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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 21, 2026

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:

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PROCLAMATIONS:

**Proclamation 17-25/26 Recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month -
Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

**Proclamation 18-25/26 Recognizing the Public Health Contributions of
MaineHealth Maine Medical Center - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

APPOINTMENTS:

**Order 116-25/26 Appointing Constables for the Police Department for 2026 -
Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

This order appoints the following Urban Rangers from the Police Department as constables for the 2026 calendar year:

- Aliyah Yates
- Benjamin Gurney

- Katie Vine

Police Department constables issue citations for violations of various City ordinances, including, for example, harboring a dangerous dog and smoking in city parks.

Urban Ranger is a newly created position to provide public safety and assistance through high-visibility patrols, emergency response, and connecting individuals with essential community resources. Urban Rangers preserve the vitality of public spaces by fostering community relationships, ensuring ordinance compliance through education, and supporting city events and operations.

These appointments are effective until 12:00 midnight, December 31, 2026, and are made pursuant to Portland City Code, Sections 2019 and 2019.5. Constables are not allowed to carry a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, in the performance of their duties, or to make arrests or issue parking tickets, except for the constables listed who work for the Parking Division and issue parking tickets as part of their job.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 117-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of XGP, LLC, dba X-Golf Portland. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge at 101 York Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 12/23/25. This is a change of ownership of an existing establishment.

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

Order 118-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of C'est La Vie Ventures LLC, dba Marquis Cocktail Lounge. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 150 Park Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 12/26/25. This establishment's liquor license was approved by Council on 11/17/25 and is now adding indoor entertainment.

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

Order 119-25/26 Approving Transfer of Firearm Under 17-A M.R.S. § 1504 (1)(B) RE: Abdikareem Ibrahim Hassan - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This order authorizes the City Council to approve the transfer of ownership of one firearm in forfeited assets from Abdikareem Hassan to the City of Portland from the case of the State of Maine v. Abdikareem Ibrahim Hassan. The weapon was recovered by the Portland Police Department following a felony incident involving Abdikareem Ibrahim Hassan, who was charged with Reckless Conduct with a Dangerous Weapon after shots were fired at the Portland Police Department on the night of July 5, 2020. The firearm used in the commission of this crime remains in the police evidence locker. It has been ordered forfeited by a Superior Court justice, and the Portland Police ask that the Council

accept the forfeiture so that they can destroy the weapon.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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. It received its first reading on January 5. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

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. It is being re-introduced for its first reading following the omission of a required attachment during the January 5 proceedings.

ORDERS:

Order 120-25/26 Amending Order 75-25/26 Approving Amended and Restated Agreement with Portland Music Festival, LLC RE: Back Cove Music and Arts Festival at Payson Park - Sponsored by Councilor Anna Bullett

On October 20, 2025, City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Portland Maine Festival, LLC to produce the Back Cove Festival annually for three years, (2026 - 2028), with an option to renew for an additional three years afterward.

Given the timing of the approval and the resulting compressed planning window, festival organizers faced challenges in preparing for a 2026 event despite best efforts. As a result, the organizers have indicated that they will be unable to produce a festival in 2026. This order seeks to revise the initial term of the agreement to cover the years 2027–2029, with

an option to renew for an additional three-year period.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 121-25/26 Approving an Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE: Improvements to Route 9, Route 9 West, and Route 22 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

City Council is being asked to approve the attached Utility Receivable Agreement, which would allow MaineDOT to move ahead with its plans to improve and pave Congress Street from Stevens Avenue to Johnson Road, Johnson Road from Congress to South Portland Town Line, and Skyway Drive from Congress Street to Johnson Road, a total of approximately 2.68 miles in Portland. The agreement obligates the City to pay a portion of the project costs.

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

Order 122-25/26 Accepting and Adopting Emergency Operations Plan - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Anna Bullett, Chair

This is a companion order to the order below.

On November 13, 2025, the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted (4-0) to recommend this item to the full City Council.

Per State Statute Title 37-B Sec. 783 and City Ordinance Chapter 2 Article VIII Emergency Preparedness, Municipal Disaster / Emergency Plans must be in place and approved by the governing body. A Municipal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is vital because it helps the city prepare for and respond to emergencies in a coordinated and comprehensive way. The City's previous EOP was updated and approved in 2012. The base EOP presented for approval was updated to reflect modern practices and approaches to emergency preparedness and management. It was updated with input and coordination across multiple city departments, external partners, state agencies, and the public. The EOP is supported by numerous annexes which outline specific emergency categories, the risks and conditions they are likely to create, and more detailed operational response parameters. Over the course of the next year, the Office of Emergency Management will develop the functional and hazard specific annexes and engage with the community about emergency preparedness and planning. These annexes will be appended to the EOP administratively by City staff.

Staff recommend postponing this item so that it can be read concurrently with the order below. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 123-25/26 Amendments to Portland City Code Chapter 2 RE: Emergency Management - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Anna Bullett, Chair

This is a companion order to the order above.

In connection with the approval of an updated Emergency Operations Plan, the following changes to Chapter 2 Article VIII of the Portland City Code are proposed:

- Updating the title;
- Changes in sec. 2-402 Definitions (Change Bureau to Office of Emergency Management);
- Minor changes and additions to sec. 2-403 Organization, 2-404 Director;
- Minor changes to the sec. 2-406 Emergency Proclamation;
- Added language under sec. 2-409 Emergency Operations Plans;
- Changes in sec. 2-411 Compensation for injuries.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: