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REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2021

The Portland City Council will hold a City Council Meeting remotely using Zoom. The Honorable Kate Snyder, Mayor, will preside.

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 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.

Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be uploaded to portlandmaine.gov/livestream the next day. For public comment, you will need to use the "raise your hand" feature. To raise your hand via the telephone, please hit *9. You will be unmuted by the host when it is time for public.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the Draft December 21, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proc 6-20/21 Recognizing January 18, 2021 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

LICENSES:

Order 148-20/21 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Rwanda Bean Company LLC dba Rwanda Bean Company. Application for a Class I FSE with Indoor Entertainment at 4 Thompson's Point - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

Application for a Class I FSE with Indoor Entertainment at 4 Thompson's Point.

Application was filed on 12/14/2020. New City and State applications. Location was previously Cellar Door Winery.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 6-20/21 Extending the Deadline for the Report from the Racial Equity Steering Committee - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

The Racial Equity Steering Committee, established by Resolve 1-20/21 on July 13, 2020, will report its findings to the City Council on or before April 21, 2021. The original deadline set in Resolve 1-20/21 was not feasible and the deadline is extended by this Resolve.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Housing & Economic Development Department is requesting that the City Council accept and appropriate a \$10,000 grant from Catholic Charities of Maine for use in enhancing access to entrepreneurship options for limited English proficient and immigrant populations through training and customized technical assistance.

The Immigrant Entrepreneur Technical Assistance Continuum Project will support immigrant-owned or -operated start-ups with key technical assistance, seed funding, and resource sharing to ensure the longevity of their business in Portland.

The Immigrant Entrepreneur Technical Assistance Continuum Project will be comprised of two program components: 1) How to Start a Business in the United States, and 2) Hungry for Success: A Community Building Initiative.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 21, 2020. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

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

At a public hearing on November 17, 2020, the Planning Board unanimously voted (7-0) that these proposed zoning text amendments (changing the definition of congregate care facility and adding congregate care facilities and intermediate care facilities as permitted uses) are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Portland, and recommending approval by the City Council.

Portland Opportunity Fund LLC seeks a zoning text amendment to facilitate development at 385 Congress Street, which is zoned B-3 downtown business. The proposed text amendment would add congregate care facilities and intermediate care facilities as permitted uses to the B-3 zone (as well as the B-3b and B-3c zones, which share the same list of permitted uses). Per previous Council concern, the proposal also edits the definition of congregate care facility in the zoning code to clarify its intended purpose.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 21, 2020. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

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

At a public hearing on November 17, 2020, the Planning Board voted (7-0) that this proposed zoning map amendment for approximately 14.68 acres of privately owned land located at 7 Rand Road (from the B-2 Community Business zone to the I-M Industrial zone) is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Portland and recommended approval by the City Council.

Brockway-Smith Company seeks a zoning map amendment to rezone the parcel at 7 Rand Road from an I-M Industrial/B-2 Community Business split lot condition to fully I-M, removing the split lot condition via an adjustment to the zoning boundary, so that the property can be brought into greater conformity and allow for more cohesive future expansion of the currently bifurcated site. The subject property is located between Interstate 95 and Rand Road and is 18.4 acres in size. The site is currently developed with a 300,000 SF warehouse, a paved truck staging area, and surface parking. The proposed zone change is illustrated in attachment 1.

This item must be read on two separate days. It received its first reading on December 21, 2020. Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

ORDERS:

Order 149-20/21 Granting a Thames Street Extension Easement to the Portland Water District - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This agenda item would approve a utility easement to the Portland Water District (PWD) in the newly constructed Thames Street Extension and Connector Road.

This easement will allow PWD to access and maintain new water infrastructure, which was installed as part of the City's recently completed Thames Street Extension project. An easement is needed because this section of Thames Street and the so-called Connector Road have not been accepted as a street by the City.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 150-20/21 Granting a Back Cove South Storage Facility Easement to Central Maine Power – Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This agenda item would grant Central Maine Power (CMP) a utility easement to install infrastructure in the Preble Street soccer fields, for the purpose of providing power to the new Back Cove South Storage Facility.

When the Storage Facility is constructed, it will be able to hold 3.5 million gallons of storm water when the sewage plant is at capacity. The easement will eventually allow lighting for a soccer field proposed to be built above the underground storage facility.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 151-20/21 Approving the Agreement between the Maine Department of Transportation and the City of Portland Re: Rand Road - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This agreement, between the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and the City of Portland, outlines the responsibilities of each party related to work at the intersection of Route 25 and Larrabee Road (in Portland and Westbrook).

This agreement obligates MaineDOT to:

- Mill and fill a portion of Route 25 and Larrabee Road (see map for details);
- Adjust the City's sanitary sewer manhole frames and covers, as necessary;
- Update and/or install new pedestrian curb ramps to meet ADA requirements;
- Update and/or install and all fixtures after the paving of this section.

The City of Portland is obligated to pay for 100% of the manhole and catch basin adjustment work located in the City of Portland, estimated at \$15,750.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 152-20/21 Extending the Emergency Proclamation to May 10, 2021 - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

This order extends to May 10, 2021 certain provisions in the ongoing emergency proclamation that have been in place since the beginning of the COVID-19 shut down.

Five affirmative votes are required for passage after public comment.

Order 153-20/21 Approving "Modification Two" of the Agreement between the Maine Department of Transportation and the City of Portland Re: Congress Street Traffic Lights - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

In February 2019, the City and State agreed to implement upgrades to traffic signals on Congress Street (between Stevens Avenue and Fore River Parkway) as a "Locally Administered Project", in which the City administers the project and the State helps to fund it.

Since the agreement was signed in February 2019, costs associated with the project have increased significantly. As a result, this modified agreement represents an increase in the amount of funding provided locally and by the State (referred to as "Modification Two" in the agreement).

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

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