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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 5:02PM.

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: Steven Scharf (Brackett St)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority**

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the annual meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority. Passed 9-0

Robert Odlin (Chair) gave an annual report regarding the Portland Fish Pier Authority 2025 Summary of Activity and Financial Statement.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passed 9-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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

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**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Proclamation 27-25/26 Recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month into the record.

*\*Proclamation from the floor\** Councilor Grant read Proclamation Recognizing the Deering High School Speech and Debate Team For Their Accomplishments into the record.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Order 184-25/26 Appointing Members to the Civilian Police Review Board - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair**

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

Passage: 9-0

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Order 185-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of JHM Portland LLC, dba Clarion Hotel. Application for Class IA FSE at 1230 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 185-25/26 through Order 189-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager), Terry Morrison (GM Clarion Hotel), William Justice (Sweetfern Geometer)

**Order 186-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of City of Portland, dba Fitzpatrick Stadium. Application for Outdoor Entertainment at 61 Stadium Way - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 185-25/26 through Order 189-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager), Terry Morrison (GM Clarion Hotel), William Justice (Sweetfern Geometer)

**Order 187-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Feast Ephemera LLC, dba Sweetfern Geometer. Application for Class I FSE at 122 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 185-25/26 through Order 189-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager), Terry Morrison (GM Clarion Hotel), William Justice (Sweetfern Geometer)

**Order 188-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Coco Miyake LLC, dba Aomori Market. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 52 Hanover Street, Suite C - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 185-25/26 through Order 189-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager), Terry Morrison (GM Clarion Hotel), William Justice (Sweetfern Geometer)

**Order 189-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Reo Miyake LLC, dba Aomori. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 52 Hanover Street, Suite D - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 185-25/26 through Order 189-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager), Terry Morrison (GM Clarion Hotel), William Justice (Sweetfern Geometer)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Communication 14-25/26 Diane Herman Appointed to Civilian Police Review Board - by Mark Dion, Mayor**

*\*Communication taken out of order. Immediately following Proclamations\**

Mayor presented Communication 14-25-26 Appointing Diane Herman as the Mayor's appointment to the Civilian Police Review Board.

No Council action needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolve 9-25/26 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan including Appropriations for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program and Certifications Pertaining Thereto - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager**

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Rebecca Hobbs (Through These Doors), Michelle Lamm (Greater Portland Family Promise), Cassandra Wilber (Congress St), Charles (Refugee and Immigration Service Charities), Madeleine Saucier (Hope Acts), Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Councilor

Bullett, Councilor Michniewicz, Dena Libner (Assistant City Manager)

Bullett Amendment 1

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

Michniewicz Amendment 2

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

**Order 161-25/26 Appropriating Bond Proceeds and Other Funds for the City's FY2027 Capital Improvement Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage as an emergency as amended. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Kat Zagaria Buckley (Portland Public Arts Committee Chair), Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion, Councilor Michniewicz, Kevin Kraft (Planning Director), Councilor Fournier, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Motion made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to suspend the rules.  
Passage 9-0

Grant Amendent 1

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

Sykes Amendment 2

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage 7-2 (Councilors Bullett and Phillips opposed)

Fournier Amendment 3

*\*A vote of 5-4 was taken, but a Motion and a second were not. Will be amended at the May 18, 2026, City Council Meeting.\**

Mayoral Amendment 4

Motion made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage 9-0

**Order 162-25/26 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Portion of the City's Fiscal Year FY27 Capital Improvement Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

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

Grant Amendment 1

Motion made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage. Passage 9-0

Sykes Amendment 2

Motion made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Grant for passage. Passage 7-2 (Councilors Bullett and Phillips opposed)

Mayor Amendment 3

Motion made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage. Passage 9-0

**Order 179-25/26 Appropriating 10.1 Million Dollars from Jetport Unrestricted Funds to Commence Design on the Phase 3 Parking Garage and Improve and Expand a Public Surface Parking Lot at the Portland International Jetport - Sponsored by the Sustainability & Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair**

