

**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 5:03PM.

Councilors Present: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion (Councilor Fournier absent) (Councilor Phillips left at 6:17pm)

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: William Higgins Jr. (Portland Resident), Patience (Portland Resident), Cameron LeBlanc (Portland Resident), Peter Marcoe (Hanover St), Tom Blackburn (Hanover St), Steven Scharf (Brackett St)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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

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**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**Proclamation 29-25/26 Recognizing May 5, 2026 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Day - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Sykes read Proclamation Recognizing May 5, 2026, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Day into the record

**Proclamation 30-25/26 Recognizing May 8, 2026 as Provider Appreciation Day - Sponsored by Regina Phillips, City Councilor**

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation Recognizing May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day into the record.

**Proclamation 31-25/26 Recognizing May 10 to May 16, 2026 as National Police Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Bullett read Proclamation Recognizing May 10 to May 16, 2026, as National Police Week into the record.

**Proclamation 32-25/26 Recognizing May 11 to May 17, 2026 as National Salvation Army Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Michniewicz read Proclamation Recognizing May 11 to May 17, 2026, as National Salvation Army Week into the record.

**Proclamation 33-25/26 Recognizing May 17 to May 23, 2026 as Arbor Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Pelletier read Proclamation Recognizing May 17 to May 23, 2026 as Arbor Week into the record.

**Proclamation 34-25/26 Recognizing May 17 to May 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Grant read Proclamation Recognizing May 17 to MAY 23, 2026 and National Public Works Week into the record.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Order 190-25/26 Declaring June 6, 2026 the Shipyard Old Port Half Marathon and 5k Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)

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

**Order 191-25/26 Declaring June 20, 2026 the Pride Portland! Parade and Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)

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

**Order 192-25/26 Declaring September 5, 2026 the Water Lantern Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)

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

**Order 193-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Pine & Neal LLC, dba Supper Club Cocktail Lounge. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 441 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)  
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Kayla Winn

**Order 194-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Woof Play Eat LLC, dba Woof Play Eat. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 49 Northport Drive - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)  
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Kayla Winn

**Order 195-25/26 Approving License Agreement For Farmers' Market In Monument Square Between The City Of Portland And Downtown Improvement District, Inc. - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Order 190-25/26 through Order 195-25/26 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: 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)  
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Kayla Winn

**BUDGET ITEMS:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A FIRST READ ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 SCHOOL BUDGET AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 4, 2026) AND WILL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SECOND READ AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON MAY 18, 2026 AT 5:00 PM.**

**Order 196-25/26 Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation for Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 for Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.  
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 197-25/26 Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 198-25/26 Raising and Appropriating Additional Local Funds for Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 199-25/26 Approving Total School Operating Budget For Portland Schools for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 200-25/26 Appropriating and Raising Funds for Adult Education for Fiscal Year 2027 as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-a M.R.S §8603-a(1) - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 201-25/26 To Raise and appropriate Local Funds for Food Service in the Portland Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**Order 202-25/26 Authorizing the Disposition of Any Additional State Subsidy Received for Portland Schools in Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair**

Order 196-25/26 through Order 202 A-25/26 were read into the record together. Public Comment was taken on all orders together.

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:  
Steven Scharf (Brackett St) Arthur Phillips (Portland Resident)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

*\*Item taken out of order immediately following Proclamations\**

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as amended. Passage: 7-1 (Mayor Dion opposed) (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Lisa Parisio (ILAP), Michael Kebede (ACLU), Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Dion, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Grant, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Danielle West (City Manager)

Ali/Phillips Amendment 1

Motion made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage. Passage 7-1 (Mayor Dion opposed)(Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Amendment 2

Motion made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Mayor Dion for passage. Failed 1-7 (Councilors Grant, Sykes, Ali, Pelletier, Michniewicz, Bullett, Phillips opposed) (Councilor Fournier absent)

## **ORDERS:**

**Order 202-25/26 Approving Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Portland and the Maine Department of Transportation RE: Improvements to Brighton Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

*First reading.*

**Order 203-25/26 Approving Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Portland and the Maine Department of Transportation RE: Improvements to Forest Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

*First reading.*

**Order 204-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$200 Anonymous Donation to the Portland Police Department for Victim Services - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

*First reading.*

**Order 205-25/26 Approving the Golf Cart Lease Agreement with Country Club Enterprises LLC - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

*First reading.*

*A motion was made on the floor by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Grant to suspend the rules. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)*

*Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Bullett to amend the City Manager's Employment Agreement. Passage 7-0 (Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)*

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Grant

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 7-0  
(Councilors Fournier and Phillips absent)  
Adjourned 6:35PM

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Abbey Lombard, City Clerk