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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2 - JULY 20, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. Pious Ali, Mayor Pro Tempore, will preside.

To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email publiccomment@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Council meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the commenter's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the order number (see below).

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:

ROLL CALL:

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Pier Authority

Order 9-26/27 Appointing William Ray as a Class B Director of the Board of the Portland Fish Pier Authority - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

If passed, this order would appoint the following individuals to the Portland Fish Pier Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
William Ray	Portland Fish Pier Authority	10/31/2028

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 1-26/27 Recognizing Portland Police Detective Andjelko Napijalo for His Outstanding Service and International Recognition in Solving 11-Year Cold Case - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 10-26/27 Appointing Justin Amen as Constable for the Parking Division - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This appointment would appoint Justin Amen, a parking control officer, as constable for the Parking Division and is effective from the effective date of this order until 12:00 midnight, December 31, 2026, and is made pursuant to Portland City Code, Sections 20-19 and 20-19.5. Constables are not allowed to carry a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, in the performance of duties, or to make arrests.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 1-26/27 Maine Turnpike Authority Portland Area Mainline Safety Program Update - by Andre J. Briere, Executive Director, Maine Turnpike Authority

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

ORDERS:

Order 11-26/27 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Statement of No Objection to the DiMillo's Old Port Marina Improvement Project - Sponsored by Corporation Counsel

This Order authorizes the Mayor to issue and execute a Statement of No Objection (SONO) on behalf of the City of Portland for the DiMillo's Old Port Marina Improvement Project located on Long Wharf. The applicant is seeking the SONO to satisfy the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 navigation review requirements. The proposed infrastructure project includes floating dock and pile replacements, electrical and fueling system upgrades, and the installation of steel piles to support a concrete floating wave attenuator system. Matching statements of no objection have already been granted by the State of Maine and the City of South Portland.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 12-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating a \$2,380,250 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Construction of First Light Commons - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This order seeks to accept and appropriation of \$2,380,250 in donations from the Portland Parks Conservancy, to be utilized for construction of First Light Commons. This donation covers construction costs for Phase I of First Light Commons.

Funding details:

- Congressional Directed Funding (CDS) from Senator King: \$1,953,000. These CDS funds were applied for and awarded directly to the Portland Parks Conservancy, which is now donating them to the City.
- Philanthropic Gifts, individual and corporate: \$350,000
- Project Canopy Grant: \$77,250

Total: \$2,380,250

This item must be read on two separate days. Staff is requesting that the second reading be waived, which requires seven affirmative votes. Staff also requests that this item be passed as an emergency to meet construction and financial deadlines. Seven votes are required for passage as an emergency following public comment.

Order 13-26/27 Order Approving Subaward Agreement Between the University of New England and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating \$383,262 for Nourish ME Rural Health Program - Sponsored by Danielle West, City Manager

If approved, this item would accept and appropriate a \$383, 262 grant from the University of New England to the Public Health Division to implement the State's Nourish ME Program in Cumberland County.

The Nourish ME program supports food security education programming, a critical element in prevention of chronic disease. The City of Portland's Public Health Division has more than a decade of programming history working in this area and will lead implementation.

This item must be read on two separate days. Staff is requesting that the second reading be waived due to the limited duration of the grant, which requires seven affirmative votes. Staff also requests that this item be passed as an emergency to make funding available immediately. Seven votes are required for passage as an emergency following public comment.

Order 14-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating a \$4,028 Donation from Diane Ricciotti for the Portland Police Department - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

This item accepts and appropriates a \$4,028 donation from Diane Ricciotti specifically to be utilized for the purchase of a ballistic vest for a new police canine.

The vest is a lightweight body armor designed for police, military, and working dogs that shields vital organs from gunshots, stabbings, explosives, and blunt force trauma while maintaining full mobility for high-threat operations.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 15-26/27 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 4 RE: Event Licenses - Sponsored by Wesley Pelletier, City Councilor

If approved, this order would amend Chapter 4, Section 51 of the Portland City Code to exempt single day entertainment permits from the 100-foot buffer requirement between licensed entertainment venues. While the Housing & Economic Development Committee (HEDC) has recommended a permanent removal of this buffer, that process requires Planning Board review and will not be immediately finalized.

This measure provides a temporary solution during peak season to relieve financial pressure on local businesses by temporarily bypassing the buffer requirement, acting as an interim solution while a permanent change completes its standard review.

This item must be read on two separate days. Councilor Pelletier is requesting that the second reading be waived, which requires seven affirmative votes. Councilor Pelletier also requests that this item be passed as an emergency. Seven votes are required for passage as an emergency following public comment.

Order 16-26/27 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 6 RE: National Electric Code - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

The Maine Electricians' Examining Board recently adopted the 2026 edition of the National Electrical Code ("NEC"), effective July 1, 2026. This Order updates Chapter 6 of the City Code to incorporate the most recent version of the NEC by reference. By aligning the City Code with state law, this amendment ensures ongoing compliance and eliminates the need for future revisions whenever the state board updates the NEC.

This item must be read on two separate days. This is its first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: