

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 lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

Councilors Present: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion (Councilor Fournier absent, Councilor Pelletier absent at Roll Call, arrived at 5:08)

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of Minutes:

January 21, 2026 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier & Pelletier absent, arrived at 5:08)

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PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 13-25/26 Recognizing Barber Foods - Sponsored by Councilor Pious Ali

Councilor Ali read Proclamation 13-25/26 Recognizing Barber Foods into the record.

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

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation 19-25/26 Recognizing Cullen Ryan for his leadership at Community Housing of Maine into the record.

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

Councilor Bullett read Proclamation 20-25/26 Recognizing February 7, 2026 as 2-0-7 Day into the record.

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

Councilor Grant read Proclamation 21-25/26 Recognizing Parker Poole IV for his Bravery and Service to the City of Portland into the record.

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

Order 124-25/26 through Order 125-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

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

Order 124-25/26 through Order 125-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

As a communication, 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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Dion, Sarah (Portland resident), Brett (Cedar St)

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Mayor Dion, Avery Kamila (LMAC member), Phil Roberts (Ornamental Horticulture of Maine), Karen Snyder (Portland resident), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Mike Murray (Director of Public Works), Councilor Michniewicz

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

Order 122-25/26 and 123-25/26 read as companion orders. Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

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

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

Order 122-25/26 and 123-25/26 read as companion orders. Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

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

ORDERS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips

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 is 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

This is 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

This is 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

This is 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

Motion to suspend the rules made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali.
Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

This is first reading.

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

Item taken out of order following Proclamation 21-25/26

Motion to suspend the rules made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Julie O'Boyle (Portland resident), James Downey (State St), Zoe (Portland resident), Selene (Portland resident), Marietta (Grant St), Eli (Morning St), Sarah (Portland resident), Rebecca (Portland resident), Lily (Chadwick St), Collin (Portland resident), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz, Mayor Dion

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as

an emergency. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Adjourned 6:25PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, Interim City Clerk