

The City of Portland
City Council
June 1, 2026
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 1, 2026. Roll was called and present were members Kent McClung, Matt Goldsworthy, Ashley Hilfiker, Dave Golden, Ron May, Mike Aker and Michele Brewster. Also, present were Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, and Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from May 18, 2026

Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to approve the City Council minutes from May 18, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Claims Docket

Motion by May, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve two payroll dockets; May 9 for \$142,964.68 and May 23 for \$154,364.96. General, Water and Sewage claim #118602-118941 in the amount of \$2,398,072.06. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Council Comments

Matt - Citizen request to place a stop sign at West North and Pleasant Street. This area is a school bus pickup site and could be a safety issue. Ashley noted that the Police Department could get an accident history for this location. Matt asked to add this discussion to the June 15th agenda.

Ron – Asked that the council discuss Holiday pay / straight time pay when employees get called in after hours. Requested this be added to the next agenda.

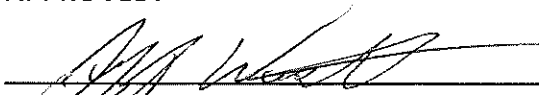
Dave – Requested an update on the study with Barry Ritter. Mayor noted that Dustin Mock is working with Barry on the requests. Lori noted that the study is slated to be ready to present to council in mid-August.

Ashley – Noted that the planters downtown look great. She asked Reda Theurer-Miller give a Main Street Connect update. Reda noted that the mayor requested flags to be placed in the planters. She noted that there are very specific rules that must be followed with United States of America flag. She noted that the request from the mayor may not be possible.

Kent – Noted the mayor's comment at the last meeting regarding shutting down the audience from speaking when the item on the agenda is not ordinance related. He noted that our ordinance states a time limit for citizens to speak.

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by May to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer

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City Council – WORK SESSION
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City Council - WORK SESSION - was called to order by Mayor, Jeff Westlake at 5:53 PM on Monday, June 1, 2026. Council members present were, Kent McClung, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden and Ashley Hilfiker, Michele Brewster and Ron May. Also present was Wes Schemenaur, Lori Phillips, Matt Shauver and Matt Arnold.

Chapter 52 Code of Ordinances – Garbage

City Council members met to discuss the proposed trash ordinance.

Discussion: Cost per toter – city owner vs. privately owned, number of toters permitted, phasing out of privately owned toters and the volume in each toter.

It was the consensus of the council members and street superintendent to make the following changes:

- Cost for all city owned toters - \$10
- Cost for all privately owned toters - \$5
- City toters - billed on monthly water / wastewater / sanitation bill
- Privately owned toters – Residents will be required to buy an annual permit at City Hall / Water Office
- 35-gallon toters will be available for the elderly
- Toter lids must reasonably close
- No limit on city owned toters
- No limit on privately owned toters

It was discussed that the Sanitation fund could eventually be used to pave alley ways.

- Kent questioned the legality of this method.
- Wes noted that a good argument could be made for this to happen.
- Lori noted that SBOA would be acceptable to this, but the Sanitation ordinance would need to be revised to include alley paving.
- Overall, the council liked the idea of paving alley ways.

Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to approve a \$5 fee for all privately owned toters, a \$10 fee for all city owned toters with no limit of any toters. All voted aye.

Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to add the following to the sanitation ordinance: The toter lid must close to be picked up.

Motion by May, seconded by McClung to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer