

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 5:05PM.

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

5:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: No one spoke

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council Announcements.

Finance Committee Update - Mark Dion, Mayor

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

ANNUAL MEETING:

SPECIAL MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Special City Council Meeting Minutes 08.24.2026 4PM

Motion was made by Councilor Bullett and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.
Passage: 9-0

Special City Council Meeting Minutes 08.24.2026 5:30PM

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Sykes for passage.
Passage: 9-0

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 2-26/27 Recognizing Michael F. Brennan for his Extraordinary Public Service and Civic Leadership - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Grant read Proclamation Recognizing Michael F. Brennan for his Extraordinary Public Service and Civic Leadership into the record.

Proclamation 3-26/27 Recognizing September 2026 as African Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation Recognizing September 2026 as African Heritage Month into the record.

Proclamation 4-26/27 Recognizing September 2026 as National Service Dog Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Sykes read Proclamation Recognizing September 2026 as National Service Dog Month into the record.

Proclamation 5-26/27 Recognizing September 10 to 19, 2026 as Welcoming Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation Recognizing September 10 to 19, 2026 as Welcome Week into the record.

Proclamation 6-26/27 Recognizing September 14 to 20, 2026 as National Rehabilitation Awareness Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Pelletier read Proclamation Recognizing September 14 to 20, 2026 as National Rehabilitation Awareness Week into the record.

Proclamation 7-26/27 Recognizing September 14 to 20, 2026 as Diaper Need Awareness Week - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Bullett read Proclamation Recognizing September 14 to 20, 2026 as Diaper Need Awareness Week into the record.

Proclamation 8-26/27 Recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Fournier read Proclamation Recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month into the record.

Proclamation 9-26/27 Recognizing Timothy P. Wilson for a Lifetime of Service, Youth Leadership, Coaching, and Building Understanding Across Communities - Sponsored by Pious Ali, City Councilor

Councilor Ali read Proclamation Recognizing Timothy P. Wilson for a Lifetime of Service, Youth Leadership, Coaching and Building Understanding Across Communities into the record.

APPOINTMENTS:

Order 34-26/27 Appointing Members to the Casco Bay Trail Board of Supervisors for 2026 - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 9-0

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 35-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Terlingua LLC, dba The Terlingua Outpost. Application for Outdoor Dining on Public Property at 34 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 9-0

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 1-26/27 Adopting Emergency Medical Services Transport Plan - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

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

Passage: 9-0

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

Resolve 2-26/27 To Fully Enforce Rent Control, Strengthen Tenant Protections, and Guarantee Safe and Stable Housing for Renters - Sponsored by Councilor Regina Phillips and Councilor Wesley Pelletier

Motion was made by Councilor Pelletier and seconded by Councilor Phillips for passage, as amended. Passage: 7-2 (Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

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

Councilor Phillips, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Sykes, Selene Geisler (Portland resident), Paul Caruso (Portland resident), Sarah McKee (Executive Director of Rental Alliance), Tim Robinson (Rental provider), Marietta (Portland tenant union member), Lou Sims (Property owner), Alan Levey (Portland resident), Taggart Waas (Portland resident), Amy (Portland resident), Brent Davis (Main St), Jody Huntington (Portland landlord), James Downey (State St), Cassandra Wilber (Portland resident), Sarah (Portland resident), Beth Angle (Portland landlord), Peter Morneau (Portland resident), Griffin Sinclair Wingate (Portland resident), Carlton Winslow (Portland housing provider), Roger Buck (Portland resident), Lila (Portland resident), Ozgood (Beckett St), Devinica (Portland resident), Barbara Vestal (Portland housing provider), Tony Armstrong (Portland landlord), Keegan (Portland resident), Reid (Portland tenants union), Mayor Dion, Danielle West (City Manager), Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel), Councilor Grant, Councilor Fournier, Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz

Sykes Amendment 1: Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Council Grant to amend. Passage: 7-2 (Councilor Phillips and Mayor Dion opposed)

Mayor Amendment 2: Motion was made by Mayor Dion and seconded by Council Ali to amend. Failed 4-5 (Councilors Fournier, Grant, Sykes, Pelletier and Bullett opposed)

Councilor Pelletier motioned to amend from the floor but did not get a second: Failed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Heidi McCarthy (Housing Program Manager), Madeleine Saucier (Executive Director of Hope Acts), Claire Thompson (Portland resident), Councilor Michniewicz. Councilor Bullett

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

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Danielle West (City Manager)

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

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

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Sykes and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage as an emergency. Passage: 9-0

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

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

Motion was made by Councilor Fournier and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 9-0

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Bullett, Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Michael Goldman (Corporation Counsel)

ORDERS:

Order 36-26/27 Traffic Schedule Amendment RE: Fore Street - Sponsored by Sustainability and Transportation Committee, Regina Phillips, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali for passage.
Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Councilor Phillips, Councilor Bullett, Councilor Sykes, Councilor Michniewicz, Mayor
Dion, Councilor Pelletier

**Order 37-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating \$151,500 Grant Revenue Award from
Workforce & Enterprise Operations to the Portland Jetport TSA K9 Unit -
Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for
passage as an emergency. Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed)

Mayor Dion opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke:
Danielle West (City Manager)

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to
waive the second read Passage: 8-1 (Councilor Sykes opposed).

**Order 38-26/27 Approving a Cooperative Agreement Between the United States
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the City of Portland and Accepting
and Appropriating \$500,000 from the EPA for Brownfields Assessment - Sponsored
by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

First Reading.

**Order 39-26/27 Approving FY26 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Amendment
Agreement Between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the
City of Portland and Accepting and Appropriating \$1,000,000 for Brownfields
Cleanup - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager**

First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Ali to adjourn. Passage: 9-0
Adjourned 8:30PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, City Clerk