

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 5:04PM.

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

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Paul (Falmouth resident)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Council announcements. The following councilors spoke: Councilor Bullett

RECOGNITIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation 10-26/27 Recognizing September 30, 2026 as National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools - Sponsored by Mark Dion, Mayor

Councilor Phillips read Proclamation Recognizing September 30, 2026 as National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools into the record.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Order 40-26/27 Declaring Sunday October 4, 2026 the 35th Annual Maine Marathon, Half Marathon & Relay Festival - Sponsored by Danielle P West, City Manager

Order 40-26/27 through Order 43-26-27 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett

Order 43-26/27 was taken out of order. Motion to postpone was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

****Item postponed to the October 5, 2026, City Council Meeting.***

Order 41-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of North Deering Tavern Inc., dba North Deering Tavern. Application for Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 1349 Washington Avenue - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 40-26/27 through Order 43-26-27 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett

Order 43-26/27 was taken out of order. Motion to postpone was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

**Item postponed to the October 5, 2026, City Council Meeting.*

Order 42-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Cocktail Mary LLC, dba Cocktail Mary. Application for Indoor Entertainment at 30 Market Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 40-26/27 through Order 43-26-27 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett

Order 43-26/27 was taken out of order. Motion to postpone was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

**Item postponed to the October 5, 2026, City Council Meeting.*

Order 43-26/27 Granting Municipal Officers' Approval of Chez Mere Jos African Restaurant LLC, dba Chez Biso. Application for Class XI Restaurant/Lounge with Outdoor Dining on Private Property at 11 Brown Street - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

Order 40-26/27 through Order 43-26-27 were read and passed as consent items: Public comment was taken on orders together.

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

Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Councilor Sykes, Councilor Bullett

Order 43-26/27 was taken out of order. Motion to postpone was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips. Passage: 8-0 (Councilor Fournier absent)

**Item postponed to the October 5, 2026, City Council Meeting.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication 3-26/27 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-funded Programs - Mary Davis

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolve 3-26/27 Amending Council Rules - Sponsored by Rules Committee, Councilor Pious Ali, Chair

First Reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Motion was made by Councilor Grant 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:
Nancy Martin (Business Programs Manager), Councilor Grant, Councilor Michniewicz

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

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Phillips 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 44-26/27 Adopting the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Priority Setting Task Force Recommendations and Adopting Community Development Needs, Goals and Priorities for the 2027-2031 Housing and Urban Development 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Revisions to the CDBG Allocation Process - Sponsored by Housing and Economic Development Committee, Pious Ali, Chair

Motion was made by Councilor Ali 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:
Councilor Ali, Councilor Sykes

Order 45-26/27 Referring a Median Strip Ordinance to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee - Sponsored by Mayor Dion, Councilor Grant, Councilor Michniewicz, and Councilor Phillips

Motion was made by Councilor Phillips and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz for passage. Passage: 7-1 (Councilor Pelletier opposed) (Councilor Fournier absent)
Mayor Dion opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke: Jane Dawson (Preble St), Cheryl Harkins (Homeless Voices for Justice), Miles Smith (Portland resident), Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ali, Councilor Michniewicz, Danielle West (City Manager), Councilor Grant, Councilor Sykes, Mayor Dion

Order 46-26/27 Approving Modification 3 to the York Street Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Project Between the Maine Department of Transportation and Portland - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

Order 47-26/27 Accepting and Appropriating Funds from the Seymour Becker Trust - Sponsored by Danielle P. West, City Manager

First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Councilor Ali and seconded by Councilor Michniewicz to adjourn. Passage: 8-0
(Councilor Fournier absent)
Adjourned 5:53PM

A TRUE RECORD

Abbey Lombard, City Clerk