

The City of Portland
City Council
July 20, 2026
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Dave Golden at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 20, 2026. Roll was called and present were members Matt Goldsworthy, Ashley Hilfiker, Michele Brewster, Ron May, and Mike Aker. Also, present were Attorney, Wes Schemenaur, and Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.

Joined via ZOOM: Kent McClung

Absent: Mayor Westlake

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from July 6, 2026

Motion by May, seconded by Brewster to approve the City Council minutes from July 6, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Ordinance 2026-5; Amending Chapter 75, Parking Schedule, 1st reading

Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve Ordinance 2026-5 on the first reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Changes:

1. No parking on the north and south side of Arch street 50 feet to the west intersection of Arch Street and Pleasant Street and 50 feet to the east of the intersection.
2. No parking on the east and west side of Pleasant Street 50 feet to the south of the intersection of Arch Street and Pleasant Street and 50 feet to the north of this intersection

Street Closure Request – Catholic Church

Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to approve the street closure request for August 2nd.

Sunday August 2nd from 11am – 6 pm

150th anniversary of the church and celebrating with outside activities

Closure: 500 block of East Walnut Street and 200 block of Munson from the alley behind the church south to East Walnut Street

Street Closure Request – Kyle and Lacy Overla

Motion by May, seconded by Aker to approve the street closure request for August 22nd.

Saturday, August 22 from 11am to 7pm

Child's birthday party – Council has approved this request for the past several years

Closure: Hayes Street – from the alley to East Race Street

This will affect the neighbor's driveway (Laverne Stevens) and she has approved this request

Council Comments

Ron –

1. Noted the he and Mike Aker have reached out to Barry Ritter multiple times and he has not returned their phone calls. Ron requested an update on the study. Lori noted that she has not been in communications with Barry and does not have an update.
2. Noted that the council meeting today was smooth and no stress with the mayor being absent.

Dave – Thanked Darlesia Lee (Mayor's Assistant) for setting up the live stream for Kent to join the meeting.

Ashley – Requested that a discussion regarding North/ Ship Street parking and visibility issues be added to the next agenda.

Mayor's Report

None – Mayor Westlake was absent.

Clerk Treasurer's Report

1. Information sheets regarding the increased totter fees have gone out with the latest water bills. Customers received this last week. It has also been advertised in the CR, WPGW and the City of Portland website.
2. MUST meeting with the county has been rescheduled to August 26th at 5:00 pm.
3. Meeting with DLGF Budget rep this Thursday. I should have budget estimates at this time and will start working those revenues into the 2027 budget.
4. Safety concerns – The alley between the post office and John Jay Center for Learning
These are the solutions the city is looking at implementing:
Add a Pedestrian Crossing sign
Paint cross walk lines on the alley
Push back parking in front of the post office and John Jay Center
Speed bumps

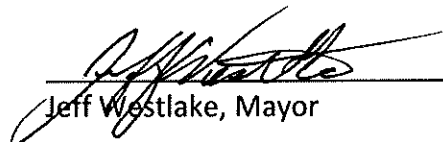
Adjournment Motion by Ron, seconded by Aker to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer



Jeff Westlake, Mayor