



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The Port of Boston is managed by the Massachusetts Port Authority, also known as Massport. Massport manages Conley Terminal, Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and Boston Autoport, including Boston Logan Airport; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the Flynn Cruiseport 2024 Economic Impact Report, Boston's cruise industry had significant growth over the past six years. It contributed \$256 million to the economy, a 90 percent increase since 2018, and supported over 3,000 jobs, a 36 percent increase from 2018; *and*

WHEREAS: In November 2024, Massport celebrated a record-breaking passenger count at Flynn Cruiseport with 167 cruise ships and over 480,000 passengers, a 29 percent passenger increase compared to 2023; *and*

WHEREAS: Massport also announced plans for a \$100 million investment in the Cruiseport, \$60 million of which will go towards shore power, which includes the installation of "ship-to-shore" electrical power that will enable cruise ships to switch off their diesel engines while at berth in the South Boston Waterfront. This will reduce emissions for the environment and the surrounding community in South Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: The cruise industry is an important sector that powers Boston's local economy and beyond. It supports our local businesses, including our restaurants, shops and hotels, and creates job opportunities for many in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston is a city with a rich maritime history. It has always been a port city, and its port operations have always been vital to the local economy. The Flynn Cruiseport is named in honor of former Mayor Ray Flynn - whose father was a longshoreman at the Port of Boston who served in the maritime community together with many other proud union longshoremen; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston. Representatives from Massport, the Boston Planning Department, Boston Transportation Department, and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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