

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)

REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 20, 2021 MINUTES

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 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.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. (All Councilors Present)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Thibodeau announced that Friday January 22, 2021 will be the first meeting for the Rules and Reports Committee meeting. This meeting will take place at 7:30 AM. You can go to the cities website for the agenda and zoom instructions.

Councilor Ray wanted to let the public know that she was having problems connecting her headphones, therefore unable to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Zarro announced that in Denouncing Hate Crimes, Equality Maine Leadership was able to donate Rainbow Flags for individuals requesting them, to date they had received 175 requests for flag.

Mayor Snyder announced that on January 26th, there will be a follow up workshop aligning Council goals with Committee goals.

Councilor Mavodones announced that Mayor Snyder's birthday is this weekend. Happy Birthday...

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Ali to recess the meeting of the City Council and convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Fish Exchange. Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Mavodones to convene the Special Meeting of the Fish Exchange. Passage 9-0.

Order 154-20/21 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Fish Exchange - Sponsored by the Nominating Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Mavodones to adjourn the meeting of the Fish Exchange. Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Ali to convene the Special Meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation. Passage 9-0.

Order 155-20/21 Appointing Directors to the Board of the Portland Development Corporation - Sponsored by the Nominating Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Special Meeting of the Corporator of Creative Portland Corporation

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn the meeting of the Corporator of the Portland Development Corporation.
Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Chong to convene the meeting of the Creative Portland Corporation. Passage 9-0.

Order 156-20/21 Appointing Directors to the Board of Creative Portland Corporation - Sponsored by the Nominating Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Chong to adjourn the meeting of Creative Portland. Passage 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Ali to reconvene the Meeting of the Portland City Council. Passage 9-0.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the Draft January 4, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proc 7-20/21 Recognizing January 20, 2021 as Inauguration Day - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 157-20/21 Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions - Sponsored by the Nominating Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Com 20-20/21 A communication on the formalization of a Public Works program to reduce sediments and pollutants introduced to City infrastructure - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Com 21-20/21 A communication from the City Manager regarding an update to the City's interpretation and implementation of the voter-approved Rent Control Ordinance - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Com 22-20/21 A communication from the City Manager on a funding plan for a Homeless Services Center - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Com 23-20/21 Communication regarding the Charter Commission election and upcoming workshop - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 his employer is Catholic Charities of Maine.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Mayor Snyder for passage. Passage 8-0 (Chong recused).

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Ali

Motion was made by Councilor Zarro and seconded by Councilor Ray to postpone order 153 to the February 1, 2021 City Council Meeting. Passage 9-0.

ORDERS:

Order 158-20/21 Authorizing Transfers of School Funds to Other Cost Centers - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Order 159-20/21 Authorizing Annual Wage Increase for City Clerk - Sponsored by Kate Snyder, Mayor

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

AMENDMENTS:

Order 159A-20/21 Traffic Schedule Amendment Re: No Parking West Side of Linden Street - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This is a first reading.

Order 160-20/21 Traffic Schedule Amendment Re: No Parking on the West Side of Cottage Street - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This is a first reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council will go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(E) to consult with its attorney regarding the City's legal rights and duties concerning the needle exchange program.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Chong to move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405(6)(E) to consult with its attorney regarding the City's legal rights and duties concerning the needle exchange program. Passat 9-0.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Zarro to come out of Executive Session. Passage 9-0 at 9:35 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilor Mavodones and seconded by Councilor Ray to adjourn. Passage 9-0, at 9:37 P.M.

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Katherine Jones, City Clerk