

ETHAN K. STRIMLING (MAYOR)
BELINDA S. RAY (1)
SPENCER THIBODEAU (2)
BRIAN E. BATSON (3)
JUSTIN COSTA (4)

KIMBERLY COOK (5)
JILL C. DUSON (A/L)
PIOUS ALI (A/L)
NICHOLAS M. MAVODONES, JR. (A/L)

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MINUTES

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY COUNCIL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tem, Jill C. Duson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. (Councilor Mavodones, out) (Mayor Strimling arrived during public comment).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Batson asked for a moment of silence for the Town of Farmington fire victims.

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Arts in the Chamber - Maine Suffrage Centennial: United We Bloom & Women in History

ANNUAL MEETING:

SPECIAL MEETING:

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and seconded by Councilor Ali to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene a Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 7-0.

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling.

Order 45-19/20 Discontinuing Portland Development Corporation's Portland Economic Development Plan Implementation Program - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Ray for passage. Passage 7-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Batson and seconded by Councilor Ray to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Corporation of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the regular City Council meeting of the City Council. Passage 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the September 4, 2019 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Ray to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 City Council meeting. Passage 7-0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 1-19/20 Honoring Barber Foods/Tyson Foods During Welcoming Week, September 14-23, 2019 - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling, Mayor.

Proclamation 2-19/20 Recognizing Portland, Maine as a Welcome City - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Stimling.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 46-19/20 Appointing Constables for 2019 for the Department of Public Safety - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Batson and seconded by Councilor Ray for passage as an emergency. Passage 7-0.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 47-18/19 Approving Transfer of Funds Under 15 M.R.S. §§5824(3) and 58626(6) Re: James Earles - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Cook for passage. Passage 7-0.

LICENSES:

Order 48-18/19 Approving Municipal Officers' Approval of Old Port Pizza Bar LLC dba Pat's Pizza. Application for a Class XI FSE at 30 Market Street - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Costa for passage.
Passage 7-0.

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 1-19/20 Fiscal Year End 2019 Tax Increment Financing Annual Report - Sponsored by the Economic Development Committee, Councilor Justin Costa, Chair.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3-19/20 For Portland to be the Metro Regional Coalition's Third Community to Participate in Opioid Prevention Work - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Batson for passage.
Passage 7-0.

Resolve 4-19/20 Opposing the Federal Communication Commission Order Changing the Definition of the Franchise Fee - Sponsored by Mayor Ethan K. Strimling.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Batson for passage.
Passage 8-0.

ORDERS:

Order 49-18/19 Extending an Option Agreement with Capricorn Products LLC for the Sale of Lot 1 at Portland Technology Park- Sponsored by the Economic Development Committee, Councilor Justin Costa, Chair.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Ray for passage.
Passage 8-0.

Order 50-19/20 Approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Portland and Kennebec Crossing, LLC Re: Somerset Street Extension Project - Sponsored by the Economic Development Committee, Councilor Justin Costa, Chair.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Batson for passage.
Passage 8-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 42-19/20 Regarding Citizen Initiative Amendment to the Portland City Charter for Public Campaign Funding - Sponsored by Katherine L. Jones, City Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and seconded by Councilor Ray to call the question. Passage 8-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Cook to send Order 42 out as a revision to the voters for June 9, 2020. Motion fails 3-5 (Duson, Cook, Costa, Ray, Thibodeau).

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and seconded by Councilor Ray to call the question. Passage 5-3 (Strimling, Batson, Ali)

Motion was made by Mayor Strimling and seconded by Councilor Ali to send Order 42 out as an amendment to the voters for June 9, 2020. Motion failed 2- 6 (Duson, Cook, Costa, Ray, Thibodeau, Batson).

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Duson to postpone Order 42 indefinitely. Passage 6-2 (Strimling, Ali).

Order 44-19/20 Designating 17 Structures on or Adjacent to Forest Avenue as Historic Landmarks and Amending the Map of Designated Historic Resources - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager.

Councilor Thibodeau disclosed that his employer has done work for Oakhurst Dairy and Order 44 is not a conflict.

Motion was made by Councilor Cook and seconded by Councilor Ali to bifurcate the question by separating 5 properties from the order " 617 Forest Ave, 630 Forest Avenue, 643 - 651 Forest Avenue, 648 Forest Avenue, 660 Forest Avenue", Passage 8-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Batson and seconded by Councilor Cook to amend Order 44 bifurcated question of the 5 properties to two properties the Chapman Block 648 Forest Avenue, and the Odd Fellows Building 643-651 Forest Avenue.

Motion was made by Councilor Costa and seconded by Councilor Thibodeau to amend the bifurcate questions by postponing 2 properties, the Chapman Block 648 Forest Avenue, and the Odd Fellows Building 643-651 Forest Avenue to the October 21, 2019 City Council Meeting and putting the other 3 properties back in the list of 12 properties. Passage 4-3 (Cook, Batson, Thibodeau).

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Costa to postpone the remaining 15 properties 309, 330, 331, 343, 355, 364, 495, 501, 517, 525, 533, 617, 630, 660, Forest Avenue and 536 Deering Avenue, to the October 21, 2019 City Council meeting. Passage 7-0 (Strimling gone).

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Cook to adjourn. Passage 7-0 (Strimling gone), at 9:40 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD

Katherine L. Jones, City Clerk