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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 5:15PM.

Councilors Present: Councilor Fournier, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion, Councilor Grant joined at 5:18

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover St)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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Motion for passage made by Councilor Fournier seconded by Councilor Michniewicz.
Passage 9-0

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 22-25/26 Recognizing Brandon Mazer for Their Service on the Planning Board - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Mayor Dion read Proclamation 22-25/26 Recognizing Brandon Mazer into the record.

Proclamation 23-25/26 Recognizing South Portland Resident Juliet Shane for Her Work to Significantly Improve Tracking of Arrivals and Departures at the Portland International Jetport - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Proclamation 23-25/26 was postponed to the April 13, 2026, City Council Meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 140-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of B&G James LLC, dba The Teal Duck. Application for Class X Lounge at 8 Exchange Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 140-25/26 was read and passed as a consent item:

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 12-25/26 Committee Work Plans - by Mark Dion, Mayor

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 88-25/26 Approving the Police Department's Acquisition of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in Accordance with 25 M.R.S.A. §4501 - Sponsored by the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett to amend.

Passage: 6-3, as amended (Councilors Ali, Pelletier, and Phillips opposed)

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

Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett, Mark Dubois (Portland Police Chief), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Ali, Nicole Albert (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Grant, Micheal Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Grant Amendment 1 RE: Free Speech and Assembly in the backup material

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

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Danielle West (City Manager), Troy Moon (Sustainability Director), George Rheault (Hanover St), Councilor Bullett

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

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 9-0

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

Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Pelletier

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

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Danielle West, Councilor Bullett, Mike Murray (Director of Public Works), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips

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 immediately following Roll Call*

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

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

ORDERS:

Order 141-25/26 Accepting and Adopting the 2026 Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund Annual Plan - Sponsored by the Housing Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: George Rheault (Hanover St), George Lance

Order 142-25/26 Approving Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE: Baxter Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First reading.

Order 143-25/26 Approving Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System, the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and the City of Portland RE: Improvements to High Street - Proposed Improvements to High Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First reading.

Order 144-25/26 Approving Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and the City of Portland RE: Improvements to Signal Equipment at the the Interstate 295 Ramps & Veranda Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 145-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Land Use Code Updates - Sponsored by Joseph Zamboni, Chair, Portland Planning Board

First reading.

Order 146-25/26 Amendment to Portland Zoning Map RE: Updates - Sponsored by Joseph Zamboni, Chair, Portland Planning Board

First reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 9-0
Adjourned 6:20PM

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Abbey Lombard, Interim City Clerk