The City of Portland
City Council
November 2, 2026
5:30 PM

City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeff Westlake at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 2, 2026. Roll was called and present were members Kent McClung, Michele Lambert, Dave Golden, Ron May, Ashley Hilfiker, Matt Goldsworthy and Mike Aker. Also, present Clerk-Treasurer, Lori Phillips.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of City Council minutes from October 19, 2026
Motion by May, seconded by Lambert to approve the City Council minutes from October 19, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Claims Docket
Motion by May, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve two payroll dockets; October 10 for $144,829.91 and October 24 for $155,034.27. General, Water and Sewage claim #120166-120443 in the amount of $1,404,205.76. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

Ordinance 2026-19; Amending Chapter 32, Amending Section 32.014 – CDL, 2nd Reading
Motion by May, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve Ordinance 2026-19 on the 2nd Reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.
This ordinance states that persons holding a CDL permit or CDL license must abide by all stated and federal laws.

Ordinance 2026-20; Amending Chapter 32, Amending Section 32.072 – Use of City Vehicles
Motion by McClung, seconded by May to approve Ordinance 2026-20 on the 2nd Reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.
This ordinance states that persons holding a CDL permit or CDL license must abide by all stated and federal laws.

Ordinance 2026-21; Amending Chapter 30, Amending Section 30.35 – Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions, 2nd Reading
Motion by Hilfiker, seconded by Goldsworthy to approve Ordinance 2026-21 on the 2nd Reading. Roll call vote. All voted aye.
This ordinance establishes procedures for residents to comment on a resolution or ordinance during a council meeting.

Ordinance 2026-22; Amending Table of Special Ordinances – Adding Record Request Policy, 1st Reading
Motion by May, seconded by Hilfiker to table this ordinance until the council has had the opportunity to meet with their attorney on this matter. Roll call vote. All voted aye.

2027 Spending Plan - City of Portland Redevelopment Commission
Motion by May, seconded by Golden to approve the 2027 Spending Plan. Roll call vote. All voted aye.
The 2027 Spending Plan estimates expenses at $2,807,781.25. This is an aggressive spending plan for which the commission will seek grant opportunities for possible projects.
The Spending Plan was submitted to the DLGF on November 4th.

Council Comments

Ron – Questioned the mayor on a rumor that he heard that the mayor is wanting to make Portland a Sanctuary City. The mayor denied these rumors.

Dave – Encouraged the public to vote tomorrow in the 2026 general election.

Ashley –

1. Encouraged everyone to vote.
2. Thanked merchants and residents for a great participation in trick-or-treating. She noted how much fun her children had trick-or-treating.

Kent – Requested that the council approve a date for an Executive meeting with their attorney, Meeks Cockerill. This meeting will be scheduled for Monday, November 9th @ 5:00.

Mayor's Report

Noted the upcoming events:
November 8th – Wrestling event at the Jay Community Center
JAYCOM
November 20th – Christmas at the Court House
November 21st – Parade of Lights
Noted that the Trails Club hopes to have the River Path Lighting project completed before the Parade of Lights

Clerk Treasurer's Report

1. The MUST meeting was held last Thursday and the city opted in with the county rate. The following rates were approved: .95% County services; .40% Fire / EMS; .05% Non-Municipal; .40% Municipal rate for a total LIT rate of 1.8%. The current rate is 2.5%. The MUST report has been filed with AIM and DLGF.

2. The city was awarded $479,960 in CCMG funds. Industrial Drive from US 26 to US 27 will be paved in the spring of 2027. This is a 80/20 grant.

Government students were introduced

Adjournment Motion by McClung, seconded by Golden to adjourn at 5:44 pm.

APPROVED:

Jeff Westlake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Phillips, Clerk-Treasurer