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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING 1 - AUGUST 24, 2026 AT 4:00 PM

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting in Council Chambers. The Honorable Mark Dion, Mayor, 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:

4:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Staff is recommending postponing non-agenda public comment to the 5:30 PM CityCouncil Meeting in order to allow one cohesive public comment period.

Six (or 2/3 of those present) affirmative votes are required to suspend the Rules of Procedure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Award for Historic Preservation Mapper Tool

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting Minutes 4PM, 07.20.2026

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 17-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co. Inc, dba Brickyard Hollow Brewing Co. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 5 Commercial Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 7/30/26. This is an existing establishment adding Indoor Entertainment. They currently hold a Class XI Restaurant/Lounge FSE.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

Order 18-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Good Theater Inc, dba Good Theater. Application for Auditorium with Indoor Entertainment at 631 Stevens Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Application was filed on 8/3/26. This is a change of ownership of an existing establishment.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

Order 33-26/27 Approving Sidewalk Easements From the Portland Housing Development Corporation to The City Of Portland - Sponsored by Michael Goldman, Corporation Counsel

This Order would approve a public sidewalk easement granted by Portland Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) to the City and will allow a portion of the new city sidewalk to be located on PHDC property. This easement is a condition of the site plan approval for Phase I of the COMB Block development, which includes 55 units of residential rental housing. The project is supported by the City through the 70 East Oxford Street Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District and a Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$650,000.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage of items on the consent calendar after public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 1-26/27 Final Report and Recommendations presented by the Social Housing Task Force - by Councilor Kate Sykes

On March 17, 2025, the City Council passed Resolve 7-24/25 - Resolution Calling for the Establishment of a Task Force on Social Housing. The charge to the Portland Social Housing Task Force was "...to conduct a comprehensive study and develop a strategic framework for a social housing program....". The task force consisted of 13 members appointed by the Mayor. Members included two City Council members, a member of the Board of the Portland Housing Authority, affordable and market housing developers, Portland residents with relevant knowledge or skills, and community members from underserved populations with lived experience navigating Portland's challenging housing environment. The group began its work in August 2025 and over the last year held 18 public meetings and informational sessions. The results of their work are outlined in the Final Report of the Social Housing Task Force.

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

Communication 2-26/27 Before & After the Bell Program Capacity and Enrollment Process - by Ethan Hipple, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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. It received its first reading on July 20. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after 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. It received its first reading on July 20. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: