

Resolve 9-16/17

Amended to change date of first live streamed meeting to July 17, 2017: 8-0 (Duson absent) on 6/5/2017

Amended to change the word "hearings" to meetings": 8-0 (Duson absent) on 6/5/2017

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LIVE VIDEO STREAMING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

WHEREAS, the Community Television Network, Channels 2 and 5, has for many years provided the public with live broadcasts of Portland City Council meetings on cable television, video that is also easily accessed on the Portland web site while meetings take place and once they are done; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the social media companies have offered their users live video streaming, and millions have shared events this way on the Internet by using both smart phones and laptops; and

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council and the Mayor as well as Portland city government staff share a long-standing commitment to open access to government deliberations and decisions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to increase the number of viewers easily able to see what happens at city council meetings and committee hearings by adding more video streaming; and

WHEREAS, Facebook Live, among other platforms, has become a popular way for users to view public events and would be a good addition to television broadcasts as a way for the public to access city council meetings and committee hearings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor hereby approve of the live streaming of city council meetings on social media, beginning with the City Council meeting held on July 17, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor appreciate the efforts of the City Manager and City Staff, especially the efforts of Director of Communications Jessica Grondin, in their commitment to the open access of government deliberations and decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor direct the City Manager to create a plan by December 31, 2017 that will allow City Council committee meetings to be streamed live on social media, including but not limited to the streaming of Committee Meetings in Room 209 of City Hall.