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TAE Y. CHONG (3)
ANDREW J. ZARRO (4)

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REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 1, 2021 MINUTES

ZOOM INFORMATION:

The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 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

Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are unable 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 telephone, please hit *9. You will be unmuted by the host when it is time for public comment.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM, (All Councilors Present).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager, Jon Jennings announced that an Independent Firm was hired to investigate the police department response to the protest in June 2020. The firm will begin solicitation of public information related to the June Protest. If you have relevant information that may be helpful you can email confidentially to PortlandPoliceInquiry@comcast.net.

Councilor Ali announced that the Racial Equity Steering Committee will be having a public hearing on March 4, 2021. You can attend via Zoom please do, if you cannot you can submit written testimony.

Councilor Chong announced that the Health and Human Services and the Public Safety Committee usually meets on the Tuesday of each month, because of conflicts with Tuesday they are moving the meeting to this Thursday March 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM. They will be discussing the Needle Exchange Program.

Mayor Snyder announced that she attended a Press Event at the James Banks Exposition Building to welcome the opening of a new vaccination clinic for COVID-19 vaccination, which is being sponsored by Northern Light Mercy Hospital.

Mayor Snyder also announced that at the City Council meeting on February 22, 2021 the City Council approved the new City Council Rules for 2021-2022. There were a few significant changes one being the 5:00 PM City Council start time, another change was public comment, which will be from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM on non agenda items, and if there is a need for more public comment it would be continued after the City Council has completed its regular scheduled agenda items and if it is before 11:00 PM. Last change was the allotted time a Councilor can speak on an item, it was moved from ten (10) minutes to fifteen (15) minutes, extensions can be granted if more time is needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approval of the Draft February 22, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilor Thibodeau and seconded by Councilor Ali to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on February 22, 2021. Passage 9-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 174-20/21 Appointing Curtis Bohlen and Douglas Roncarati to the Long Creek Water Management District Board of Directors - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Com 27-20/21 Communication on the City of Portland's Needle Exchange Program - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Com 28-20/21 Regarding the 2021/2022 Plan for Portland's Outdoor Dining & Retail Program - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Order 171-20/21 Accepting and Appropriating Two Donations Totaling \$85,000 to the Douglass Field Skatepark Expansion Project - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Order 172-20/21 Accepting and appropriating a \$20,000 Donation from the Portland Parks Conservancy for the Portland Youth Corps - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

Order 173-20/21 Accepting and Appropriating a \$20,000 Donation for Improvements at East Beach - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

ORDERS:

Order 175-20/21 Granting an Easement Deed to FirstLight Fiber, Inc. in Freshman Alley - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

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

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

Order 176-20/21 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds to Finance a Portion of the City's Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Program in an Amount not to Exceed \$17,775,802 - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair

This is a first reading.

The following items were reviewed by the Finance Committee as part of its review of the FY22 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and CIP process.

Link to FY22 Water Resources Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6bWshDxSAwE7me_5oyUL6imt5TdtVMh/view?usp=sharing

Link to full video from January 28, 2021 Finance Committee meeting:

https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=42&id=34947

Link to Capital Improvement 101 slide presentation from January 28, 2021:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nBfukR73sOSaQulh2mc9KIBprKYpEBzCQDWRuiYLaCk/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to FY22 City Manager Recommended CIP Presentation from February 11, 2021:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TgFrzQJjfOyl9f-EI7AwCw5ShHYaQclHGfdAGEc5oh8/edit?usp=sharing>

This is its first reading.

Order 177-20/21 Appropriating Bond Proceeds and other Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$23,964,841 for the City's Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Program - Sponsored by the Finance Committee, Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Chair

This is its first reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 178-20/21 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 Re: The Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund - Sponsored by the Housing & Economic Development Committee, Councilor Sp Thibodeau, Chair and the Portland Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is its first reading.

Order 179-20/21 Traffic Schedule Amendment Re: Limiting Parking on Both Sides of Waver Street to One Hour - Sponsored by Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

This is its first reading.

Order 180-20/21 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 14 Re: Lot Coverage Provision B-3 Zone - Sponsored by the Portland Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is its first reading.

Order 181-20/21 Downtown Height Map Amendment Re: Maximum Height and Architectural Eligibility for 200 Federal Street - Sponsored by the Portland Planning Board, Brandon Mazer, Chair

This is its first reading.

Motion was made by Councilor Ray and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage 9-0 at 6:11

A TRUE RECORD.

Katherine L. Jones, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION: