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CITY COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 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 13-25/26 Recognizing Barber Foods - Sponsored by Councilor Pious Ali

Proclamation 19-25/26 Recognizing Cullen Ryan for his Leadership at Community Housing of Maine - Sponsored by Councilor Sarah Michniewicz

Proclamation 20-25/26 Recognizing February 7, 2026 as 2-0-7 Day - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Proclamation 21-25/26 Recognizing Parker Poole IV for his Bravery and Service to the City of Portland - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 124-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Luna Sole Creative Party Planning, dba The Maine Lobsterbake. Application for Qualified Catering at 416 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 1/08/26. This is an upgrade in license of an existing establishment.

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

Order 125-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of JTR Holdings, dba Churchill Events. Application for Qualified Catering at 1037 Forest Ave, #9 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 1/12/26. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 11-25/26 Regarding the 2026 Council Common Goals - Mark Dion, Mayor

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 7-25/26 Authorizing the Mayor, on Behalf of the City Council, to Participate in Litigation Related to the Surge of Immigration Enforcement Activities - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

On January 20, 2026, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiated an unprecedented surge of immigration enforcement activities in the State of Maine. The City of Portland has felt the impact of this sudden surge, which has created a climate of fear and uncertainty among the City's residents, with many schools reporting a decrease in attendance, and businesses and healthcare providers reporting staffing shortages, reduced operating hours, or closing indefinitely as a result. The State of Minnesota and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have sued the Departments of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Customs and Border Protection seeking an injunction against the federal government's unlawful enforcement actions (State of Minnesota et al v Kristi Noem, et al, Case No. 0:26-cv-00190 (D.Minn. 2026)). This resolution authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, to participate in that and similar litigation in response to the increased immigration enforcement activities in the City of Portland and the State of Maine.

To make this item effective immediately, staff is requesting that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven affirmative votes are required for passage as an emergency after public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 received its first reading on January 21. 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. It received its first reading on January 21. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

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.

This item was postponed on January 21 to be read with the order below. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

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. It received its first reading on January 21. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 126-25/26 Renaming Kiwanis Pool in Libbytown the Rising Eddy Community Pool - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

In accordance with the ordinance for the naming of City assets, and at the request of the City Manager, Mayor Dion convened a Naming Committee to initiate the naming process for the new community pool in Libbytown (formerly known as the Kiwanis Pool). The Sustainability & Transportation Committee voted on January 14 to recommend "Rising Eddy Community Pool" as the pool's new name.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 127-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating \$250,000 in Donated Funds Raised by the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Portland Public Pool Replacement Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This agenda item appropriates \$250,000 of additional private donations raised by the Portland Parks Conservancy to the Portland Public Pool Replacement project. Prior agenda item (Order 63-24/25) appropriated the initial \$1M in private donations.

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

Order 128-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$3,783 Maine Historic Preservation Commission Grant for Planning Staff Participation in Forum 2026 - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager

On October 30, 2025 the City of Portland was awarded a \$3,783 grant award from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), to support staff attendance at Forum 2026 (a national preservation conference organized by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions or NAPC). The Planning and Urban Development department will provide \$1,261 in matching funds from previously allocated professional development funds.

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

Order 129-25/26 Approving the Service Contract Between the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating a Pass-Through Grant in the Amount of \$13,257 - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager

On October 30, 2025, the City of Portland was awarded a \$13,257 grant award from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), which will be administered as a pass-through grant to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association for the replacement of the Casco Street bulkhead at Mechanics' Hall. The Maine Charitable Mechanic Association will provide \$10,000 in matching funds. As a pass-through grant, the City will not contribute funds to this project.

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

Order 130-25/26 Approving the Service Contract Between the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating a Pass-Through Grant in the Amount of \$14,332 to the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager

On October 30, 2025, the City of Portland was awarded a \$14,332 grant award from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), which will be administered as a pass-through grant to the Fifth Maine Regiment Museum for pre-development work for the future foundation repair of the Fifth Maine Museum on Peaks Island. The Fifth Maine Regiment Museum will provide \$4,778 in matching funds. As a pass-through grant, the City will not be providing any funds to the project.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NON-AGENDA ITEMS (MOVED FROM THE FLOOR):

Order 131-25/26 Extending for 179 Days the Moratorium on Theater and Performance Hall Projects with a Capacity Exceeding 2000 People in the City of Portland Established by Order 9-25/26 - Sponsored by Wesley Pelletier, City Councilor

Resolve 8-25/26 Calling Upon the Governor of Maine to Enact a Temporary Stay of Residential Evictions to Protect Public Health and Housing Stability - Sponsored by Kate Sykes and Pious Ali, City Councilors

ADJOURNMENT: