on the number of golf cart operators allowed and establishing a wait list for rental golf cart licenses.

City code requires that all golf cart rental operators be licensed by the City of Portland. It also allows the City Manager to establish a cap on the number of golf cart operators. The proposed amendment:

1. Eliminates the cap on rental golf cart operators: The current ordinance requires that the City facilitate a competitive bidding process between operators if the cap

established by the City Manager is met, which is unclear and challenging to administer.

2. Directs the Permitting and Inspections Department to create and manage a wait list for cart licenses: The current ordinance allows the City Manager to set a cap on the number of cart licenses available but does not have a mechanism for interested parties to secure a spot in line when the number of licensed carts falls below the cap. Making this change will align cap management with other programs with caps such as short-term rentals and food truck licenses on Cutter Street. The recommended amendment explains how Permitting and Inspections will manage the wait list.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on June 23, 2025 and its second reading on July 14, 2025, at which point it was postponed to December 15, 2025. On December 15, 2025, it was postponed to January 5, 2026. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 103-25/26 Approving Agreements Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE Improvements to Route 26/100 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This project is part of MaineDOT's Heavy Treatment Program. The State administers the project and typically 80% of project costs are paid by federal funding and 20% of project costs are paid by the State. The City has requested additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) work to be added to this project which will be a 100% City contribution. By signing the partnership agreement, it enables MaineDOT to proceed with the project and obligates the City to pay 100% of the requested added ADA; the City share is estimated to be \$95,600. The City is also obligated to pay 100% of manhole adjustments, the cost of which is estimated to be \$65,000 which is shown on the Utility Agreement. MaineDOT, using federal and state funding, will be paying the rest of the project costs.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 15. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 104-25/26 Approving Agreements Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE Improvements to Route 302 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This project is part of MaineDOT's Light Paving Program. The State administers the project and typically 80% of project costs are paid by federal funding and 20% of project costs are paid by the State. The City has requested to extend the paving limits to Allen Avenue (originally was Warren Avenue); all the additional work for this segment will be a 100% City contribution. By signing the partnership agreement, it enables MaineDOT to proceed with the project and obligates the City to pay 100% of the requested added length; the City share is estimated to be \$92,000. The City is also obligated to pay 100% of manhole adjustments, the cost of which is estimated to be \$47,500 which is shown on the Utility Agreement. MaineDOT, using federal and state funding, will be paying the rest of the project costs.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 15. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 105-25/26 Approving Agreements Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE: Improvements to St. John Street, Danforth Street, Fore Street, and Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This project is part of MaineDOT's Highway Corridor Priority 3 & 4 Paving Program (Previously known as the Collector Paving Program). The State administers the project and typically 80% of project costs are paid by federal funding. The City has requested additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) work and curb adjustment work to be added to this project which will be a 100% City contribution. By signing the partnership agreement, it enables MaineDOT to proceed with the project and obligates the City to pay for 20% of the original estimated project cost and 100% of the requested added ADA and curb work; the City share is estimated to be \$621,740. The City is also obligated to pay 100% of manhole adjustments, the cost of which is estimated to be \$165,000 which are part of the Utility Agreement. MaineDOT, using federal funding, will be paying the rest of the project costs.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 15. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 106-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$2,500 Donation from Oldcastle Lawn & Garden, Inc. for the Shop with a Cop Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Accepting and Appropriating a \$2,500.00 check from OldCastle Lawn & Garden, Inc. for the Shop with a Cop event, where children in the community are selected to shop for holiday gifts for their families accompanied by a Portland Police Officer. This is an event that the officers look forward to each year and allows the police department to connect and build relationships with the community. This is the 5th consecutive year from the donor.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 15. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 107-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 4 Re: Amusements - Sponsored by Housing & Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

On November 18 2025, the Housing & Economic Development Committee voted (4-0) to recommend this item to the full City Council.

This ordinance amends Portland City Code Chapter 4 by creating a new category of entertainment license for Large Capacity Venues with a capacity of 2000 or more people (other than venues owned by the City). The primary new requirement for this new Large Capacity Entertainment License is that applicants must enter into an Entertainment Sector Benefit Agreement with the City, under which licensees will be required to provide financial or in-kind contributions to an Entertainment Sector Trust Fund in the amount of 1.0% to 2.0% of the base ticket price for each ticket sold at the venue. These funds will be used to support entertainers and entertainment businesses in Portland.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 15. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 113-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$12,000 Donation from Maine Community Foundation, Inc. in Support of Welcoming America's Recertification Process - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This Order would authorize acceptance of a donation from the Maine Community Foundation, Inc. (MCF) in the amount of \$12,000. This is the amount of Welcoming America's recertification process which has a term of five years. The City was certified welcoming in 2020 and MCF would like to donate the costs of re-certifying to the City as it supports the intent of Welcoming America. Welcoming America is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that leads a national movement to help communities become more inclusive and prosperous by ensuring a sense of belonging.

This item must be read on two separate days. Staff is requesting that the second reading be waived, which requires seven affirmative votes. Staff also requests that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven votes are required for passage as an emergency following public comment.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 114-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 2 Re: Civilian Police Review Board - Sponsored by Health & Human Services & Public Safety Committee, Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair

This Order proposes amendments to Chapter 2 of the Portland City Code to establish a new Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB), which replaces the former Police Citizen Review Subcommittee. The proposed CPRB is a standalone body with ten members and will review all police department internal affairs investigations for due process issues. The Health and Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted 3-1 on November 13, 2025 to recommend to the City Council approval of this amendment.

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

Order 115-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 34 RE: Landcare Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

This Order introduces temporary amendments to Portland's Landcare ordinance which dissolve the existing Landcare Management Advisory Committee. In its place, the Legislative and Nominating Committee of the City Council is proposed to serve as the Waiver Committee and rule on applications for waivers of the pesticide ordinance. Duties of the Landcare Management Advisory Committee have otherwise been assigned to either the Sustainability Director or the Sustainability and Transportation Committee of the City Council. This Order comes before the City Council after having been recommended by the Legislative and Nominating Committee in a 3-0 vote on December 9, 2025.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