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Deborah (Stroudwater Neighborhood), Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Dion, Councilor Bullett

**Order 180-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 2 RE: Immigration Enforcement - Sponsored by Councilors Pious Ali & Regina Phillips**

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips to postpone to the May 4th, 2026 City Council meeting. Passage: 9-0

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

**Order 181-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Definition of Main Entrance for Entertainment Businesses in B-3 and WCZ Zones - Sponsored by Portland Planning Board, Joseph Zamboni, Chair**

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Joseph Zamboni (Planning Board Chair)

**Order 182-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 RE: Large Theater and Performance Hall Dispersal Requirements - Sponsored by Portland Planning Board, Joseph Zamboni, Chair**

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage: 5-4 (Councilors Sykes, Michniewicz, Phillips, and Mayor Dion opposed)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Joseph Zamboni (Planning Board Chair), Councilor Michniewicz, Mayor Dion, Councilor Grant, Nate DeLois (Uncommon Hospitality Owner), Devin (Maine Stagehand Union), Aaron Crawford, Justin Curtsinger (South Portland resident), Nathaniel Donbeck (Resident), Daniella Solano (Resident), Mike, London Rodriguez (Resident), Frank Curren (Resident), Tom Barr (Business owner), Andrew Rosemen (Blue Portland Maine),

Ernest Braun (Munjoy Hill), Clair Thompson (Valley St), Nate Cloutier (Hospitality Maine), Logan McDonald (Westbrook Resident), Kathleen Sullivan (Portland Resident), Caroline Homer, Clifford Cameron, Abby Browski (Developer), Matthew Tounelo (Pine St), Amelia Dollen, Amanda Barnett (Pearl St), Eric Sawyer, Thomas (Portland Regional Chamber), Alex Silver (Scarborough Resident), Anastasia Cantos, Jewels (Free St), K. Greer (Congress St), Noah Grenier (Farwell), Howard Goldenfarb (Developer of Portland Music Hall), Celeste Park (Blue Portland Maine), Catherine Buxton, Bree Dee (Washington Ave), Nix (Westbrook Resident), Lynn (Munjoy Hill), Fre Forsly (Shipyards Brewing Owner), Eric Hager (Resident), Collen Glen, Jen Haus (Resident), Scott Moller (Portland Resident), Deborah (Portland Resident), Faren Sark (West Bayside), Todd Goldenfarb (Developer of Portland Music Hall), Robert (Portland Resident), Ryan Tinsman (Congress St), Summit Coleman (Portland Resident), Stacy Mitchell (Atlantic St), Liam Dorr, Patrick Fallon (Deering St), Marla (Portland Resident), Cameron Slovara (Portland resident), Nicole Burn (Portland Resident), Mary Costigan (Bernstien Shur), Ryan Vangill (President Live Nation NE), Miles Smith (Pitt St), Jennifer (Portland Resident), Martin Lotish (District 3), Joe Dascoe (Land Owner), Peter McLaughlin (Central Ave), Casey Oaks (Portland Ovarations), Amber, Patrick Russell (Sherman St), Michael Barowsky (Kennebunkport Resident)

Michniewicz Amendment 1

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Amendment failed 4-5 (Councilors Fournier, Grant, Ali, Pelletier, and Bullett opposed)

Grant Amendment 2

Motion made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage. Passage 7-2 (Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

**Order 183-25/26 Terminating the Moratorium on Theater and Performance Hall Projects with a Capacity Exceeding 2,000 People in the City of Portland Established by Order 9-25/26 and Extended by Order 131-25/26 - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage.

Passage: 6-3 (Councilors Grant, Pelletier, and Bullett opposed)

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

Mayor Dion, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Phillips to adjourn. Passage: 9-0  
Adjourned 10:28PM

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Abbey Lombard, City Clerk