

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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:

Mayor Dion led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dion called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

Councilors Present: Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Phillips, Mayor Dion (Councilor Fournier absent)

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Eric Brewer (Advocate for Homeless Voices for Justice)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council Announcements. No one spoke

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting Minutes 5:30PM, 07.20.2026

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 19-26/27 Appointing Robert Foster to the Land Bank Commission - Sponsored by Legislative & Nominating Committee, Mayor Mark Dion, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Grant and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

ORDERS:

Order 20-26/27 Accepting the Portland Public Art Committee Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Plan - Sponsored by Public Art Committee, Kat Zagaria Buckley, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Kat Zagaria Buckley (Portland Public Art Committee, Chair), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Ali, Councilor Bullett, Kevin Kraft (Director of Planning), Councilor Michniewicz, Councilor Grant

Order 21-26/27 Approving Termination and Release of Utility Easement Between City of Portland, Loring House Associates Limited Partnership, and the Portland Water District - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Councilor Sykes, Mary Davis (HCD Service Director)

Order 22-26/27 Approving an Amendment to the 202 Woodford Street Affordable Housing Development District and Tax Increment Financing District and Adopting the Amended Municipal Development Program for the District - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Order 22-26/27 and Order 23-26/27 were read as companion orders. Public comment was taken on items together.

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Mary Davis (HCD Service Director)

Order 23-26/27 Approving an Amended Credit Enhancement Agreement for the 202 Woodford Street Affordable Housing and Tax Increment Financing District - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Order 22-26/27 and Order 23-26/27 were read as companion orders. Public comment was taken on items together.

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.

Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. Mary Davis (HCD Service Director)

Order 24-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating \$225,000 in Federal Aviation Administration Grants, State of Maine Matching Grants, and Portland International Jetport Unrestricted Matching Funds to Install ADS-B Location Transponders in 57 Airfield Vehicles, and Naming the Jetport Director as the Official Representative to Execute Grant Documents - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to waive second reading made by Bullett and seconded by Phillips Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Paul Bradbury (Jetport Director), Councilor Sykes

Order 25-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating a \$25,000 Maine Historic Preservation Commission Grant for Staff Support - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to waive second reading made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Bullett for passage as an emergency. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

Order 26-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating \$10,000 from the State of Maine's Housing Opportunity Program to Support Housing Development - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Motion to waive second reading made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage as an emergency. Passage: 7-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed) (Councilor Fournier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Kevin Kraft (Director of Planning)

Order 27-26/27 Appropriating \$386,037 from the Jill C. Duson Housing Trust Fund to Hope Acts RE: Hope House Rehabilitation - Sponsored by Housing and Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

First Reading.

Order 28-26/27 Approving Agreement Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland RE: Improvements to State Street, High Street, and Forest Avenue at Fourteen Intersections - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 29-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating a \$73,721 United States Department of Justice Grant - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 30-26/27 Approving the Service Contract Between the State of Maine Health and Human Services Department and the City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating \$20,000 of Additional Grant Funding for Victim and Witness Advocacy Services - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

AMENDMENTS:

Order 31-26/27 Amendment to Portland City Code RE: Entertainment Businesses in the B-3 and WCZ Zones - Sponsored by Planning Board, Joseph Zamboni, Chair

Motion to waive second reading made by Councilor Michniewicz and seconded by Councilor Ali. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage as an emergency. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Isaac MacDougal (Portland resident and business owner), Councilor Sykes, Councilor Pelletier

Order 32-26/27 Amendment to Portland City Code Chapter 2 RE: Opioid Settlement Funds - Sponsored by Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee, Anna Bullett, Chair

First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

Adjourned 6:11PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, City Clerk