

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 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilors Present: Councilors 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: Christina Winter (Chenery St), Mr. Lumpkins (East End), Joey Brunell (Pine St), Julie O'Boyle (Portland resident), Amy (Cumberland Ave), PJ Anderson (Portland resident), Lily (West End), (Portland resident), Tom Blackburn (Bayside resident), Peter Marco (Hanover St), Kenneth Martin (High St), (Portland resident), Alice Kabore (Hope Acts), Peter (Portland resident), Daniel (Portland resident)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcoming Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Maine

Announcement made by Mayor Dion Welcoming Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Maine
Councilor Phillips commented

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

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PROCLAMATIONS:

**Proclamation 37-25/26 Recognizing June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month -
Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Sykes read Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month into the record.

**Proclamation 38-25/26 Recognizing June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth - Sponsored by
Mark Dion, Mayor**

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation Recognizing June 19th, 2026 as Juneteenth into the record.

Proclamation 39-25/26 Recognizing June 2026 as Immigrant Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as Immigrant Heritage Month into the record.

Following Consent Calendar, Mayor Dion read Proclamation 40-25/26 from the floor Honoring the Life and Legacy of Gerald E. Talbot into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 226-25/26 Declaring July 4, 2026 the July 4th Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P West, City Manager

Motion made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to Bifurcate the Consent Calendar to remove Order 230-25/26 and move it to the June 15, 2026 City Council Meeting. Passage 9-0

Order 226-25/26 through Order 230-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

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

Order 227-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of 3DD LLC, dba Three Dollar Dewey's. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 241 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 226-25/26 through Order 230-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

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

Order 228-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Press Hotel Owner LLC, dba The Press Hotel, Autograph Collection. Application for Class IA Inn (41+ rooms) with Indoor Entertainment at 119 Exchange Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 226-25/26 through Order 230-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

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

Order 229-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Après LLC, dba Après. Application for Class A Lounge with Indoor Entertainment at 20 Van Aken Way - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 226-25/26 through Order 230-25/26 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Steven Scharf (Brackett St)

Order 230-25/26 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Portland Nightlife LLC, dba Ubu's Restaurant. Application for Class I FSE with Indoor Entertainment at 504 Congress Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Postponed to the June 15, 2026 City Council Meeting.

BUDGET ITEMS:

THE CITY COUNCIL HELD A FIRST READ AND HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ON MAY 18, 2026. THE SECOND READ AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING, JUNE 1, 2026 AT 5:00 PM.

Order 209-25/26 Approving Fiscal Year 2027 Administrative Fees for Fire, Parking, Planning & Urban Development, Parks, Recreation & Facilities, and Public Works - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Mayor announces he will take Order 209-25-26 out of order to be considered after the vote on the Appropriation Resolve.

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

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

Bullett Amendment #1 Motion made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend. Passage 9-0

Order 210-25/26 Authorizing the City Manager To Enter into Certain Agreements To Implement the Fiscal Year 2027 Human Resources and Certain Fringe Benefits Budgets - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 211-25/26 Approving the Fiscal Year 2027 Self-insured Liability Program - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 212-25/26 Authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities to Set Fees and Enter Rental Agreements for City Facilities - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 213-25/26 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Certain Agreements to Implement Fiscal Year 2027 Health & Human Services Budget - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 214-25/26 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Scholarship and Trust Donations and Bequests and Enter into Trust Agreements - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 215-25/26 Authorizing the Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities to Accept Donations up to \$10,000 for Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department Programs and City Funds - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 216-25/26 Authorizing Corporation Counsel to Undertake Civil Actions to Collect Delinquent Personal Property Taxes - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 217-25/26 Authorizing Non-Union Wage Adjustment - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 218-25/26 Designating Fiscal Year 2027 Funds for Specific Island Services - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 219-25/26 Appropriating \$4,000,000 in Fund Balance - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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 220-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapters 2, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25, and 28 Re: Various Fee and Other Changes for Fiscal Year 2027 - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

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

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

Motion made from the floor by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali to amend. Passage 8-1 (Councilor Phillips opposed)

Motion made from the floor by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to amend. Passage 8-1 (Mayor Dion opposed).

Mayor Amendment #1: Motion made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Councilor Fournier to amend. Passage 9-0

Order 221-25/26 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriation Resolve - Sponsored by Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

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:

Brendan O'Connell (Director of Finance), Jay Gruber (Portland resident), Rayjet (Park Side), Charlotte Forest Shea (West End), Earnest (East End), Abraham (Woodfords), Rachel Harkness (Portland resident), Aaron Rosenblum (Riverton), Anna Kimore (Prebble St), Laura Everlry (Nasons Corner), Miles (Portland Public Library Librarian), Kimberly Simmons (East End), Nori (East End), Steven Scharf (Brackett St), Jennifer Boggs (Deering), Elizabeth Capone Newton (Riverton), Ozgood (Beckett St), Lily Perlman (West End), Councilor Bullett, Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Fournier, Maggie McLoughlin (Director of Health and Human Servies), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier, Mayor Dion, Councilor Ali, Tony Wirkus (Parking Division Director) Michael Goodman (Corporation Counsel), Sarah Moore (Library Director) Anne Torregrosa (Director of Human Resources), Chief Dubois (Portland Police Chief)

Amendment #1 Motion made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes to amend. Passage 6-3 (Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

Bullett Amendment #2 Motion made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Ali to amend. Passage 9-0

Fournier Amendment #3A Motion made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage as amended. Passage 9-0

Motion to amend Fournier Amendment made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier. Second motion removed *Removed*

Motion to amend Fournier Amendment made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes. Passage: 6-3 (Councilors Bullett, Councilor Phillips, and Mayor Dion opposed)

Grant Amendment #3B: NOT PRESENTED

Sykes Amendment #4 Motion made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Ali to amend. Failed 4-4 (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion) (Councilor Grant recused himself)

Pelletier Amendment #5 Motion made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Fournier to as amended. Passage 5-4 (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

Motion to Amend Pelletier Amendment made by Councilor Pelleteir and seconded by Councilor Sykes. Passage 5-4 (Councilor Fournier, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 15-25/26 Green Building Code Exemptions Annual Report 2025-2026 - Kevin Kraft, Director of Planning & Urban Development

City Manager presented Communication 15-25/26 Green Building Code Exemptions Annual Report 2025-2025.

No Council action needed.

Communication 16-25/26 Vision Zero Update - Greg Jordan, Assistant City Manager

City Manager presented Communication 16-25/26 Vision Zero Update.
No Council action needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Bullett to postpone to the June 15, City Council Meeting. Passage 9-0

Order 223-25/26 Amending Order 161-25/26 To Ratify Fournier Amendment Three Re: Dougherty Field Lighting - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage: 6-3 (Councilor Sykes, Councilor Michniewicz and Mayor Dion opposed) Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Fournier

Order 224-25/26 Amending Order 182-25/26 RE: Clarifying Retroactive Application of Dispersal Requirements for Large Theaters and Performance Halls - Sponsored by Wesley Pelletier, City Councilor

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier 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: Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Sykes, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

Order 225-25/26 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 28 RE: Tow Rates - Sponsored by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Councilor Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed) Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Tony Wirkus (Parking Director)

ORDERS:

Order 231-25/26 Adopting the Development Program for the Portland Tourism Municipal Development District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Housing and Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

First Reading.

Order 232-25/26 Establishing Implementation Assessments for the Portland Tourism Municipal Development District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

First Reading.

Order 233-25/26 Approving the Development Program Manager Agreement Between the City of Portland and Convention and Visitors' Bureau of Greater Portland, Doing Business as Visit Portland, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

First Reading.

Order 234-25/26 Adopting Development Program for Portland Downtown for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

First Reading.

Order 235-25/26 Establishing Maintenance and Implementation Assessments for Portland Downtown for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

First Reading.

Order 236-25/26 Order Approving the Agreement Between the City of Portland and Portland Downtown For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

First Reading.

Order 237-25/26 Appropriating Bond Proceeds for Riverton Pool Repairs - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

First Reading.

Order 238-25/26 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds to Finance Riverton Pool Repairs - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, April Fournier, Chair

First Reading.

Order 239-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating an \$8,000 Grant from the State of Maine Permanent Commission on Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 240-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$2,120,000 Federal Highway Administration Grant for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Improvements Along Brighton Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 241-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$90,000 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for Traffic Calming Efforts in Payson Park - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 242-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating a \$21,664.20 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Portland Youth Corps - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 243-25/26 Accepting and Appropriating \$20,895 from the Portland Parks Conservancy for Improvements to North Deering Park - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Pelletier to adjourn. Passage: 9-0
Adjourned 10:02PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, City Clerk