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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to this being a fully remote meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: James Schaffer (Portland business owner), Joey Brunelle (Pine St), Judy Louser (Portland Resident), Munyun, Steven Scharf (Brackett St), George Lance, George Rheault (Hanover St), Henry Yagoda

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following made an announcement: Greg Jordan (Assistant City Manager)

At the closing of the meeting, Councilor Ali requested a moment of silence to honor the late Jesse Jackson.

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

City Council Meeting Minutes 02.02.2026

Approval of Minutes:

February 2, 2026 Council Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz. Passage 9-0

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 132-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Lord Hobo Brewing Company, dba Lone Pine Brewing Company. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 250 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 132-25/26 through Order 134-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage: 9-0

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

Order 133-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Grace Events LLC, dba Grace. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Indoor Entertainment at 15 Chestnut Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 132-25/26 through Order 134-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Order 134-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Birds of a Feather, dba Elizabeth's. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 47 Wharf Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 132-25/26 through Order 134-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage: 9-0

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

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 was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Fournier for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Pelletier, Steven Scharf (Brackett St), George Rheault (Hanover St), Lee Bals (Attorney), Myles Smith (Portland resident), Scott Mohler (Grassroots and Organic Maine Music Alliance), Elizabeth Leibiger, Todd Goldenfarb (Mile Marker Investments), Margaret Ann Metcalf (Portland resident), Councilor Phillips, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Michniewicz, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Mayor Dion
**Item passed as an emergency. Item takes effect immediately.*

ORDERS:

Order 135-25/26 Approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Carassas Holdings LLC and Portland RE: Portland Technology Park Property - Sponsored by Housing and Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.

Passage: 5-4 (Councilors Fournier, Pelletier, Bullett, and Phillips opposed)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover St), Greg Watson (Director of Housing and Economic Development), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

Order 136-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating \$10,000 in Resilient Communities Grant Funding from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 137-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$1,000 Donation from Justin Alfond for the City's Natural Helpers Program - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 138-25/26 Approving Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE: Improvements to Franklin Street and Marginal Way - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This is first reading.

Order 139-25/26 Approving the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax (PILOT) Policy - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Item taken out of order following approval of the Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali to postpone to March 2, 2026. Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 9-0

Adjourned 6:45PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, Interim City Clerk