

KATE SNYDER (MAYOR)
BELINDA S. RAY (1)
SPENCER THIBODEAU (2)
TAE Y. CHONG (3)
ANDREW J. ZARRO (4)

MARK N. DION (5)
APRIL FOURNIER (A/L)
PIOUS ALI (A/L)
NICHOLAS M. MAVODONES, JR. (A/L)

DECEMBER 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom.

Virtual meetings are allowed using emergency legislation approved by LD 2167; 1 M.R.S. §403A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM (All Councilors Present).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Zarro announced that today is Winter Solstice, it is one of the oldest winter celebrations. Winter solstice is the longest night and the shortest day of the year. Councilor Zarro asked for a moment of silence for the city's unhoused neighbors that have passed away. He would like to see the City and it's neighbors come together and help with the greatest challenge, assisting our homeless population.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the Draft December 7, 2020 Inaugural Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Ray to approve the minutes of December 7, Inaugural and Regular City Council meeting minutes. Passage 9-0.

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Motion was made by Councilor Chong and seconded by Councilor Thibodeau to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene a Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 9-0.

Order 137-20/21 Amending Portland Development Corporation COVID-19 Loan and Grant Guidelines for Three Programs - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Chong for passage. Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn the Special meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation and reconvene the regular meeting of the City Council. Passage 9-0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 138-20/21 Appointing Constables for the Year 2021 - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Order 139-20/21 Authorizing Special Council and Outside Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2021 -- Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

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

LICENSES:

BUDGET ITEMS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Com 16-20/21 Housing Committee 2020 Annual Report - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, Chair

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

Com 17-20/21 Assessment of the Waterfront and Marine Economy - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, Chair

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

Com 18-20/21 Economic Development Committee Accomplishments for Calendar Year 2020 - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, Chair

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

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDERS:

Order 140-20/21 Approving Purchase and Sale Agreement with Maine Cooperative Development Partners for 165 Lambert Street - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Spencer Thibodeau, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Ray for passage.
Passage 9-0.

Order 141-20/21 Accepting an Easement Deed from Portland Water District for a Woodlawn Avenue Turnaround - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Chong for passage.
Passage 9-0.

Order 142-20/21 Approving the Transfer of Ownership of Artifacts to the Maine Maritime Museum - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Order 143-20/21 Authorizing Annual Wage Increase for Corporation Counsel - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilor Mavodones and seconded by Councilor Thibodeau for passage. Passage 9-0.

Order 144-20/21 Accepting and Appropriating an Anonymous Donation of \$5,000 For Those In Need - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Mavodones to waive the second reading. Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Mavodones for passage as an emergency. Passage 8-0 (Ali out).

Order 145-20/21 Accepting and Appropriating \$10,000 Grant from Catholic Charities of Maine - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

Councilor Chong recused himself as he is employed by Catholic Charities of Maine.

This is a first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 146-20/21 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 Re: Senior-Focused Uses Proposed for the B-3 Downtown Business Zone - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is a first reading.

Order 147-20/21 Amendment to the Zoning Map Re: B-2 to I-M Zone at 7 Rand Road - Sponsored by the Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is a first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Thibodeau to adjourn. Passage 8-0 (Councilor Chong gone), at 7:22 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD

Katherine L. Jones, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION: